



TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

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*President*

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STARS Steering Committee  
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Dear STARS Steering Committee:

On behalf of Texas A&M University, I am pleased to submit our Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System (STARS) 2.1 report. This report, our fourth STARS submission, is the result of a year of coordination between the Office of Sustainability and key campus stakeholders. We are pleased to submit a provisional designation of Gold, a reflection of truly collaborative efforts and sustainability commitment at Texas A&M. I affirm, to the best of our knowledge, the information contained within this report is current and accurate.

With the release of the campus Sustainability Master Plan in June of 2010, Texas A&M University set out to embrace sustainability in a holistic, intentional, and meaningful way. Under the leadership of Director of Sustainability Kelly Wellman, the Office of Sustainability support staff, and numerous campus stakeholders, Texas A&M has enhanced our stewardship efforts. The Office of Sustainability, with the help of Ayers Saint-Gross, is currently updating the Sustainability Master Plan to reflect Texas A&M's ongoing sustainability values and targets.

In October of 2016, Texas A&M inaugurated the Sustainability Advisory Council (SAC) to the President. The SAC is charged with formulating sustainability strategies to foster and promote sustainability throughout the university community. As such, the SAC monitors Texas A&M's performance using STARS, facilitates campus implementation of the Sustainability Master Plan, and reports to me annually with institutional sustainability recommendations.

In January of 2017, Texas A&M earned its first STARS Gold rating. This achievement reflected the contributions of our many stakeholders to deepen Texas A&M's sustainability efforts. In recognition of these efforts, the Office of Sustainability launched the inaugural Sustainability Awards in Spring of 2017 to recognize outstanding STARS stakeholders along with student, faculty, and staff sustainability champions around campus.

Texas A&M strives to be a leader in sustainability and to increasingly embed our commitment to respect, protect, and preserve the financial, environmental, and people resources that support our community not only for today, but for future generations of Aggies. Completing our second STARS 2.1 submission has helped our campus advance our sustainability efforts. We appreciate the leadership provided by AASHE in continuing to improve the STARS program.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Michael K. Young'.

Michael K. Young