Dear AASHE STARS Team,

On behalf of Fullerton College, I am pleased to present to you the college’s inaugural Sustainability Tracking, Assessment, and Rating System (STARS) Report, version 2.2. Our report is the result of the data collection efforts of over 50 faculty, staff, and students across our campus, and serves as the most accurate representation of our sustainability data as of 2022.

Established in 1913, Fullerton College is the oldest community college in continuous operation in the state of California, and has grown to offer more than 250 associate degrees, career technical education certificates, and transfer associate degrees.

In 2021, Fullerton College hired our first Interim Director of Sustainability. This position was tasked with conducting studies on the feasibility of renewables, as well as on the current baseline of our campus sustainability efforts, and setting future goals for progressing these endeavors. Since then, the college has made several strides towards sustainability, including our first renewable energy contract, the introduction of our first Environmental Sustainability Associate in Arts Degree, and our first Earth Week back on campus since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The STARS report will create a sustainability baseline of data, from which we will be able to measure our progress toward reaching our sustainability goals. Additionally, the STARS database will serve as a living document to help guide us in choosing which trails to travel next.

Our college is the hub of a diverse community which seeks to leave our students with a recognition of the importance of the natural world on human well-being, and of the impact of human activity on the global environment in turn. As global citizens and representatives of the Fullerton community, Fullerton College’s faculty, staff, and students are committed to continuing their efforts towards sustainability, environmental justice, and global stewardship in all their forms.

Thank you to the team at the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education for the framework and resources to make our efforts possible.

Sincerely,

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