



TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

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President

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STARS Steering Committee
Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education
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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 fifth 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.

Stemming back to the institution's first Sustainability Master Plan (SMP) in 2010, the university has evolved with the growing discipline of sustainability. Throughout the years, the campus community has remained committed to its definition of sustainability: the efficient, deliberate, and responsible preservation of environmental, social, and economic resources to protect our earth for future generations of Texas Aggies, the Texas A&M University community, and beyond.

The university embarked on a journey to update its 2010 SMP following the creation of the President's Sustainability Advisory Council (SAC). The SAC defined a number of core goals the update would need to address in order to renew Texas A&M University's commitment to sustainability. We are pleased to announce this journey has resulted in the launch of the 2018 Sustainability Master Plan (SMP). The 2018 SMP is a collective product of the leadership of the Office of Sustainability, the guidance of the SAC, the support of outside consultant Ayers Saint Gross, and the contributions of countless campus stakeholders. The 2018 SMP identifies nine themes, 16 evergreen goals, and 47 targets to move Texas A&M toward a more sustainable future. We are pleased with the results of this highly collaborative update and look forward to implementing the SMP's recommendations to further Texas A&M's overall sustainability performance.

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. In coordination with the development of the 2018 SMP, completing our fifth STARS 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 blue ink that reads 'Michael K. Young'.

Michael K. Young