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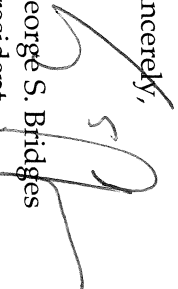
With great pleasure The Evergreen State College presents its second Sustainability Tracking Assessment & Rating System (STARS) report. Faculty members from The Evergreen State College participated in the creation of the STARS pilot program, and the College participated in the testing trial before STARS was formally released. We completed our first formal assessment (STARS 1.0) in 2011. This demonstrated the College's early commitment to sustainability. The 2019 report is a continuation of that commitment and is exemplified by our Silver rating and overall STARS score. Our 2019 STARS report advocates for our strengths and articulates our areas of opportunity.

Evergreen is recognized as an original, forward-thinking, and innovative college. The innovation credits in the STARS reporting tool align with Evergreen's unique pedagogy and embody the sustainability-focused educational opportunities at the college. The Indigenous Arts Campus, the Sustainability and Contemplative Practice Faculty Learning Community, and Sustainability in Prisons Project collectively demonstrate the innovative and interdisciplinary nature of our campus.

The ever-changing world around us drives Evergreen's learning model. With an evolving curriculum, our approach to teaching and learning means Evergreen has transformed itself countless times over the past eight years. However, environmental sustainability and social justice have remained strong themes throughout our curriculum and college operations.

As President of The Evergreen State College I affirm this second stars submission and confirm that it has been checked for accuracy. We are grateful for the many staff, faculty, and students who have supported this endeavor, without them this report would not have been completed. The future of Evergreen is optimistic. As a college we are investing in strong resource and energy conservation practices with our Facilities department as well as supporting diversity and equity initiatives with the creation of the office of Inclusive Excellence and Student Success. Evergreen will continue on its ambitious path towards sustainability, using our creativity, innovation, and compassion to guide us.

Sincerely,



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