

## **AASHE Institutional Member**

### **Canisius College Deepens Commitment to Sustainability**

Canisius College has recently become a member of the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education to further campus efforts toward building a healthy and just world. Through membership in AASHE, Canisius will receive support in advancing its sustainability initiatives throughout the institution and in the community.

“AASHE counts on the support of progressive institutions like Canisius to fulfill its mission of facilitating leadership to transform our planet,” said AASHE Executive Director Meghan Fay Zahniser. “As the gateways to knowledge, higher education institutions have a unique opportunity to make sustainability part of everyone’s agenda. I welcome Canisius to our family of colleges, universities, associations and businesses driving the transformation to a sustainable world.”

AASHE enables higher education institutions to meet their sustainability goals by providing specialized resources, professional development, and a network of peer support. Membership covers every individual at an institution, so the entire campus community can take advantage of member benefits.

“We are happy to have Canisius join AASHE and take an active role within this community as we all work to advance sustainability,” shared Meghan Fay Zahniser. “We invite students, faculty and staff at the institution to visit our site and create an AASHE account. This will allow everyone to take advantage of the member only resources, free webinars and discounts to our annual conference.”

AASHE hosts the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System (STARS), a comprehensive campus sustainability rating system that enables institutions to measure their progress and learn from others. With STARS as a roadmap, institutions can select meaningful and appropriate pathways to sustainability while conserving valuable resources, combating global warming, and building healthier communities. AASHE also offers extensive online resources and discussion forums for professional development and sharing knowledge.

AASHE is one of two supporting organizations for the American College & University Presidents’ Climate Commitment. Over 860 presidents and chancellors so far have committed to lead their institutions to climate neutrality as soon as possible.

#### **About AASHE**

AASHE is an association of colleges and universities that are working to create a sustainable future. To further its mission of empowering higher education to lead the sustainability transformation, AASHE provides resources, professional development, and a network of support to enable institutions of higher education to model sustainability in all areas, from governance and operations to education and research.

AASHE defines sustainability in an inclusive way, encompassing human and ecological health, social justice, secure livelihoods, and a better world for all generations. AASHE is a member-driven, independent 501(c)(3).

#### **Links**

STARS – [www.aashe.org/stars](http://www.aashe.org/stars)

ACUPCC – [www.presidentsclimatecommitment.org](http://www.presidentsclimatecommitment.org)

AASHE – [www.aashe.org](http://www.aashe.org)

AASHE Discussion Forums – [www.aashe.org/forums](http://www.aashe.org/forums)

AASHE Resource Center - [www.aashe.org/resources](http://www.aashe.org/resources)