

February 18, 2019

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Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE)  
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Re: SUNY Cortland's STARS 2019 submission

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

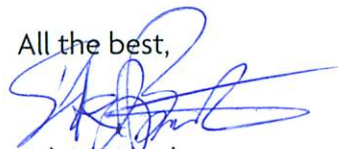
SUNY Cortland has a long track record of efficient operations and remains committed to sustainability in every aspect of the institution – from curriculum initiatives to extensive community outreach and public engagement. This latest assessment maintains the high level of success reflected in our 2015 submission, which earned a rating of STARS Gold.

The STARS report highlights a number of our significant achievements. They include joining a consortium of 26 higher education institutions created to develop renewable energy across New York State, achieving LEED Silver on our Student Life Center, expanding our environmental and sustainability curriculum offerings and further elevating our impact on the local community through both student and faculty engagement efforts. Additional examples are cited in the full STARS report, which further highlights efforts conducted across campus and with our community partners.

Under the steadfast leadership of Nasrin Parvizi, Associate Vice President for Facilities Management, 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 SUNY Cortland campus and in the community.

I am confident that it will serve as an excellent benchmark of our current efforts and provide clear direction for the future.

All the best,



Erik J. Bitterbaum  
President