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Meghan Fay Zahniser  
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Dear Ms. Zahniser,

Dickinson College is pleased to submit our STARS 2.2 report, documenting our continuing sustainability efforts and achievements. The report has undergone thorough internal review and I affirm that the report is an accurate accounting of our sustainability performance.

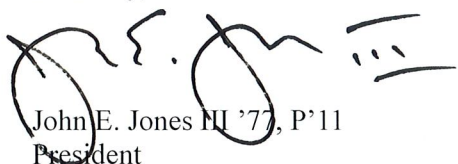
Sustainability continues to be a strategic priority and a distinction for Dickinson, and an important part of the comprehensive student experience. Sustainability is part of Dickinson's DNA, and we are committed to providing our students with the skillsets needed to achieve our goals and aspirations for building a sustainable and just society.

Advances that we have made within the last three years include:

- Achieving Carbon Neutrality in 2020 and maintaining this accomplishment over the past three years.
- Joining the Second Nature *Climate Resilience Commitment* in 2022. We are well on our way to developing a Climate Action Plan which includes resilience projects and initiatives.
- Partnering with the Borough of Carlisle and Cumberland County to develop their Climate Action Plans.
- Continuing to require all students to complete at least one sustainability course, with most students completing many more than one.
- Completing our first Geo-Exchange project at our new John M. Paz '78 Alumni and Family Center.
- Designing and building a Bio-Digester at our organic farm that will generate more than 250,000 kwh of renewable energy each year, and which will have positive environmental impacts for the land, air and water.
- Hosting many excellent sustainability-themed events and speakers on campus, to include an International Climate Symposium in 2022.

These and many other sustainability achievements are documented in our STARS report. The process of preparing the report entailed numerous conversations across the college that have added to our understanding of where we have made progress and where there is more work to be done. We are proud to be a member of AASHE and we are committed to working with others in higher education to advance sustainability goals that are so important to our nation and our world.

Sincerely,



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President