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STARS Steering Committee
Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education
213 ½ North Limestone
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Dear STARS Steering Committee:

As Vice President for Finance & Administration of Lehigh University, I proudly submit Lehigh's first Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System report. I believe our bronze score accurately reflects the sustainability efforts and values of Lehigh University.

Lehigh is committed to integrating sustainability throughout the university. Over the past few decades we have created policies and programs that integrate concepts of sustainability into the educational experience, as well as into operations, workplace and campus culture. These efforts are intended to build a more environmentally and socially-minded campus climate that also serves to support the broader community in which we live.

In 2007, Lehigh University created a Climate Commitment and in 2012 we adopted our first campus sustainability plan. In this plan, we represented the breadth and depth of our sustainability commitments by identifying goals in nine areas of focus: Food & Dining, Academics & Educational Experience, Energy & Climate, Built Environment & Land Use, Transportation, Purchasing, Waste, Water and Community Building & Social Equity. As we reach our 3-year short-term timeframe for implementation and begin updating the plan, we look forward to using this assessment as a guide to inform our next set of strategic goals.

As you review our report, I am confident you will find the data reflects our commitment to and progress in institutionalizing sustainability. We embrace our obligation to help create a sustainable campus that merges environmentally responsible solutions with just and equitable community practices.

Sincerely,

Patricia a. Johnson
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