

BOWDOIN COLLEGE

PRESIDENT

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Peter Rowland, Executive Director
Association for the Advancement of
Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE)
2131/2 North Limestone
Lexington, KY 40507

Dear Mr. Rowland,

I am pleased to announce that Bowdoin College is submitting its first official Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System (STARS) report as a Reporting Institution and affirm that it accurately represents sustainability initiatives at Bowdoin College. This assessment represents months of data collection that included participation from numerous departments across the Bowdoin campus.

Bowdoin is an institution and a community dedicated from its founding to serving the Common Good, and there is no doubt that preservation of our environment falls within this historic charge. Dating back to 1804 when James Bowdoin III endowed the college with an extraordinary natural history collection, to the current work of our faculty and staff, such as Professor John Lichter whose research on restoring the Androscoggin River is redefining conservation ecology.

STARS is a valuable tool for documenting ongoing sustainability initiatives. Bowdoin College has committed to becoming a carbon neutral institution by 2020. I look forward to the College's use of the STARS database.

Sincerely,



Barry Mills