

WELLESLEY COLLEGE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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The Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education
2401 Walnut Street, Suite 102
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RE: Wellesley College STARS Submission v2.1

To Whom It May Concern:

Wellesley College is pleased to be rated once again by the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment, and Rating System (STARS) for our December 2018 submission. We believe our continued participation in this program advances our commitment to sustainability.

To the best of my knowledge, I affirm the accuracy of the information included in our STARS report, which demonstrates that Wellesley College earns a rating of “gold.” I believe this rating is an accurate depiction of the College’s commitment to sustainability as reflected in our increased focus on improving our sustainability performance across all areas, i.e. in the academic courses and research, campus and public engagement, sustainable operations, and strong emphasis on the value of diversity. I am pleased to announce that the College and Board of Trustees have made a long-term commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 37% by 2026 and 44% by 2036 from a 2010 baseline. A multipart energy initiative [announced on October 29, 2018](#) will enable us to lower the College’s electricity use, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and annual utility costs, ensure a dependable electricity supply, and position the College to expand its renewable energy use in the future and join other institutions in combating climate change. These factors place Wellesley College at the forefront of sustainability in higher education.

We appreciate AASHE’s responsible commitment to advancing sustainability in higher education. STARS is a valuable tool that will serve us well in assessing Wellesley’s current efforts and identifying what we can do in the future to remain true to our pledge to sustainability.

Sincerely,



Paula A. Johnson

