



Office of the President

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To Whom it May Concern,

I am pleased to submit Southern New Hampshire University's (SNHU) second STARS report for publication on the AASHE STARS website. This report reflects our work of the last three years since our inaugural report, but most importantly, is our first STARS submission under the guidance of our new Office of Sustainability. That first report represented SNHU's then-nascent commitment to understanding sustainability challenges from an institutional level. Our findings provided the rationale to dedicate University structures to this crucial work.

As the largest nonprofit university in the U.S., SNHU recognizes both the opportunity for and responsibility to involve our entire community in the work of creating a more just, vibrant planet. The founding of our Office of Sustainability in 2021 allows us to direct resources and build a culture of sustainability through four major strategic goals, broadly mirroring the STARS reporting categories: operations, academics, planning & administration, and engagement. The publication of our first ever Environmental Sustainability Strategic Plan in March 2022 provides a clear roadmap forward through 2025, and the creation of our Environmental Sustainability Strategic Council offers leadership alignment and accountability to our goals.

While our sustainability journey at SNHU is just beginning, our goals are ambitious. We aim to become a recognized leader in environmental sustainability, through initiatives like our Student Eco-Rep program—which has engaged dozens of our learners across campus and online in thousands of hours of real sustainability work—and our Carbon Neutrality Plan, with aggressive targets and committed funding. STARS provides a clear, measurable framework for advancing sustainability at SNHU, and we look forward to continuing this important work with the AASHE community and beyond

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul LeBlond".

President
Southern New Hampshire University