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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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To the AASHE STARS Steering Committee and staff:

I am pleased to submit Transylvania University's Sustainability Tracking, Assessment, and Ranking System (STARS) report for your review. The completion of this report has been supervised by Angela Poe, Sustainability Director, and the data included within accurately reflects our activities at Transylvania University.

Transylvania affirms sustainability as a core value and integrates it into the intellectual and social life of students, faculty, and staff by encouraging study, discussion, and participation in sustainable practices on campus and in the community. This commitment is reflected in the data included in this report, and we thank the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) for spearheading the creation and administration of this important tool.

I would like to take a moment to point out some of our more significant achievements, which include:

- The creation and implementation of a Sustainability Master Plan
- The inclusion of sustainability in the university's new strategic plan
- Significant reductions in electricity and gas consumption through implementation of an energy plan, investments in energy retrofits, and an aggressive winter shutdown program
- Numerous opportunities for students to be deeply engaged in sustainability efforts on campus and in our local community

We are proud to have achieved Bronze status with this first submission, and look forward to improving our ranking as we continue to expand our sustainability efforts.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Owen Williams'.

R. Owen Williams  
President