

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY  
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
SENIOR EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

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AASHE-STARS Steering Committee  
Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education  
1536 Wynkoop Street, Suite 100  
Denver, CO 80202

Dear AASHE-STARS Steering Committee:

On behalf of Columbia University in the City of New York, I am pleased to affirm our first STARS submission. Our internal STARS effort was led through a partnership of our Office of Environmental Stewardship and other key university units. They worked closely together to compile data that were informed by staff across the University. To the best of my knowledge, the information in our submission is accurate and up-to-date.

The scope of our analysis spans the University's three campuses in Manhattan and its campuses in Rockland County, New York and Nevis, New York, which is inclusive of an academic enterprise that serves approximately 25,000 students.

Sustainability is an institutional priority at Columbia University, and we are committed to playing a leadership role on this topic of critical importance. We have signed on to STARS because we value it as a transparent tool for measuring process toward environmental, social, and economic sustainability throughout higher education. STARS enables us to benchmark our performance and measure our progress over time, which will assist us greatly in our goal to foster meaningful progress toward sustainability on local-to-global scales.

Sincerely,



Robert Kasdin