

March 25, 2022

STARS Steering Committee
Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education
213 ½ North Limestone
Lexington, KY 40507

Dear STARS Steering Committee:

Bryant University is committed to advancing and strengthening sustainability practices on campus and among Bryant students, faculty, staff and alumni around the globe. Our commitment can be found in our academic and outreach programs, student activities and everyday life on our 430-acre residential campus in Smithfield, Rhode Island. Sustainability is an essential element of our 2030 Strategic Plan, and we are committed to advancing and strengthening sustainability on campus and beyond.

Our Sustainability Committee has actively taken the lead in promoting awareness and activities on campus. In tandem with our student run clubs and the Student Senate, we have made significant improvements to campus programs that encourage and raise awareness in driving innovation for sustainable practices.

A significant investment was made in solar power during this reporting period. Bryant joined other Rhode Island universities in a joint venture with an investment in three solar farms located in the state. We have reduced our carbon footprint with off-setting renewable energy credits through the utility company.

The academic programming at Bryant continues to provide educational opportunities with an eye towards environmental and economic sustainability into the future. Sustainability theories and practices are interwoven throughout our coursework, residential life and administrative efforts on campus. Our community promotes sustainability to educate and inspire students to discover their passion and become innovative leaders with character around the world.

The STARS Reporting Tool provides Bryant University with a method to capture all the effort put into our sustainability initiatives by faculty, staff and students. As President, I am confident that the data contained within the report is accurate for period of July 2019 through June 2022.

Sincerely,

Dr. Ross Gittell President Bryant University