



April 29, 2013

Dear AASHE-STARs,

I write to affirm the accuracy of the information included in the 2012-13 College of Saint Benedict STARs submission. At College of Saint Benedict (CSB), sustainability has been central to our mission since our founding in 1913, and the values of stewardship and social justice have permeated campus culture and planning throughout our first century. In support of our long-standing commitment to stewardship, I joined the American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment (ACUPCC) in 2007 as a charter signatory.

Since signing on as an ACUPCC member, CSB has successfully formed a Sustainability Council, hired a Sustainability Director and Sustainability Fellow, and engaged the campus community in developing a comprehensive sustainability strategic plan. We have eliminated the use of trays in the dining hall, implemented a bottled water policy prohibiting the sale of bottled water on campus and the use of college funds to purchase bottled water, adopted a sustainable building policy, and built a new complex of 32 townhomes, which are now certified Platinum under the LEED program. As a community, we are proud of these accomplishments.

I thank you in advance for consideration of our STARs submission.

Sincerely,

MaryAnn Baenninger
President