

SUSTAINABILITY

ENGAGING OUR COMMUNITIES, STEWARDING RESOURCES, AND DISCOVERING SOLUTIONS FOR A BETTER TOMORROW

UPDATE

The University of Virginia has earned a **STARS Gold rating** in recognition of its sustainability achievements, from the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE). STARS, the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System, measures and encourages sustainability in all aspects of higher education. UVA is one of 101 gold-certified institutions in the world.

ENGAGE



Sustainability Alumni Network

Open to all UVA Alumni, the Sustainability Alumni Network brings together alumni to connect with each other and advance a collaborative vision for sustainability at UVA in partnership with current students, staff, and faculty. The UVA Sustainability Alumni Network, a pan-university partnership, represents an exciting opportunity to actively connect alumni to UVA's collaborative and interdisciplinary sustainability networks to further enhance UVA's leadership in the multi-faceted realm of sustainability.



Bicentennial Sustainability Leadership Summit

Bicentennial funding has been granted to host a pan-university summit in October. This event will connect UVA affiliates in developing a shared vision for sustainability at UVA.



Earth Week 2018

The 9th annual Earth Week hosted 25+ free community events and over 1,000 participants to celebrate the planet we all share. Events focused on environmental service and justice, supporting community-based food systems, exploring innovative decarbonization strategies and recognizing our community's accomplishments.



Sustainability Leadership Forum

UVA Sustainability and the UVA Career Center hosted its first Sustainability Leadership Forum, a free, open event for emerging sustainability leaders interested in social justice issues.

DISCOVER



New Interdisciplinary Faculty Fellows

An inaugural cohort of 5 Sustainability Faculty Fellows were selected from across disciplines.

Continuing Fellowships and Grants

13 sustainability research seed grants & 15 course development grants were awarded during AY 17-18.

STEWARD



Governor's Environmental Excellence Award – Gold

UVA received a Governor's Environmental Excellence Award Gold Medal in April 2018 for fostering a culture of environmental sustainability, recent accomplishments reducing environmental footprint, and maintaining a commitment to future sustainability-oriented actions.



Green Building Standards

New Green Building Standards, which apply to all projects at UVA, have been included in the updated Faculty Design Guidelines. These will standardize best practices and align projects with UVA's sustainability goals.



Blended Burger

UVA Dining is the first university dining program in Virginia to replace all burgers served in dining rooms – serving close to 800 pounds of beef per week – to a locally sourced blended burger. The UVA Dining Blended Burger is inspired by the James Beard Foundation's Blended Burger Project, replacing 20% of each burger with mushrooms to provide a healthier option and lessen ecological impacts associated with beef.



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