



August 25, 2011

Association for the Advancement of
Sustainability in Higher Education
213 ½ North Limestone
Lexington, KY 40507

Dear AASHE STARS Steering Committee:

I am pleased to verify that the information contained in the University of Dayton's STARS submission is accurate and reflects our community's commitment to infusing sustainability into the operations, curriculum, administration and culture of this campus.

Over the past several years, sustainability has become a cornerstone of the University of Dayton. We have successfully reduced our energy consumption, added both graduate and undergraduate programs in sustainability, and engaged our students to lead more sustainable lives both on and off campus.

As a Marianist Catholic institution, the values of Catholic Social Teaching are infused throughout life at our university. As such, we feel a calling to develop solutions that will make us better stewards of God's creation, and to share those solutions with others to create a more peaceful and just world. To that end, sustainability isn't just a trend or a "fad" on this campus; it is undeniably part of our mission.

We believe that the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating system (STARS) can measure our current performance, but more importantly it can help to guide our institutional priorities to advance sustainability on our campus and in our community. In this regard, it is a valuable tool for the many staff, faculty and students at UD who are committed to these efforts.

Thank you for developing this powerful tool. We look forward to continued participation in STARS, and continuing the work of this crucial task.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Daniel J. Curran".

Daniel J. Curran, Ph.D.
President