



**Ringling College  
of Art + Design**

Office of the President

January 10, 2014

The Association for the Advancement  
of Sustainability in Higher Education  
213 ½ North Limestone  
Lexington, KY 40507

Dear STARS Steering Committee:

Ringling College of Art and Design values the role of sustainability in educating future artists and designers. Our Board of Trustees has identified indicators of our mission and values which include promoting a greater awareness and a more active commitment to environmental issues in a future-oriented perspective that acknowledges individual and institutional relationship with the earth and our obligations to conserve natural resources. Ringling College strives to make sustainability integral to academic programming, student engagement, and administrative decision-making.

As we continue to make significant progress on our sustainability initiatives, completing the Sustainability Tracking Assessment and Rating System (STARS) report has provided us with important assessment data to confirm our progress. It has also served to inspire as we review other submissions. I affirm that this report is an accurate and current account of the progress we have made regarding sustainability at Ringling College of Art and Design. We are proud to be a participant in the STARS Program and look forward to continued engagement with sustainability on our campus and within our community.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Larry R. Thompson'.

Larry R. Thompson  
President