Colorado State University has received the first Platinum rating and the highest score ever submitted in STARS, the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System. STARS is provided by the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) and is considered the most comprehensive and well-respected sustainability assessment for colleges and universities.

- To date, more than 700 institutions on six continents have participated
- Princeton Review, Sierra Club, and other sustainability organizations utilize STARS data for their assessments and ranking systems
- STARS measures four broad categories (academics/research, engagement, operations, and planning/administration)
- The STARS definition of sustainability is inclusive, encompassing environmental, economic, and diversity/social justice topics
- CSU has participated in STARS since the pilot and submitted the highest score at time of submission for each of our three reports

Some Easy Ways to Spread the Green Word:

- Announce your college and/or division contributions to STARS via social media (use #CSUsustainability)
- Highlight STARS in your newsletter or e-bulletin
- Provide a link on your website to the “Explore our Score” STARS feature on Green.colostate.edu
- Share the “State of Sustainability” infographic on your communications channels (attached)
- Highlight CSU’s STARS achievement at your next sustainability or conservation program or special event
- Use STARS in recruitment materials/programs for prospective students and faculty/staff/candidates
- Recognize the faculty, staff, and students in your college or division who have contributed to CSU’s STARS achievement

College Highlights:

**College of Agricultural Sciences**
- 7 out of 9 undergraduate programs have sustainability as a learning outcome
- In-Vessel Composting (partnership with Housing & Dining Services and Facilities Management)
- Agricultural Experiment Stations

**College of Business**
- Global Social Sustainable Enterprise MBA
- Summit Student Investment Fund
- College-wide sustainability learning outcome

**College of Engineering**
- Environmental Engineering program
- CSU Powerhouse and Energy Institute
- College-wide sustainability learning outcome

**College of Health and Human Sciences**
- Institute for the Built Environment
- CSU Sustainability Literacy Survey
- Aspen Grille (food/human nutrition)

**College of Liberal Arts**
- Environmental Philosophy MA
- Sustainability-related courses in seven departments
- Major in Environmental Sociology

**College of Natural Sciences**
- Three sustainability-related majors
- Sustainable Chemistry Courses
- Research projects in Psychology, Biology, Chemistry, and Physics

**College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences**
- One Health student group
- Environmental Health major
- Veterinary Teaching Hospital

**Warner College of Natural Resources**
- Ecosystem Science & Sustainability and Conservation Biology programs
- Natural Resources and Sustainability Residential Learning Community in Summit Hall
- Mountain Campus Field Courses

**School of Global Environmental Sustainability (SoGES) Highlights**
- Support for Sustainability Research (Global Challenges Research Teams, Resident Fellows, Sustainability Leadership Fellows)
- Sustainability learning outcomes, minor in sustainability, and endorsed courses
- Student Sustainability Center
CSU Division Highlights:

**Advancement**
- CSUCares
- Scholarships

**Athletics**
- CSU grounds as a living laboratory for turf study
- LEED Anderson Academic and Training Center
- Student athlete community service

**Colorado State Forest Service**
- Continuing education/non-credit sustainability courses
- Biomass plant partner

**CSU Foundation**
- Sustainable investment funds
- Socially Responsible Investment Policy
- Collaboration on Summit Fund

**Diversity**
- Campus Climate Survey
- Diversity programs, services, and training
- Ripple Effect

**Enrollment & Access**
- Participant in Federal TRIO Programs
- The Access Center and Alliance Partnership
- CSU’s Commitment to Colorado

**Extension**
- Sustainability-related continuing education courses
- Native Plant Master Certificate
- Colorado Energy Master Certificate

**External Relations**
- Green.colostate.edu
- Public engagement and outreach related to sustainability

**Information Technology/Libraries**
- ENERGY STAR IT purchases
- Open access to research

**International Programs**
- Education Abroad immersion and service learning
- International Initiatives (Peace Corps, International Development Studies Minor, global partnerships)
- Campus Diversity via International Student Services

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**President’s Sustainability Committee**
- STARS and Climate Action Plan coordination
- Sustainability Literacy Assessment
- Sustainability Education Improvement Grants (in partnership with SoGES)

**Online Plus**
- Online non-credit sustainability courses
- Integrated Sustainability Management Certificate
- Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Environmental courses

**Operations**
- LEED Buildings and Energy Fund
- Alternative Transportation
- Waste reduction (recycling, surplus, composting)
- Environmentally Preferred Purchasing Policy

**Research**
- Compiles aggregate data for STARS reporting
- 90 percent of academic departments engage in sustainability research

**Student Affairs**
- Living Labs (compost program, Aspen Grille at LSC, grey water system at Aspen Hall, and bike repair/education at Pavilion)
- Mountain Campus research and education
- Community Service and Service Learning (CSUnity, Fall Clean Up, Alt Breaks, Eco Leaders, ASCSU Environmental Affairs)
- Diversity offices and Adult Learner & Veteran Services

**Additional Contributors:**
- Center for New Energy Economy
- Center for Public Deliberation
- City of Fort Collins
- Classified Personnel Council, Administrative Professional Council, and Faculty Council
- Colorado Water Institute
- CSU Water Center
- Drive Electric Northern Colorado
- Institutional Research
- Live Green Team
- Multicultural Staff and Faculty Network
- Semi-Arid Grasslands Research Center