

# SEWANEE

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH

OFFICE OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR AND PRESIDENT

June 19, 2013

STARS Steering Committee  
Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education  
213-1/2 North Limestone  
Lexington, KY 40507

Dear AASHE STARS Steering Committee:

I am pleased to submit our first official STARS report for Sewanee: The University of the South and confirm that it is an accurate reflection of the measures Sewanee has taken to make sustainability a way of life at the college. Our submission supports our rating as a STARS silver institution and will serve as a comprehensive measurement and accountability roadmap as we move forward in implementing the Sustainability Master Plan (SMP) we have recently completed – a comprehensive, long term plan comprising over 200 goals, heavily informed by the STARS resource.

Sewanee has made great strides in sustainability over the last decade, and we have significantly ramped up our commitment over the last two years. Our strategic plan calls for us to be a national leader in sustainability, and I am fully committed to this goal. Our SMP aims at reaching carbon neutrality and an even higher STARS rating within the next several years.

We appreciate the benefits we have received from AASHE and STARS.

Sincerely,



John M. McCardell, Jr.  
Vice-Chancellor and President