

ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY

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Ms. Wendy Scott, Executive Director
Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education
1536 Wynkoop St., Suite 100
Denver, CO 80202

Dear Ms. Scott:

St. Lawrence University has made continual progress improving the sustainability of campus academics, operations and culture since the acceptance of the Environmental Resolution in May 2006. Tracking, analyzing and sharing these changes has also become part of our effort toward sustainability. As such, I am proud to share our first, complete and accurate STARS submission with you, our campus community, alumni and the public.

Sustainability has become pervasive in the St. Lawrence culture as evidenced by the similarity of points earned for our work in education and research, operations and planning, and administration and engagement. All areas of our campus operations have incorporated elements of sustainability into their work, from the native planting, composting, and integrated pest management of our grounds department to our food donation program, recycled content dinnerware, and vegan offerings in dining services.

I am particularly excited that our STARS assessment reflects the new changes in our curriculum. Students matriculating this fall will be our first required to demonstrate environmental literacy before graduation. I am also proud that this assessment showcases our continued efforts and commitment to making a liberal arts education affordable while supporting a diverse campus community.

In looking toward the future, this self-assessment has provided us a clear template that will assist us as we determine which sustainability projects to prioritize in the coming years.

Sincerely,



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