

SUNY ONEONTA

Office of the President

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Ms. Meghan Fay Zahniser
Executive Director
AASHE
2401 Walnut Street, Suite 102
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Dear Ms. Zahniser:

I am pleased to submit SUNY Oneonta's second Sustainability Tracking Assessment and Rating System report. The information in the report demonstrates the College's commitment to sustainability within our curriculum, operations, research and engagement. We welcome the opportunity to formally assess our efforts through STARS and to use it as a benchmarking tool to help us continually improve.

The College places a high priority on sustainability. Since our last STARS submission in 2013, notable accomplishments include the LEED gold certification of our updated Physical Science building, the installation of LED lighting fixtures and an electric vehicle charging station. "Sustainable Susquehanna," our annual sustainability faculty development program, has reached over forty faculty members from nineteen departments to facilitate the integration of sustainability into a new or existing course. In addition, the College has implemented a sustainability course designation program, a new environmental sustainability major, and a Sustainability Living and Learning Community, which integrates sustainability coursework and experiential learning into a freshman residential community. Our food service has embraced waste reduction, water savings measures, and re-use of food byproducts through composting and biodiesel creation. I am particularly proud of the creative ways our students have found to infuse sustainable principles into the campus ethos. Many of our innovations are the direct result of student suggestions.

Thank you for providing the College with a tool to measure our current sustainability efforts and for a forum to connect with other colleagues within the higher education community who share our commitment to environmental, economic, and social sustainability.

Sincerely,



Nancy Kleniewski
President