

Macalester President signs the American Campuses Act on Climate Pledge

St. Paul, Minn. – Macalester College President Brian Rosenberg has signed the American Campuses Act on Climate Pledge, joining more than 200 campuses across the country, before the United Nations Conference on Climate Change begins in Paris.

Pledge

As institutions of higher education, we applaud the progress already made to promote clean energy and climate action as we seek a comprehensive, ambitious agreement at the upcoming United Nations Climate Negotiations in Paris. Although we are optimistic that world leaders will reach an agreement to secure a transition to a low-carbon future, we recognize the urgent need to act now to avoid irreversible costs to our global community's economic prosperity and public health. Today our school pledges to accelerate the transition to low-carbon energy while enhancing sustainable and resilient practices across our campus.

We put forth our pledges as follows:

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As a signatory of the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment, Macalester College is part of a robust network of over 600 college and university presidents and chancellors who have committed their institutions to take bold and catalytic climate actions. This climate leadership commitment is a key driving force for transformative change on our campus. Under this commitment, Macalester College already has made significant progress in energy efficiency, subsidizing transit passes and implementing a comprehensive Sustainability Plan.

As part of our commitment we will:

- Achieve carbon neutrality by 2025
- Make carbon neutrality and sustainability a part of the curriculum and other educational experiences for all students
- Expand research and other efforts necessary to achieve climate neutrality
- Regularly track our progress on our climate action plan

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