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Meghan Fay Zahniser, Executive Director
Association of the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education
2401 Walnut Street, Suite 102
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Dear Ms. Zahniser,

The founding principle of Endicott College is to integrate professional and liberal arts with experiential learning across disciplines. The College strives to create a challenging yet supportive and inclusive environment where students can contribute to the community and explore diverse career paths. We also have a responsibility to the environment and to our students to incorporate sustainable practices on campus that broaden their engagement and experience. In support of these efforts, we are pleased to submit our Sustainability Tracking Assessment and Rating System (STARS) report.

As a coastal campus, we must endeavor to limit our impact on local ecosystems while working to conserve natural space and biodiversity. It is our shared responsibility to foster a healthy, inclusive, and sustainable community through a College-wide effort rooted in confronting the challenges of climate change and sustainability. We continue to utilize our campus as a living lab to contribute positive social, economic, and environmental solutions that our students can take with them as they assume their own careers.

Sustainability and related themes are well represented throughout our curriculum and learning objectives. The College continues to prioritize energy conservation measures in our existing spaces and to incorporate green building practices in all new construction and renovations. The campus has over one megawatt of solar installed and continues to pilot innovative, energy efficient technologies. Initiatives through our Office of Sustainability focus not only on climate but also on health to address campus dining options, expand the use of healthier materials, and improve indoor air quality in our spaces.

Endicott strives to create and implement innovative solutions that can be replicated beyond our community. The information represented in our STARS submittal is consistent with our mission, enhances the student experience, and demonstrates important leadership within the greater community. We look forward to utilizing STARS to document our continuous improvement and as an opportunity to benchmark and collaborate with other higher education institutions.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kathleen H. Barnes
Interim President