



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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Mr. Paul Rowland, Executive Director  
Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education  
213 1/2 North Limestone  
Lexington, Kentucky 40507

Dear Mr. Rowland:

In 2008, Dickinson College announced an initiative to make the study of sustainability a defining characteristic of our institution. As we work toward this goal, we are integrating sustainability throughout the college curriculum, linking the study of sustainability with our strengths in global education; rethinking campus operations to reduce our ecological footprint, using our campus and co-curricular programs as living laboratories for practical and experience-based learning, and engaging with the communities in which we study, work and live to help create a sustainable future.

As we immerse our community into the sustainability frontier, we believe the Sustainability Tracking Assessment and Rating System (STARS) can assist us in being a useful resource library and an accountability tool for Dickinson. We can be informed as to what other institutions are working on through the former use, and can be internally apprised as to what our institution has done and needs to assess through the latter use. STARS will help our campus to be more knowledgeable and also more strategic with our sustainability vision.

Thank you for your work at the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE). STARS adds to your growing body of resources and tools at your organization. It is with pleasure that I sign off on our first STARS report, and I submit without hesitation that this report is an accurate reflection of our sustainability work on this campus.

Sincerely,

William Durden  
President

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