

## Office of President

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STARS Steering Committee
Association for the Advancement of
Sustainability in Higher Education
2401 Walnut Street, Suite 102
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Dear Members of the STARS Steering Committee,

The King's University is pleased to present our third STARS report, and the first one during my tenure as President. Enhancing ecological sustainability is an integral part of our 2019-2022 comprehensive institutional plan and is a vital directive in the further development of our campus plan. Sustainability at King's has a long history. We boast one of the first Environmental Studies programs at any Christian university in North America and have launched numerous campus sustainability initiatives, including a full solar array and an electric vehicle charging station. These projects are only the beginning.

The King's University continues to invest in several initiatives supporting all forms of sustainability in our community. Our report reflects King's continued commitment to improving sustainability through the combined efforts of our students, faculty, facilities team, and executive leadership. I enthusiastically support our university's participation in the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System.

At King's, we also recognize that environmental sustainability cannot be disconnected from social justice. In the past year, we created a new Equity, Diversity and Inclusion task force and hired an expert consultant to provide guidance to the university community on addressing racism, sexism, ableism, and other forms of oppression.

The King's University greatly appreciates the STARS program as it helps us assess our progress and identify ways to improve our footprint. We look forward to the opportunity for continued collaboration on sustainability.

Sincerely,

Dr. Melanie Humphreys

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