



Office of EVP and Chief Administrative Officer

May 7th, 2019

Re: Loyola Marymount University STARS Submission Process

Dear STARS Steering Committee:

Loyola Marymount University (LMU) maintains a strong commitment to sustainability. Since the early 1990's the "Green LMU" program has grown with the help of students, staff, faculty, and local organizations. Green LMU expanded the team this year to include a full time Sustainability Coordinator. The program now consists of two full time employees and student scholars that work together towards building and implementing the university's sustainability goals.

In the past year Green LMU has received multiple awards for our efforts on sustainability initiatives. In 2018 the City of Los Angeles honored LMU with the first-ever Platinum RecycleLA Star Award for its sustainability efforts including the university's on-campus recycling center. The university also placed first in the 2019 RecycleMania challenge, a competition among colleges nationwide aimed at promoting waste reduction and encouraging students and staff to increase their recycling efforts.

Green LMU continues to expand its portfolio on outreach and education within the community. In 2018 the California Higher Education Sustainability Conference (CHESC) honored Green LMU with a best practice award in "Food Waste Diversion". The award was given for outreach off-campus focused on education and implementing a compost program within a low income housing community. Our student scholars within our program have also contributed to campus research including campus solar initiatives and energy use within campus housing. For our efforts we were also awarded the Exceptional Leadership in Community Outreach and Education award by Energy Upgrade California in 2018. LMU and Green LMU are proud to continue our tradition in leading and educating the campus and the community on sustainable practices.

It is with great pleasure that LMU submits our third official Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System (STARS) evaluation to the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE). If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Ian C. Mckeown Sustainability Manager at Ian.Mckeown@lmu.edu or Jessica Hernandez, Sustainability Coordinator at Jessica.Hernandez@lmu.edu.

Sincerely,

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