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Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education
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Dear AASHE Board of Directors and STARS Steering Committee:

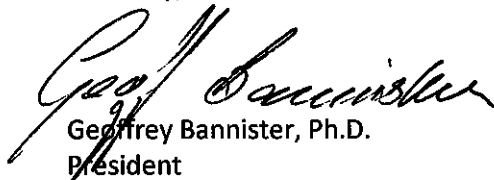
On behalf of the Hawai'i Pacific University community, it is my pleasure to submit HPU's first STARS report for your review and dissemination. The data collected for this sustainability report has been verified and presents an accurate description of the level of sustainability throughout HPU's academic, operational, and administrative sectors.

We are proud to be a member of the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education, and we are pleased to have used the STARS framework to guide our sustainability reporting over the last twelve months. This process has highlighted a number of important sustainability-related initiatives currently underway at HPU, and has brought to light opportunities to contribute to the long-term economic, social, and environmental sustainability of HPU.

Hawai'i Pacific University has taken a number of steps to demonstrate our commitment to sustainability, and I would like to mention just a few. In the fall of 2010, we hired the university's first part-time sustainability coordinator, with the position becoming full-time in the fall of 2011. We have taken steps to dramatically reduce the energy use of HPU's Hawaii Loa Campus including the installation of a highly energy-efficient chiller plant, and an LED lighting retrofit of our residence halls. We have taken steps to reduce our contribution to greenhouse gas emissions by improving the efficiency of our inter-campus shuttle system, and implementing an online rideshare program for students, staff, and faculty. We have also engaged students in sustainability through a number of efforts on campus including the HPU Kukui Cup residence hall energy competition, providing sustainability information in new student orientation, and providing a number of sustainability-related events and presentations throughout the year.

We plan to engage our students, staff, and faculty with the findings of this STARS report, and will encourage them to continue working together towards a more sustainable university, community, and planet.

Sincerely,



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