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The publication from the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education highlights innovative and high-impact initiatives from colleges and universities.

MORRIS, Minnesota (November 9, 2020) – The University of Minnesota Morris has been highlighted for its sustainability efforts in the 2020 Sustainable Campus Index. A publication from the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE), the Sustainable Campus Index highlights innovative and high-impact initiatives from colleges and universities that submitted a Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System (STARS) report in the most recent calendar year.

"The University of Minnesota Morris is proud to be a clean energy leader in Minnesota and in the nation," says Chancellor Michelle Behr. “We are proud of all we have done to build a brighter, more sustainable future for our state and beyond, and we look forward to the road and the work that lies ahead."

"Congratulations to UMN Morris for their incredible work in creating a more sustainable world," said AASHE’s Executive Director Meghan Fay Zahniser. "Through the leadership and action of change agents within UMN Morris, I'm encouraged and hopeful that a just and equitable society will soon be realized."

In the Index, UMN Morris is listed among the top performers in the area of water and among baccalaureate institutions. Details on campus efforts are available in the UMN Morris STARS report, which is publicly available on the STARS website.

Earlier this year the campus announced it had reached carbon neutrality in electricity (thanks, in large part, to on-site clean energy systems). In partnership with Ever-Green Energy, campus leaders have laid out a plan designed to help UMN Morris achieve full carbon neutrality.

About STARS
The Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System (STARS) is a transparent, self-reporting framework for colleges and universities to measure their sustainability performance. STARS was developed by AASHE with broad participation from the higher education community. The credits included in STARS span the breadth of higher education sustainability and are organized into four categories: Academics, Engagement, Operations, and Planning & Administration. All reports are publicly accessible on the STARS website. For more information, visit stars.aashe.org.

About AASHE
AASHE empowers higher education faculty, staff and students to be effective change agents and drivers of sustainability innovation. AASHE enables members to translate information into action by offering essential resources and professional development to a diverse, engaged community of sustainability leaders. We work with and for higher education to ensure that our
world’s future leaders are motivated and equipped to solve sustainability challenges. For more information, visit aashe.org.