

Carleton College STARS Submission
Innovation Point: Zero Waste Graduation Lunch for 4,000
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The Commencement planning team strives to produce as little landfill waste as possible while still hosting a wonderful event for their guests—no easy feat. Below are the diversion rates from the 2017 commencement, meaning the percentage by weight that was diverted from the landfill and into the recycling or compost streams.

Commencement Waste: 4,000 boxed lunches were served with all recyclable and compostable materials. Sustainability and custodial staff were "trash talkers" at each weigh station to assist with disposal. An estimated total of 9,786 pounds of waste was produced, and 97% of that was diverted from the landfill. A small portion of uneaten food was taken to the local food shelf.

Sincerely,



Patti Sabrowski
Custodial Services Manager