



ELON UNIVERSITY
Office of the President

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The Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education
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To Whom It May Concern:

Elon University is pleased to provide our fifth Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System (STARS) submission. Elon is proud to participate in this comprehensive self-assessment for institutions of higher education.

Since Elon's last STARS submission in February 2018, the University has continued to prioritize sustainability in operations and education, and work toward our goal of carbon neutrality by 2037. Reducing energy consumption is a priority. Over the last 17 years, energy consumption per square foot has decreased by 41%, even though square footage has more than doubled. The University has 30 LEED certified projects, which represents 30% of the campus' square footage. The number of identified sustainability courses and faculty working on sustainability research have both increased by more than 30% since the last STARS submission. In addition, Elon students have numerous opportunities to engage with sustainability ideas outside of the classroom through student organizations, speakers, neighborhood events, campus programs, learning communities and many more. Diversity, inclusion and global engagement remain a part of Elon's core values and are integral to preparing students to be global citizens able to thrive in an interconnected world.

I affirm the information in this submission is an accurate representation of the University's sustainability initiatives. Participation in STARS has helped the institution identify strengths and areas for improvement. We are proud of the progress made to date which attributed to a STARS Silver rating and look forward to continuing participation in STARS in the future.

Sincerely,

Connie Ledoux Book
President