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Dear Mr. Jensen:

This letter confirms that Arizona State University has demonstrated sustainability leadership and innovation by creating the Rob and Melani Walton Sustainability Solutions Initiatives with the \$27.5 million the Global Institute of Sustainability received from the Rob and Melani Walton Fund of the Walton Family Foundation. This funding was given to ASU's Global Institute of Sustainability so that they could develop and deploy promising solutions to sustainability challenges. The investment will be distributed over a period of five years and by 2017 Walton Sustainability Solutions Initiatives will be self-sustaining.

Walton Sustainability Solutions Initiatives is broken down into eight distinctive initiatives that can be grouped together in three focus areas. The three focus areas are delivering sustainability solutions, accelerating global impact, and inspiring future leaders. One of the eight programs is the Global Sustainability Studies Program, which focuses on providing students with opportunities to study and help solve sustainability problems in a global context.

The Global Sustainability Studies Program helped create four sustainability study abroad opportunities for summer 2013. Students can study sustainability in the United Arab Emirates, London and Washington D.C., Morocco and Spain, and Ecuador. The Global Sustainability Studies Program helps connect Sustainability majors and minors to global sustainability by providing scholarships that range from \$2,500 to \$5,000. During summer 2013 there are 85 students participating in the sustainability study abroad programs with 80 of them receiving a Sustainability Solutions Scholarship. This program has helped triple the number of Sustainability majors participate in a sustainability oriented study abroad program to 72 students.

The Global Sustainability Studies Program provides students the opportunity for mentorship by faculty and partners from the Global Sustainability Solutions Centers (one of the eight initiatives), the Walton Fellows, and other Walton Sustainability Solutions Initiatives.

This program has set goals to reach more students in 2014 by sending 100 students abroad. The Global Sustainability Studies Program gives students the opportunity to understand that sustainability is a global issue and in order to experience it one must interact with another culture, which will expand their intellect and understanding of sustainability.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Caroline Savalle". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Caroline Savalle  
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