



CONNECTICUT COLLEGE

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Dear STARS Steering Committee,

I am pleased to submit to the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education our very first Sustainability Tracking, Assessment, and Rating System (STARS) report for Connecticut College.

Connecticut College has a long and distinguished history of environmental conservation and stewardship, a legacy we have recently renewed by redoubling our commitment to reducing environmental impact. Our new strategic plan, *Building on Strength*, includes a substantial set of actions focused on developing the College's adherence to environmentally responsible, economically viable, and socially just policies and practices.

We have greatly benefited from the process of completing this evaluation, which has clarified both the areas where our efforts to integrate sustainability into the campus culture have been successful and those where we need and want to do more. Most important, the evaluation has informed our own process of writing a new sustainability plan for the campus, a plan that not only sets goals for reducing greenhouse gases but also lays out a larger vision for achieving sustainability over the next ten years. The plan will be published and distributed to the campus in May.

In sum, we are grateful for the opportunity both to reflect on our achievements and to plan for a more sustainable future. I can confirm with enthusiasm that this report accurately and proudly represents our ongoing sustainability efforts at Connecticut College.

Sincerely,

Katherine Bergeron
President