

BOWDOIN COLLEGE

PRESIDENT

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Wendy W. Scott, Executive Director
Association for the Advancement of
Sustainability in Higher Education
1536 Wynkoop Street, Suite 100
Denver, CO 80202

Dear Ms. Scott,

I am pleased to inform you that Bowdoin College is submitting its second STARS Report. This assessment represents months of data collection that included participation from numerous departments across the Bowdoin campus.

Bowdoin College is an institution and a community dedicated from its founding to serve the Common Good. We seek to not only teach our students about sustainability related issues in the classroom, but encourage students to engage in sustainability issues across campus from the residence halls to the athletic fields. Through Bowdoin's engaged Green Athletes student organization and Bowdoin's Green Dorm Room Certification program we encourage students to commit to principles of sustainability in their own lives. We also demonstrate positive sustainability focused leadership for our student body through everyday campus operations. Over the past five years Bowdoin has invested approximately \$2,600,000 from the college's operating budget in greenhouse gas reducing projects. Projects range from lighting upgrades and weatherization projects, to solar hot water systems and building energy dashboards. Another highlight campus operations is a new steam-powered cogeneration turbine in the central heating plant that produced 1,072,000 kWh of electricity in its first full year of operation—equivalent to taking the greenhouse gas emissions of 158 cars off the road annually.

AASHE STARS has proven to be a valuable tool in reviewing and cataloguing sustainability initiatives. Bowdoin College is committed to becoming a carbon neutral institution by 2020 and we are proudly on track to meet that goal. It is with pleasure that we submit the STARS report and affirm that this submission accurately represents sustainability efforts at Bowdoin College.

Sincerely,



Barry Mills