



Metropolitan Community College
PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

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Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education
1536 Wynkoop St. Suite 100
Denver, CO 80202

Dear STARS Steering Committee:

It is with great pleasure that Metropolitan Community College (MCC) submits its second Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System (STARS). This report is a reflection of MCC's continued commitment to sustainability. We recognize that it is an important, all-encompassing tool for reviewing our sustainability efforts and on-going participation is essential. We were pleased to report this year through the STARS Review Pilot to ensure consistency and accuracy.

Early on, MCC's Sustainability department realized the importance of not simply continuing the practices currently in place, but working towards improving overall sustainability performance. To do so, MCC felt a submission to AASHE STARS was critical. The first report, submitted March 2016 served as a baseline to measure the progress our institution had made, as well as looking ahead to how we could improve as we moved forward. I am happy to note that our second submission, submitted March 2018 shows an increased amount of points earned, demonstrating our ongoing efforts to increase the sustainability efforts on campus.

Sustainability is the ability to endure by meeting our needs today and ensuring our students have the resources they need for generations to come. At MCC, we are continuously working to provide the highest quality education and operate in ways that are economically sound, environmentally prudent and socially responsible. MCC is empowering today's students to be future leaders in the growing clean and green economy. MCC's approach to sustainability is three-pronged: sustainability touches our (1) classrooms, (2) campuses and (3) the community.

I affirm, to the best of my knowledge, that all of the information included in the report adequately represents our institution's sustainability efforts and involvements earning our second Bronze rating for STARS. All information was gathered and compiled by MCC's Coordinator of Sustainable Practices, Campus Planning and Sustainability Specialist, Sustainability Committee, and college wide faculty and staff.

We appreciate the opportunity to participate in the STARS program and are proud of our accomplishments and progress. We look forward to building upon these efforts in the future.

Sincerely,

Randy Schmailzl
College President