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Paul Rowland, Executive Director
Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education
1536 Wynkoop Street, Suite 100
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Dear Dr. Rowland,

Sustainability is a key element of Dominican University of California's mission, and we believe that in order to best educate future generations of students, we must lead by example.

Our commitment was locally acknowledged in 2007, when Dominican received the "Joseph Garbarino Environmental Leadership Award" from the San Rafael Chamber of Commerce, and it is reflected in each one of the four main categories used in the "Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System" framework. I am pleased to affirm that the information being submitted provides an accurate baseline of our efforts.

In the category "Education and Research," Dominican received recognition for offering over 200 sustainability-focused and related courses, having a graduate program in sustainability, a student green club, a sustainable living and learning community, an organic garden for students, a sustainability-themed first-year experience program, among others. In the category "Operations," our native plant landscaping, composting efforts, integrative pest management, reduction in water use, green purchasing practices, waste reduction, and many others were also recognized. In the category "Planning, Administration and Engagement," we received points for our sustainability coordination and strategic planning, for diversity and equity coordination, employee satisfaction evaluation and wellness program, for community sustainability partnerships and service, as well as several others. Finally, in "Innovations," we were able to highlight Dominican's Venture Greenhouse as a groundbreaking initiative to boost the development of new green businesses.

These achievements would not have been possible without the consistent, strong, and broad support to sustainability that our students, faculty, and staff have. We intend to continue to deepen our efforts in the future and achieve the highest ratings possible in future assessments.

Sincerely,

Mary B. Marcy
President