

# SEWANEE

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH

OFFICE OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR AND PRESIDENT

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STARS Steering Committee  
Association for Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education  
2401 Walnut Street, Suite 102  
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Dear AASHE STARS Steering Committee,

I am pleased to submit the University of the South's fourth STARS report for review and publication on the AASHE STARS website. The data summarized in our submission provides an accurate reflection of the measures Sewanee has taken to make sustainability a way of life at the college. Our submission supports our status as a STARS Silver institution and will serve as a comprehensive measurement and accountability roadmap as we continue to implement sustainability across all facets of campus life and institutional practices.

Environment and Sustainability is a hallmark of the University of the South's liberal arts curriculum and undergraduate research as well as our land management. Our recent Forest Stewardship Council certification of our forests, in partnership with the Nature Conservancy, indicates that we model exemplary land management practices and our forests are utilized as a living learning laboratory incorporated in courses campus wide.

Sewanee continues to make steady progress in many aspects of our operations. Our facilities management has achieved greater than 18% energy reduction since the implementation of our 2013 Sustainability Master Plan and committed to even further energy reduction goals across campus in our most recent campus wide sustainability planning. The University has committed to the wellness of our student body with a Flourishing campaign focused on psychological well-being and social connection work to create an environment of resilience and empowerment.

I would like to thank the many members of the university community who contributed to the reporting process, particularly the Sustainability Steering Committee, led by Dr. Amy Turner and Sara McIntyre of the Office of Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability for compiling and analyzing the data. Data inquiries should be addressed to Ms. McIntyre at 931-598-1559 or [srmcinty@sewanee.edu](mailto:srmcinty@sewanee.edu).

Sincerely,



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