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Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE)
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Re: Innovation Credit for U.Va. Chesapeake Bay Efforts

Members of the AASHE STARS Steering Committee:

The University of Virginia's geographic location in the nation's largest watershed – the area draining into the Chesapeake Bay – affords our institution the opportunity and responsibility to use the challenges facing the Chesapeake Bay as a learning tool for local and global understanding and action.

Two efforts highlighted in STARS Innovation Credit 1, the **UVa Bay Game** and the **Learning Barge**, are innovative and powerful examples of the University's efforts to promote greater understanding of the challenges facing the Bay, and to engage students and the community in working together to achieve a sustainable community.

Writing in my capacity as a member of the UVa Bay Game Working group, the Global Sustainability Governing Board, and chairperson of the Academic Integrity Subcommittee of the University's Sustainability Council, I affirm that these two programs satisfy the criteria for STARS innovation credits.

With very best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark" followed by a horizontal line.

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