



October 29, 2015

The Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education
2401 Walnut Street, Suite 102
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103

Re: Elon University STARS Submission

To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to affirm the information in Elon University's third STARS submission is an accurate representation of the University's sustainability initiatives. Elon is proud to maintain its participation in this comprehensive self-assessment for institutions of higher education.

Since Elon's last STARS submission in February 2014, the University has continued to prioritize sustainability in operations and education. There are now 26 LEED certified structures on campus, representing over 500,000 square feet of building space. Reducing energy consumption is a priority. Over the last 13 years, energy consumption per square foot has decreased 30%, even though square footage has more than doubled. The Elon Environmental Center at Loy Farm, which provides students with unique, engaged learning opportunities in sustainable agriculture and responsible design, is flourishing. In addition, the University has partnered with four Alamance County agencies to form the Elon-Alamance Health Partners Program, which is dedicated to improving the health and well-being of Alamance County residents and employs four Elon graduates for one year upon graduation.

Participation in STARS has helped the institution identify strengths and areas for improvement and contributed to the development of an updated Sustainability Master Plan completed in spring 2015. 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Leo Lambert".

Leo M. Lambert
President