

# ROSEMONT COLLEGE

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### **PRESIDENT HIRSH SIGNS AMERICAN COLLEGES CLIMATE COMMITMENT**

Rosemont, PA- As a community committed by its mission to developing open and critical minds, as well as the ability to make reasoned moral decisions, Rosemont College is pleased to announce that on Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, President Sharon Latchaw Hirsh, Ph.D. '70 signed the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment (ACUPCC) as a charter member. President Hirsh has been named to the Leadership Circle of ACUPCC. A public launch for the new organization, including a signing ceremony at the National Press Club, is planned for June 11-12 in Washington, D.C.



“As a charter signer of ACUPCC, Rosemont joins over 220 colleges and universities in developing a long-rang plan to reduce campus greenhouse gas emissions,” said President Hirsh. “Rosemont has already instituted many programs to help achieve climate neutrality; we established a “Rosie Goes Green” (named after our campus mascot) campus energy conservation program at the beginning of 2007 and we are currently exploring the possibility of replacing electric energy with solar power. I look forward to continuing to work with our community, as well as with members of ACUPCC to protect and preserve our environment. I am especially excited to work with ACUPCC as a member of the Leadership Circle.

The Presidents Climate Commitment is a project developed by the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE). It provides a framework and support for America’s colleges and universities to become climate neutral, to achieve a net-zero impact on the Earth’s climate. In signing the commitment, each college president pledges to develop a comprehensive plan to achieve climate neutrality as soon as possible.

“By partaking in the Presidents Climate Commitment, President Hirsh is going to make a difference in the whole college community,” said sophomore Mara Rodrigo, the founding co-president of Harmony, a student organization dedicated to the environment & other causes. “Her example in recognizing the human impact of global warming is inspiring. I hope her commitment will lead others to think about how individual actions impact the whole world.”

Participants must also make all college action plans, inventories and periodic progress reports publicly available by providing them to the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) for posting and dissemination. More than 220 college and university presidents have signed this agreement.

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Founded in 1921 by the Society of the Holy Child Jesus, Rosemont College is an independent liberal arts institution in the Catholic tradition located on the Main Line, 11 miles west of Philadelphia, on the border of Montgomery and Delaware Counties. The nationally-acclaimed, traditional Undergraduate Women's College confers B.A., B.S. and B.F.A. degrees in twenty-three majors. Rosemont College also includes the Schools of Graduate and Professional Studies, which are open to both women and men. For more information, visit [www.rosemont.edu](http://www.rosemont.edu).

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