



**JOHNSON COUNTY**  
**COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
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To whom it may concern:

I affirm that the contents of Johnson County Community College's (JCCC) STARS report are accurate to the best of my knowledge.

JCCC's initial STARS Report demonstrates our commitment to integrating sustainability throughout our operations and academics. This report will serve as a baseline to measure the progress our institution has already made, as well as how we can improve as we move forward.

Our concerted sustainability efforts began in 2008 with grassroots support from individuals across the institution, led by Jay Antle who is now Executive Director of the Center for Sustainability. Then President Terry Calaway signed the American College and University President's Climate Commitment, catalyzing our efforts. Today, the Center for Sustainability has a team of four full-time employees guiding JCCC's many sustainability efforts. Our students also play a crucial role in steering our actions. The Student Sustainability Committee (SSC) allocates funds to projects and programs of their choosing from our Sustainability Initiatives Fund, which is a student-initiated \$1 per credit hour fee. This ensures we are serving students' interests in our sustainability efforts. The SSC has made numerous projects possible, including our LEED Platinum classroom building, rewarding faculty for integrating sustainability into their classes, multiple energy efficiency investments, and unique student experience and leadership programs.

As is evidenced by our STARS report, we have come a long way in only five years. But just as in everything we do at JCCC, we know we can always improve. The college is currently completing a strategic planning process to ensure that everything we do benefits students to the best of our ability. Sustainability is a key strategy and an integral value to accomplishing those goals. Our future STARS reports will reflect that focus on ensuring that our students and our organization are well prepared for a rapidly changing world.

Sincerely,

Joe Sopcich  
President