



ELON UNIVERSITY
Office of the President

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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 fourth 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 November 2015, the University has continued to prioritize sustainability in operations and education. Reducing energy consumption is a priority. Over the last 15 years, energy consumption per square foot has decreased by 35%, even though square footage has more than doubled. Since it began in 2015-2016, the Loy Farm Tour program has provided over 2,000 people (mostly Elon students) the opportunity to see and learn about real-world sustainability solutions on campus. The University continues to partner with four Alamance County agencies for the Elon-Alamance Health Partners Program, which is dedicated to improving the health and well-being of Alamance County residents and employs recent graduate fellows with the agencies. Inclusion, diversity and global engagement remain a central component of the institution. Curricular and co-curricular programs in these areas have expanded, and the campus community is more diverse.

Participation in STARS has helped the institution identify strengths and areas for improvement. We are proud of the progress made to date which contributed to a STARS Silver rating and look forward to continuing participation in STARS in the future.

Sincerely,

Leo M. Lambert
President