## **GENESEO**

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STARS Steering Committee 1536 Wynkoop Street, Suite B500 Denver, CO 80202

Dear Members of the STARS Steering Committee:

I am pleased to submit SUNY Geneseo's 2018 STARS Report. I affirm that the information included in this report is an accurate summary of the College's sustainability efforts.

Geneseo is committed to sustainability as part of its mission as a public liberal arts college. We consider it part of our educational mission to model good stewardship and sustainable practices to foster responsible approaches to the earth's resources in our students' attitudes and activities. I am pleased to report that the President's Commission on Sustainability, in conjunction with our Office of Sustainability, has been working hard to continue efforts to educate the various members of our community and to identify ways to reduce the College's carbon footprint.

The attached STARS Report illustrates the wide array of our campus sustainability efforts. I am particularly proud of the continued efforts to expand upon the work of the energy-garden on our campus and the enthusiasm demonstrated by our students, faculty, and staff embracing the energy-garden and developing experiments and other initiatives for implementation in this working laboratory. The energy-garden is a visible reminder of the College's commitment to sustainability and it has been instrumental in engaging the campus community in sustainability efforts. Most recently, we have been installing the equipment necessary to produce bio-diesel fuel from used cooking oil generated on campus as a means of operating vehicles used in the energy-garden program.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in this very meaningful exercise. Tracking institutional progress in the implementation of sustainable practices is important to Geneseo and we consider this reporting mechanism a vital tool in assessing our progress.

Sincerely,

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