

March 1, 2013

Mr. Paul Rowland, Ph.D.  
Executive Director  
Association for the Advancement of  
Sustainability in Higher Education  
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Denver, CO 80202

Dear Dr. Rowland,

On behalf of the University of Northern Iowa and as a charter Participant using the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System (STARS), I am pleased to affirm the accuracy of the university's second STARS report. The information included within the report is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Anchored in the university's mission is the value of "an attractive, well-maintained campus environment that enhances the living and learning experience with an emphasis on environmental stewardship," for our entire university community. As a strategic imperative, sustainability pushes us to manage our resources and educate our community in a way that will afford the next generation the same opportunities.

This report builds upon the decades of work incorporating sustainability into the fabric of the University of Northern Iowa's academic programs, campus operations and community engagement programs, which have already been recognized with a STARS Gold rating. This submission highlights our university's continuous improvement toward becoming a more sustainable campus and maintaining our distinction as a recognized leader in sustainability.

STARS has been a valuable planning and reporting tool, allowing the University of Northern Iowa to benchmark our current efforts and track progress toward meeting future goals. We appreciate the work done by AASHE to improve this important tool and continue to support sustainability.

Sincerely,



Benjamin J. Allen  
President