

# AASHE, IGEN & CCs



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# Organizations that support

- IGEN – IL Green Economy Network
  - [www.igence.com](http://www.igence.com)
- UMACS – Upper Midwest Association for Campus Sustainability
  - [UPPER MIDWEST ASSOCIATION FOR CAMPUS SUSTAINABILITY - Home](#)
- Second Nature Climate Leadership Network
  - [Climate Leadership Network - Second Nature](#)
- **AASHE – Association for the Advancement of Higher Education**
  - [www.aashe.com](http://www.aashe.com)
- Others – who is supporting you?

# Why AASHE - [Home - The Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education](#)

- AASHE Communities of Practice
  - [Community & Technical Colleges Sustainability Network](#) – This community fosters connection and support among people working to advance sustainability in community & technical college settings.

**\*\*Don't need to be a member\*\***

# AASHE Communities of Practice

- [Climate Change Quilt Community](#) – This community provides support and coordination for institutions who are interested in or are already engaging in the [Climate Change Quilt](#) project.
- [Community & Technical Colleges Sustainability Network](#) – This community fosters connection and support among people working to advance sustainability in community & technical college settings.
- [Early Career Higher Ed Sustainability Professionals](#) – This community offers a platform where early-career sustainability professionals (with fewer than four years of experience) can engage, collaborate, and exchange insights in a supportive, non-judgmental environment.
- [Ecological Landscapes](#) – This community facilitates conversations and resource sharing related to transitioning to organic, ecological campus landscapes. It is hosted in partnership with [Re:wild Your Campus](#).
- [Inner Development Goals](#) – This community facilitates discussion around how to cultivate Inner Development Goals skills and qualities (e.g. self awareness, sense-making, humility, communication, courage) within ourselves and others.

- [IRA and Resources Discussion Group](#) – This community explores how U.S. higher education institutions can access funding available under the Inflation Reduction Act.
- [Liberating Structures & Facilitation](#) – This community is focused on exploring and applying Liberating Structures and other facilitation methods to empower practitioners in creating and leading transformative, inclusive, and effective group work within higher education contexts.
- [Libraries & Sustainability](#) – A community to discuss sustainability in libraries as well as how libraries support and promote sustainability at their institutions and campus communities – open to anyone interested, not just library employees!
- [Scaling Up Sustainability Across the Curriculum Community](#) – This community facilitates communication and collaboration among educators leading sustainability across the curriculum programs and related efforts.
- [Scope 3 Emissions](#) – This community discusses opportunities to reduce Scope 3 emissions in higher education.

- [Senior Leaders Community](#) – This community offers a space for experienced and advanced sustainability practitioners to engage in peer-to-peer learning, exchange strategic insights, and collaborate on solutions. Participants are either directors with 8+ years of sustainability in higher education experience or have an executive sustainability role (CSO, VP or AVP of Sustainability, VC of Sustainability, Executive Director, etc.). Fill-out [this form](#) to be added. An [editable list of these roles](#) is available for review and modification.
- [Students for Sustainability](#) – A community for students advancing sustainability solutions on campuses and in communities. Hosted in partnership with [Earth Day Network](#).
- [Sustainable Food Procurement](#) – Collaboration of university food service & procurement professionals, suppliers/vendors, and industry leaders focused on propelling sustainable food initiatives in institutions.
- [Sustainability and Sustainability-Related Degree Program Directors](#) – This community is a collaborative network dedicated to fostering knowledge exchange, best practices, and innovation among leaders of academic programs focused on sustainability.
- [Sustainability Efforts with Beverage Companies](#) – This community facilitates conversations and resource sharing related to sustainability efforts with their beverage companies.
- [Sustainability in Collegiate Athletics](#) – This community facilitates conversations and resource-sharing related to sustainability in collegiate athletics.



# Sustainability Education Forum

*AN ONLINE SPACE FOR OPEN DISCUSSION*

**June 4 - 5, 2026**

- Mentor program [Mentorship & Peer Collaboration Program - The Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education](#)
- Annual Conference – Baltimore, October 4-6
- Staffing Survey-[Sustainability Staffing Survey Publications - The Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education](#)
- Webinars, training-many free or very low cost
  - Examples – MCC IGEN grant using Sustainability Education Forum as professional development offering
  - Decarb academy
  - Energy efficiency

# Ranking, Rating, Assessments

- STARS [How is STARS Different?](#)
- Carnegie Classification for Sustainability
- Global Green University Ranking
- SET4HEI
- Others?



# STARS – Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System

- Developed by and for the higher ed sustainability community
- Ratings not rankings
- **Transparent and detailed scoring**
- Sophisticated indicator design
- Broad topical scope
- **Cost not designed to be a burden-options**
- Context sensitive scoring
- Points for innovation
- Mechanism to ensure data quality
- Multiple levels of recognition
- **Transparent and accessible data**
- Large global user base
- <https://stars.aashe.org>

# Discussion

How can AASHE work better for CCs?

Who/what do you rely on for training, information, dialogue?

Thoughts about STARS, other rankings

Using CC&TC COP