



March 18, 2016

Ms. Meghan Fay Zahniser
Executive Director
AASHE
2401 Walnut Street
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Dear Ms. Zahniser,

Since its first STARS Silver rating in 2012, Denison University has made significant strides in addressing campus sustainability. While environmental sustainability is at the core of our work, it is our recent efforts to expand into the broader aspects of sustainability that have been particularly rewarding and beneficial for the college.

Last year we completed a new strategic plan for the college that puts renewed emphasis on our sustainability efforts by focusing the college on building stronger relationships with the surrounding community and developing programs that address civic education, wellness, and diversity.

Our recently updated Campus Sustainability Plan continues to move us systematically towards our carbon neutral goal of 2030, while at the same time, laying out a pathway for expanding sustainability within the curriculum, creating more co-curricular opportunities for our students – including the development of sustainability-related internships and pushing for responsibly-sourced foods in our dining facilities.

At Denison, we provide an education that offers students the experience and tools needed to ask big questions about the kinds of lives they want to lead, and the knowledge, skills, values and networks to fulfill their ambitions. Our campus sustainability efforts contribute to the interdisciplinary goals of a liberal arts education, by providing increased opportunities for scholarship, personal growth, action and reflection.

Denison is pleased to submit its second official STARS report. I believe that it is an accurate barometer of Denison's current sustainability initiatives and reflects our commitment to sustainability. It also serves as a valuable reminder of the work that lies ahead of us and the opportunities for increased engagement as we begin to address both our Strategic Plan and Campus Sustainability Plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Adam S. Weinberg".

Adam S. Weinberg
President
Denison University