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STARS Steering Committee
Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education
2401 Walnut Street, Suite 102
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Dear AASHE STARS Steering Committee,

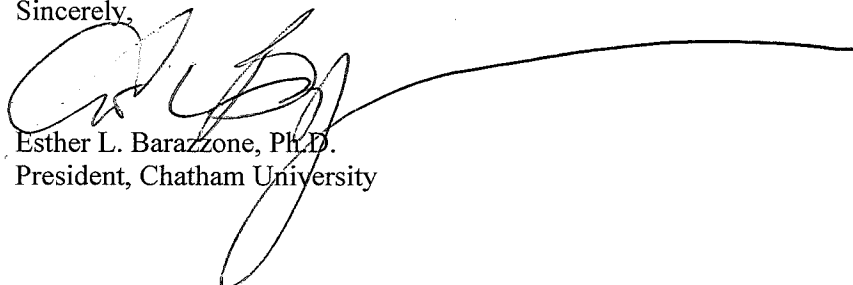
Chatham University has a strong commitment to preserving the environment and advancing sustainability as a priority and mission objective of our institution. With the launch of Eden Hall, the world's first fully sustainable campus built from the ground up, Chatham has grown to become a leader in sustainability both in the Pittsburgh region and beyond. As the college of prominent author and environmentalist, Rachel Carson, I am proud to present and affirm the accuracy of Chatham's second STARS submission.

As a charter signatory of the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment, Chatham is striving to achieve carbon neutrality by 2025. Since adopting sustainability as a mission objective of the university in 2009, Chatham's efforts toward achieving carbon neutrality and enhancing our institutional sustainability have been gaining recognition around the world. In 2013, Chatham received a prestigious Climate Leadership Award from Second Nature and was honored at the International Sustainable Campus Network (ISCN) Sustainable Campus Excellence Award Ceremony. This past year, Chatham has been named to The Princeton Review's Green Honor Roll as a Top 50 Green College in North American in 2015 and as one of the Sierra Club's "Cool Schools" as one of the top 25 greenest colleges in the U.S. In addition, Chatham's has received designation as a Tree Campus USA from the Arbor Day Foundation, as a Bicycle Friendly workplace from the League of American Bicyclists and Bike Pittsburgh, and placed first in the RecycleMania 3R Actions Challenge competition for sustainable actions and student engagement.

We are excited to share with AASHE our accomplishments with Eden Hall Campus officially open as the living and learning hub for the Falk School of Sustainability, and as our university continues welcomes its first undergraduate class of co-ed students. Eden Hall has pioneered what it means to be a fully sustainable campus and will provide our students, faculty, and community with the tools to learn, research, teach, and experience what it means to be truly sustainable in both design and practice. Our commitment to sustainability reaches beyond Eden Hall to our Shadyside and Eastside campuses, and to our varied partnerships with institutions and organizations that share in our vision for a more sustainable world for generations to come.

Chatham University appreciates AASHE and its commitment to advancing sustainability initiatives throughout the entire higher education industry. We are grateful for this opportunity to demonstrate our progress through STARS as we continuously strive for excellence in our sustainability efforts.

Sincerely,



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