

April 13, 2015

STARS Steering Committee
Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE)
213½ North Limestone
Lexington, Kentucky 40507

Re: SUNY Cortland's STARS 2015 Submission

Dear Steering Committee Members:

On behalf of SUNY Cortland, I am pleased to submit the results of our second STARS assessment. I affirm this report to be an honest and accurate account of sustainability programs and practices on campus.

SUNY Cortland remains committed to sustainability in every aspect of the institution from budding curriculum initiatives and a long standing track record of efficient operations to extensive community outreach and public engagement. The new assessment has elevated the success of SUNY Cortland from STARS Silver, in our initial submission; to a STARS Gold rating that further illustrates this commitment.

The STARS report highlights a number of our significant achievements, including ongoing energy conservation with the development of the Solar PV Array and our enhancement to curricular offerings that broaden our focus with sustainability and conservation opportunities here at SUNY Cortland. In addition to these initiatives, we have cited many other initiatives that have been conducted across campus and with our partners within the community, including a continued commitment to the College's Climate Action Plan, Green Days programming, and instructional activities within the community through our ever expanding Civic Engagement programming.

Under the steadfast leadership of the STARS Committee, a broad group of faculty and staff across the College have been involved in gathering the STARS data. The continued collaboration has brought together this comprehensive view of sustainability events and activities on the Cortland campus. I am confident that it will serve as an excellent benchmark of our current efforts and provide clear direction for the future.

Sincerely,



Erik J. Bitterbaum
President