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I am pleased to present the first STARS report of John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New York.

John Jay College of Criminal Justice is a community of motivated and intellectually committed individuals who explore justice in its many dimensions. Through our mission, John Jay has committed not only to provide a rigorous justice-oriented education, but also to help shape a just society that delivers upon the promise of equity. We are a Hispanic- and Minority-Serving Institution that values Diversity, Equity, Integrity, Justice, Learning & Scholarship, and Respect.

In our 2025 Strategic Plan we have committed to educating students to be fierce advocates for justice in a rapidly changing future that includes climate change and sustainability challenges. As part of preparing our students and our college for this future, we are joining the AASHE Stars program and using its reporting tool to benchmark where we stand in terms of sustainability and where we can improve. At a minimum, our strategic plan commits us to “implement a comprehensive sustainability program” and “Increase the number of courses supporting environmental justice...and incorporate AASHE sustainability/UN Sustainable Development Goals/Earth Charter” concepts throughout the curriculum.

The AASHE STARS report helps us reflect on our areas of strength, including our curriculum, faculty research, student programming, community engagement, building energy efficiency, electronics purchasing, cleaning and janitorial purchasing, and sustainable investments. The framework also gives us directions in which to improve, including landscape management, employee orientations and trainings, greenhouse gas emissions, sustainable dining and food waste composting, and rainwater management.

As President of John Jay College of Criminal Justice, CUNY, I affirm that the information in this submission has been thoroughly checked for accuracy. I thank AASHE for this valuable tool and the guidance we take from it in moving our college forward toward a more sustainable future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Karol V. Mason".

Karol V. Mason
President