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**[INSTITUTION NAME/INDIVIDUAL NAMES] named as   
2019 AASHE Sustainability Award Winner**

DATELINE – The Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) announced [INSTITUTION NAME/INDIVIDUAL NAMES] as the recipient of the [AWARD CATEGORY] award for our outstanding achievements and progress toward sustainability. AASHE bestows its prestigious awards on the institutions and individuals that are helping to lead higher education to a sustainable future.

This year, AASHE received 350+ entries that resulted in 11 winners in four categories. Winners will be recognized during the Opening Ceremony at the annual AASHE Conference & Expo in Spokane, Washington. Entries were judged on overall impact, innovation, stakeholder involvement, clarity and other criteria specific to each category.

[INSERT QUOTE FROM INSTITUTION REP ON HONOR TO RECEIVE THIS AWARD.

[INSERT INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROJECT AND IMAGE.]

“The 2019 award winners demonstrate an inspiring passion for solving some of the world’s most complex challenges. They are truly pioneering the campus sustainability movement,” said AASHE Executive Director Meghan Fay Zahniser.

Award recipients received recognition in a variety of formats as well as a plaque made of Forest Stewardship Council-certified wood from Rivanna, a woman-owned B Corp with a strong commitment to sustainability. To date, more than 100 campuses been recognized through this prestigious award program since its inception in 2006.

To read more about AASHE’s awards programs, please visit http://www.aashe.org/get-involved/awards/.

**About the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE)**

AASHE empowers higher education administrators, faculty, staff and students to be effective change agents and drivers of sustainability innovation. AASHE enables members to translate information into action by offering essential resources and professional development to a diverse, engaged community of sustainability leaders. We work with and for higher education to ensure that our world's future leaders are motivated and equipped to solve sustainability challenges. For more information, visit [www.aashe.org](http://www.aashe.org). Follow AASHE on [Facebook](http://www.facebook.com/aasheorg) and [Twitter](http://twitter.com/AASHENews).

**About [INSTITUTION NAME]**

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