



## Purchase College

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Dear STARS Administrators,

I am pleased to submit our second Sustainability Tracking, Assessment, and Rating System report on behalf of Purchase College, State University of New York.

System-wide sustainability remains important to our college. Purchase has implemented sustainability goals since becoming an American College and University President's Climate Commitment signatory in 2007. In 2020, Purchase College became a signatory of the United Nations' University Global Coalition and included the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) into its 2021-2027 strategic plan learning outcomes. The SDGs provide a framework for advancing inclusive campus sustainability, focusing on social and economic justice as well as environmental wellbeing.

As a state institution, we are working toward the goals set by Executive Order 22 (EO 22). Many of EO 22's goals are shared with STARS reporting. Our Office of Sustainability has been working diligently to engage students, faculty, and staff in sustainability-related work. We are excited for future reporting years where we can showcase our EO 22 related work while improving our STARS score. STARS is a great tool for tracking our sustainability progress and successes while providing a framework for areas of improvement.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our important sustainability work. As the Purchase College President, I can affirm that the information contained in this report has been verified to the best of our institution's ability.

Sincerely,

Dr. Milagros Peña  
President  
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