



President's Message



Dear friends,

Northern Arizona University is about to win a trifecta for going green, and by doing so we may win even bigger stakes.

Three buildings on the Flagstaff campus are on the verge of earning certification from the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environment Design system.

The Engineering building will be earning a "Silver" rating while the building housing The W.A. Franke College of Business will earn "Gold." The Applied Research and Development building is on track to earn the highest award of all, "Platinum."

Obviously, Northern Arizona University is becoming a green campus. In the future, we will strengthen that commitment as all our construction strives for the "Platinum" rating.

Years ago the university made a commitment to be in the forefront of helping create and maintain a healthy, sustainable world.

That commitment is part of our mission, and we demonstrate it throughout campus

every day. We teach cutting-edge science and conduct progressive research geared toward the environment. And the ratings earned by the LEED system are part of how we show that we practice what we teach.

In January, I became a charter signatory of the American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment, created as an avenue for university leaders to define and address the challenges of climate change.

It's the right thing to do, and it's good public policy. Northern Arizona University has accepted this challenge to change the world for the better, and by doing so we will educate a new generation of students who build upon that knowledge while successfully joining the new, science-based economy.

Thank you for your continued support.

John D. Haeger
President