



November 26, 2018

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 integrating sustainability into every aspect of life on all its campuses, including curriculum, research, scholarship, student life, operations, and public and private partnerships. Our ongoing work to realize the full potential of Eden Hall Campus, the Falk School, and our university-wide sustainability and health efforts help us meet UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres' calls for action to address the "leadership and ambition" gap, while showcasing how we can create a brighter, healthier tomorrow for us all.

Since our last submission in 2015, we have made new commitments to reinforce our sustainability mission. In 2017, we launched the Center for Regional Agriculture, Food, and Transportation (CRAFT), to provide the community with research and information on food. The Eden Hall Campus K-12 program received the Best of Green Schools Award 2018 from the Center for Green Schools at the U.S. Green Building Council, in collaboration with the Green Schools National Network. The Eden Hall Campus' café and field lab were granted official LEED Platinum ratings in 2018, and Chatham signed on to the Climate Reality Project 100% Committed campaign, pledging to transition to 100% clean, renewable electricity by 2030.

Since becoming Chatham's president in 2016, it has been an honor to continue the University's sustainability legacy and our leadership role in these areas nationally and internationally. I was pleased to join Second Nature's Board and to be part of the "We Are Still In" US higher education delegation that took part in the UN Climate Change Summit in Bonn in Fall 2017. Going forward, we will continue our team's efforts to create an environment in which the entire Chatham community can fully experience sustainability in all its aspects. Our commitment to sustainability reaches beyond our campuses boundaries, to our partnerships with institutions and organizations that share in our vision for a more sustainable world for the generations to come.

Chatham University appreciates AASHE's commitment to advancing sustainability initiatives throughout the entire higher education industry. This will be our third STARS submission. Over the last 6 years we have developed excellent systems for documenting all the information needed for a quality report, and I am very comfortable to stand by the accuracy of this data. 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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