

To: Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education and
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Subject: AASHE STARS Letter of Support

Vanderbilt University is thrilled to participate in the Princeton Review Green Colleges ranking through the AASHE STARS reporting tool. Vanderbilt is committed to advancing sustainability practices within the University.

Many efforts are currently underway to improve sustainability at Vanderbilt. The topic of sustainability is weaved throughout the FutureVU vision and the FutureVU Guiding Principles. As part of the FutureVU planning process, Vanderbilt studied current practices, internal stakeholder goals and objectives, peer university programs, and the local and national sustainability context. As part of FutureVU, a Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions forecast was prepared outlining potential targets and scenarios for the university to reach a significant reduction in GHG by 2050. Vanderbilt has launched four comprehensive operational studies to further expand on the forecast recommendations and aid in the development of solutions that result in a significant reduction in the University's environmental impact. These studies include a Large-Scale Renewable Energy Study, a BlueSky Vision Energy Strategy Study, a Zero Waste Study, and a Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Study.

The attached report details these efforts and many more related to improving sustainability at Vanderbilt and our progress over the years. The report has been through a thorough review for accuracy.

Thank you,



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