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## The Kwantlen Student Association Signs The Paris Pledge

**Surrey, BC** – Today, the Kwantlen Student Association (KSA) joins more than 1,200 universities, cities, companies, investors, non-governmental organizations, labour unions, and others in making a commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by joining the Paris Pledge. By pledging, organizations agree to begin work to meet or surpass the goals of the Paris Agreement adopted at the recent COP21 conference.

The Kwantlen Student Association, recognizing the scientific consensus on human-caused climate change, knows that major environmental changes are expected unless there is significant and immediate action. The KSA supports the outcomes of the 2015 United Nations Conference on Climate Change and sees signing the Paris Pledge as another way to support emissions reductions in our community and globally. The KSA is **“proud to be committing to do its part and setting an example for other organizations to stand together for a more sustainable future,”** states Alex McGowan, KSA VP External Affairs. **“This issue is bigger than any one organization, and will require global efforts. We know our efforts are a small part of a broader effort, but they are important none the less.”**

According to the organizers of the [Paris Pledge for Action](#), the pledge represents a unique opportunity for non-state actors to have their work recognized in the context of COP21. The signatories on this agreement are very diverse, and, as a group, these organizations are committing to promote a low-carbon, stable, sustainable future, with the goal of limiting the global temperature rise to less than two degrees Celsius.

Starting in late 2015, the KSA began a program of purchasing offsets for all flights taken as part of organizational activities, which contribute to funds that support a number of emissions reduction projects in Canada and globally. The KSA also actively promotes cycling and transit ridership, and offers an intercampus shuttle, which provides direct connections between the three eastern KPU campuses to reduce travel time and encourage alternative modes for students.

The KSA encourages other student associations and universities across Canada to sign the Paris Pledge and continue to work towards a low carbon future.

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### Kwantlen Student Association

The KSA represents more than 17,500 students enrolled at the four Metro Vancouver campuses of Kwantlen Polytechnic University. The KSA actively seeks to enhance campus life, delivers student services, supports on-campus activities, and provides support for our student members.

### Paris Pledge

For more information, see <https://www.parispledgeforaction.org>