

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 pleased to submit our Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System (STARS) 2.1 report. This report, our sixth 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 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.

Texas A&M University renewed its commitment to sustainability by launching the 2018 Sustainability Master Plan (SMP) last October. The 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 have spent the last year prioritizing goals and 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 initial implementation of the 2018 SMP, completing our sixth STARS submission has helped our campus advance sustainability efforts.

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

Respectfully,

Michael K. Young