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I am extremely pleased to verify that the information in our attached STARS Report is accurate, current, and fully represents a commitment to our Sustainability Initiative.

As you will note from the report, the College has made significant improvements, resulting in a SILVER rating status. This is our third STARS report with previous reports submitted in 2011 and 2014. We have embraced Sustainability on both the Middletown and Newburgh campuses and I am proud of the achievements since our last report, some of which are listed below:

- Many new policies and initiatives have been instituted which embrace Sustainability.
- The 2012 Board Policy "Sustainable Practices in College Operations" was amended to include "no idling" language.
- A pilot initiative offering evening shuttle service between campuses and collaboration with NY511NURide has begun. This will raise awareness and support ride-share options for both students and employees.
- The College has been continually adding native planting areas on both campuses.
- We have expanded Earth Day celebrations at both campuses including speakers (outside visitors as well as SUNY Orange Faculty) student clubs, local environmental organizations included.

The STARS reporting project is very important to the College community, allowing us to capture important data and gather a list of accomplishments to reflect upon as we go forward to becoming an even more environmentally sound institution.

I continue to support awareness of good sustainability processes and initiatives at SUNY Orange and I am proud of our accomplishments thus far. We are committed to reducing our footprint on the environment and I am confident that we will continue to keep sustainability at the forefront for years to come.

Sincerely

Kristine M. Young
President

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Enclosure