



2023 Competition Final Results!



Thank you to all of the [participating colleges and universities](#) for their hard work to collectively divert 29.4 million pounds of waste from the landfill through donation, composting, and recycling during the 2023 Campus Race to Zero Waste!

2023 Competition Highlights:

- 29.4 million pounds of waste donated, composted and recycled
- 205 million single-use plastics kept out of the landfill
- Prevented the release of 29,108 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent into the atmosphere (which is equal to avoiding the annual emissions from 6,128 cars!)
- 3.4 million students, faculty and staff reached
- 200 colleges and university participants from 44 U.S. states and Canada

Congratulations to the 2023 Competition Winners:

Zero Waste Category:

- Small campus: **Macalester College**, Minnesota
- Medium: No campuses named in this category for the 2023 competition
- Large campus: **California State University, Dominguez Hills**, California
 - 2nd Place: **Kent State University**, Ohio

Food Organics Category:

- Small campus: **Macalester College**, Minnesota
 - 2nd Place: **Aquinas College**, Michigan

- Medium campus: **Loyola Marymount University**, California
 - 2nd Place: **Bowling Green State University**, Ohio
- Large campus: **Stanford University**, California
 - 2nd Place: **American University**, District of Columbia

Diversion Category:

- Small campus: **Macalester College**, Minnesota
 - 2nd Place: **Northeast Wisconsin Technical College**, Wisconsin
- Medium campus: **Loyola Marymount University**, California
 - 2nd Place: **Youngstown State University**, Ohio
- Large campus: **University of Ottawa**, Canada
 - 2nd Place: **University of Massachusetts**, Amherst

Per Capita Recycling Category:

- Small campus: **Neumann University**, Pennsylvania
 - 2nd Place: **Coe College**, Iowa
- Medium campus: **Loyola Marymount University**, California
 - 2nd Place: **Wilkes University**, Pennsylvania
- Large campus: **Boston College**, Massachusetts
 - 2nd Place: **Stanford University**, California

GameDay Basketball Category:

- Diversion category: **The Ohio State University**, Ohio
- Per Capita Recycling category: **University of Southern California**, California

Race to Zero Waste – One Building Challenge Category:

- **Pennsylvania State University**, Pennsylvania

Electronics Recycling Category:

- Per Capita Recycling category: **Black Hills State University**, South Dakota
- Total Pounds Recycled category: **Rutgers University**, New Jersey

Check out the [2023 Scoreboard](#) for complete results.

Call for Waste Minimization Case Studies

All colleges and universities are encouraged to submit a case study on their best practices in waste minimization (even if your campus didn't participate in the 2023 competition!). Case studies are a great opportunity to share your best practices in waste minimization with campuses across the country, and to gain recognition for your efforts.

A winner is awarded in all four categories, and all case studies will be featured on the [Campus Race to Zero Waste website](#), featured in a [National Wildlife Federation blog](#), and featured via social media in fall 2023. **Case studies are due June 21, 2023.**

Case study submission categories include:

- Waste diversion
- Zero waste
- Food waste reduction
- Education and awareness

[Learn more about submitting a case study](#)

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