



**Ringling College
of Art + Design**

Office of the President

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The Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education
2401 Walnut Street, Suite 102
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Dear STARS Steering Committee:

On behalf of Ringling College of Art and Design, we are pleased to submit our Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System (STARS) report. This self-assessment is an accurate representation of our sustainability initiatives and achievements. In the three years since our first STARS report, we have expanded our sustainability efforts which has allowed us to advance in many ways; from moving to single stream recycling, to increasing the number of LEED certified buildings.

Ringling College values the role of sustainability in educating future artists and designers. We promote environmental issues and encourage an active commitment towards sustainability for individuals and the institution. The College strives to make sustainability integral to academic programming, student engagement, and administrative decision-making.

As we continue to make progress on our sustainability initiatives, completing the STARS report will provide us with important assessment data to confirm our progress. 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". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Larry R. Thompson
President