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STARS Steering Committee
Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education
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Dear STARS Steering Committee:

Scripps College is pleased to submit its first Sustainability Tracking Assessment and Rating System (STARS) report on January 18, 2013. To the best of my knowledge, I affirm that the information included in our inaugural STARS submission is complete and accurate, and is a fair representation of current sustainability efforts and programs on our campus.

The 2007 Strategic Plan for the College clearly states: *Scripps promotes awareness of women's roles and responsibilities for human rights and the sustainability of life on this planet.* Scripps College is committed to conducting all of its activities in a manner that is sensitive to the environment. Indeed, the historic master plan for the campus reflects clear decision-making based on the environmental factors of Southern California, leaving us with a legacy and a platform for the College to continue to build on its sustainability efforts.

As an educational institution, we regularly review our operations to find areas where we can introduce environmental "best practices". For new construction and renovations, this means using the best designs available that meet building-code-approved energy efficiency standards. These standards, together with water conservation, recycling, adaptive reuse of buildings, and the use of renewable resources help to guide us in our goal of creating an "ethos" of sustainability at Scripps.

We appreciate AASHE's commitment to advancing sustainability in higher education. Scripps College will continue to educate, challenge, and encourage students, faculty, and staff to advocate for the behavioral and social changes necessary to improve the environmental health of our community and our world. We understand that sustainability is an on-going process. The STARS report will be a great tool to help us monitor our progress

Sincerely,

Lori Bettison-Varga
President, Scripps College