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AASHE STARS Review Team
Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education
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Dear Review Team:

On behalf of Clarkson University, I am pleased to submit our third 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. The fact that I have incorporated sustainability metrics into my annual Presidential goals is a testament to this commitment. Current goals include achieving greenhouse reductions as projected by our Climate Action Plan and maintaining our STARS Gold rating. We also have a long history of providing classes, projects and degree programs that are directly related to the environment and sustainability and include the "Health World Solutions" among our four research focus areas.

We are also making 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 weaving sustainability throughout all components of our current University Strategic Plan.

In the three years since our last submission, STARS and our climate action plan have informed and helped to prioritize the installation and analysis of building sub metering in two of our largest buildings. Data provided by this initiative has identified capital and maintenance projects to greatly increase energy efficiency. The Environmental Standards that are part of our standard construction practices are also instrumental in providing the basis for specifications for two on-going major renovation projects. We look forward to reaping the energy saving benefits of these types of initiatives.

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