



January 17, 2012

STARS Steering Committee
Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education
213 – ½ North Limestone
Lexington, KY 40507

Dear AASHE STARS Steering Committee:

As Maryville College chose to sign on as a Charter Participant of the Sustainability Tracking Assessment, and Rating System (STARS), we are committed to social, environmental and economic sustainability as an institution in both practice and in planning and I am pleased to submit the initial STARS report for Maryville College and find it to be an accurate reflection of the programs, policies and curricular initiatives at our liberal arts institution.

Maryville College's 118-acre woods (the largest green space in the City of Maryville), Non-Profit Leadership Program & Certificate, Vision for Diversity, Sustainability Plan and many other co-curricular and educational programs are designed to support Maryville College's commitment to citizenship, justice and service to peoples of the world. The STARS reporting system will provide valuable documentation for Maryville College to reflect on our strengths as an institution and also set further goals for our current strategic planning process, *Renewing Our Strength: Maryville College's Bicentennial and Beyond*, and future strategic planning agendas so we can continue and expand our commitment to sustainability as an institution and to our local community and the region of East Tennessee.

The STARS reporting tool will be invaluable for Maryville College as it will provide both accountability and forward momentum for sustainability initiatives at Maryville College and we are grateful for the work of AASHE to advance sustainability among institutions nationwide.

Sincerely,

William T. Bogart
President