

## Macalester Implements Electric Vehicle Charging Station

**St. Paul, Minn.** - Macalester College has installed an electric vehicle charging station on campus, just north of the Janet Wallace Fine Arts Center. The Coulumb CT2021 bollard-style model station has two charging ports and is for use by staff, faculty, and members of the community.

The college received a grant to cover the cost of the station and installation through the Metropolitan Council with matching funds from Xcel Energy and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. Macalester is purchasing wind energy from Xcel's Windsource program for the station.

This charging station is part of a bigger effort to boost sustainable transportation options at the college and in the neighborhood. The college subsidizes bus passes for students and staff, hosts alternative transportation coffee breaks, and offers preferred parking to low-emitting vehicles and carpools. The college High Winds Fund also funded the successful HourCar hub and Nice Ride station next to campus.

“Our transportation system relies heavily on the fossil fuels that contribute to climate change,” said Suzanne Savanick Hansen, Macalester’s sustainability manager. “In order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, we need new infrastructure that can support a non-petroleum system. In adding this electric vehicle charging station, Macalester has become a community leader in building the infrastructure necessary to support electric vehicles.”

Electric vehicles differ from petroleum-powered vehicles in that the electricity they consume can be generated from a wide variety of sources including wind power, solar power, tidal power, or any combination of these.

Macalester College, founded in 1874, is a national liberal arts college with a full-time enrollment of 2,011 students. Macalester is nationally recognized for its long-standing commitment to academic excellence, internationalism, multiculturalism and civic engagement. For more information, visit [macalester.edu](http://macalester.edu).

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Vice President for Administration and Finance David Wheaton cutting the ribbon at the charging station opening.

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