

# STETSON UNIVERSITY

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Dear STARS Steering Committee:

Stetson University community is pleased to submit our STARS report for 2023.

I am extraordinarily proud that in 2007 Stetson President H. Douglas Lee was a signatory and charter member of the American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment. President Wendy Libby re-affirmed our commitment in 2014 and pledged to be carbon neutral by 2050. As Stetson University's tenth president, I feel confident we will achieve that goal.

It is my honor to highlight some of the important milestones in our sustainability efforts which you will find in our STARS report.

A few points of distinction:

- The Institute for Water and Environmental Resilience at our new Sandra Stetson Aquatic Center is leading the region, and indeed our country, in innovative approaches to complex water and environmental issues.
- We are very proud of the restorative and experiential education being facilitated through our Gillespie Museum and Volusia Sandhill Teaching Landscape.
- And our Environmental Fellows Program remains a crown jewel in our sustainability efforts. Four incredibly bright and highly motivated students lead our environmental working group on campus which includes our CFO, other members of the President's Cabinet, faculty members, facilities leadership, members of our community, and representatives from our Student Government Association and other student groups. These students also manage our Revolving Green Fund and work with their faculty mentor in conducting the greenhouse gas audit for our university. Their impact on our community is significant, and we are grateful for their leadership!

As a university president, I am deeply grateful for the leadership, vision, and guidance of the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education. And as a human, I am grateful for AASHE's steadfast commitment to protecting our precious environment and galvanizing educational leaders around the world. Thank you!

Sincerely,



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