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STARS Steering Committee
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Dear STARS Steering Committee:

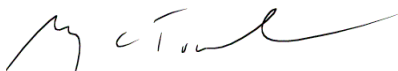
I am proud to submit the 2023 Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System (STARS) submission on behalf of the State University of New York at Oswego's (SUNY Oswego). There have been positive strides taken as SUNY Oswego continues to become an increasingly sustainable campus.

In telling the story of SUNY Oswego's efforts, we have highlighted areas of success and engagement related to each measure of practice. Some of our innovative activities include carrying out NSF funded faculty and student research into the impacts of wind turbines on electrification east of Lake Ontario; launching our Sustainability Ambassadors and Building Coordinators programs to inform intentional campus sustainability practices and planning; promoting the availability of grant funding for sustainability research and projects through our Rice Creek Field Station; and launching programs such as OzThrift which recycled 30,000 pounds of potential clothing waste and our campus composting project which redirected 100,000 pounds of food waste into regenerative farming efforts in our community garden.

Sustainability lives and breathes as a core value of SUNY Oswego. Preserving and protecting the environment and human health are integral to our educational mission. Our goal is to ensure that our students are prepared for the future with the intellectual capacity, skills, and access to technologies that enable them to innovate and adapt in an equitable, ethical, and sustainable way. We envision a future where intentional learners with a clear understanding of the interdependencies of social, economic, and environmental challenges invent a better world and are prepared to address the root causes of societal issues and inequities.

I am honored to forward the work led by Katherine Spector, Director of the Sustainability Office, on completing this submittal for a STARS Rating. A broad cross section of our campus community participated in the assessment and review of this submission. The knowledge gained through this process will greatly benefit our initiatives toward a sustainable future. SUNY Oswego looks forward to your review, comments, and findings.

Sincerely,



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Officer in Charge