

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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STARS Steering Committee Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education 2401 Walnut Street Suite 102 Philadelphia, PA 19103

Dear STARS Steering Committee:

On behalf of Texas A&M University, I am excited to submit our Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System (STARS) 2.2 report. This is our seventh STARS submission and first submitted under version 2.2. While navigating the COVID-19 pandemic, Texas A&M has maintained our commitment to sustainability and is pleased to submit a provisional designation of Gold. This accomplishment took a year of collaboration with partners across campus to achieve. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained within this report is current and accurate.

Texas A&M formalized our commitment to sustainability twelve years ago when the Office of Sustainability was founded. In Aggieland, 12 is an important number. Built on years of traditions, the 12<sup>th</sup> Man stands ready to serve in times of need. Right now, the world needs a sustainable future. Texas A&M is prepared to lead in Higher Education into that future through cutting edge research and education.

Our commitment to sustainability can be seen most clearly in the pages of our Sustainability Master Plan (SMP), updated in 2018. The SMP identifies nine themes, 16 evergreen goals, and 47 targets to continue Texas A&M's march toward a more sustainable future. We are pleased with the results of this highly collaborative process and continue to push forward by implementing the SMP's recommendations to further Texas A&M's overall sustainability performance.

Twelve years ago, Texas A&M demonstrated our loyalty to the future by formalizing our commitment to respect, protect, and preserve the financial, environmental, and people resources to ensure future generations of Aggies have a sustainable Aggieland to call home. Completing our seventh STARS submission has helped our campus recognize, celebrate, and advance our sustainability efforts.

We appreciate AASHE continuing to lead the sustainability movement in higher education.

Respectfully.

Michael K. Young