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PRESIDENT

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Mr. Paul Rowland and the STARS Steering Committee
The Association for the Advancement for Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE)
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Dear Members of the STARS Steering Committee:

For decades, Bryant has been a quiet leader in energy efficiency, issues of social equity, and environmental policies and practices. Now we are pleased to embrace STARS as a tool to acknowledge the deep commitments and strides taken by our students, faculty, and staff.

It is with great satisfaction that I endorse the accuracy of Bryant's first Sustainability Tracking and Rating and Assessment Report for official submittal to the AASHE Steering Committee. In collaboration with our consultant EcoMotion, a leader nationwide in the sustainability movement, the Bryant community has worked hard to compile the data reflecting the many areas of sustainability efforts across campus. We believe that we deserve the Bronze rating at this time.

I believe that our Campus has made a good start in improving our energy and environmental performance. I also feel that we have the potential to make even more improvements in the future. I intend to encourage the growing interest in sustainability consciousness on campus - from students, administrators, faculty, facilities employees, and alumni. We will take advantage of the impetus provided by our adoption of the STARS rating process. We see it as a timely and important step on Bryant's path toward sustainability. We thank you for providing this structure to advance our work.

Bryant University is proud to publish our sustainability track record as a symbol of the University's long standing commitment to environmental stewardship and energy efficiency. We look forward to future submittals that will help us improve our STARS score and to sustain our campus for generations to come.

Sincerely,

Ronald K. Machtley
President