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AASHE STARS Review Team
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Dear Review Team:

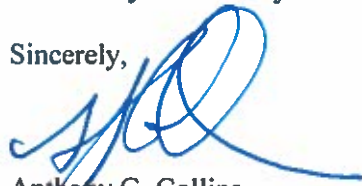
On behalf of Clarkson University, I am pleased to submit our second full sustainability assessment through the AASHE STARS methodology. The collection and analysis of the data included in this assessment was a team effort including offices across campus with our Institute for a Sustainable Environment taking the lead in compiling and presenting the final report. I attest to the accuracy of this report.

A review of our STARS report clearly indicates that sustainability is among the highest of priorities on our campus. We have a long history of providing classes, projects and degree programs that are directly related to the environment and sustainability and include the “environment and energy” among our five research focus areas. More recently, we have made a concerted effort to improve the culture of sustainability on campus through student engagement and our operations.

We are proud of the progress we have made and the (provisional) STARS Gold Rating that we have earned. The STARS tool has been instrumental in highlighting our strengths and challenges, thereby providing a basis for our Sustainability Strategic Plan that is now being woven throughout all components of our University Strategic Plan. As a result of the Silver score we earned in 2012, we were able to identify several specific areas for improvement. Based on that analysis, we signed the ACUPCC (including the new Second Nature Climate Commitment); invested some of our endowment in a Socially Responsible Investment fund; installed 2 MW solar PV on campus, and have implemented several energy efficiency projects. As we start to see the increased return on these investments, we look forward to continue to increase our STARS score through additional strategically targeted projects.

We will continue to use our campus as a showcase of a sustainable future for the education of our students and community and thank you for the role that our STARS assessment plays in our sustainability planning process.

Sincerely,



Anthony G. Collins
President