



# Pittsburg State University

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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STARS Representatives,

Pittsburg State University (PSU) is pleased to submit this report to receive a Sustainability, Tracking, Assessment and Rating System (STARS) rating. I affirm the accuracy of the Pittsburg State University STARS submission.

Pittsburg State University is dedicated to improving campus sustainability and we are proud of the progress the university has made since institutionalizing environmental sustainability was added as a sixth Goal to the Pittsburg State University Strategic Plan.

Some of the campus sustainability activity highlights while participating in STARS have been creating a University Sustainability Committee staffed by a half time coordinator, starting a sustainability focused undergraduate degree program, adding geothermal heating and cooling systems in two buildings, adding individually metered energy use in all buildings, hiring an energy conservation manager and starting pre-consumer waste composting in all dining facilities. PSU is also proud to house the Kansas Polymer Research Center, one of the world's leading centers specializing in vegetable oil-based polymer research and development.

Pittsburg State University intends to continue to improve campus sustainability. Over the next three years, PSU will work to complete additional STARS credits including the promotion of sustainability learning outcomes in academic programs, conducting a greenhouse gas emissions inventory and creation of a climate action plan in order to reduce the campus carbon footprint.

Please accept this STARS Report which confirms Pittsburg State University's STARS Bronze Rating.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S.A. Scott", written over a white background.

Steven A. Scott, Ed.D  
President