



September 25, 2014

Stephanie A. Herrera  
Executive Director  
Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education  
1535 Wynkoop Street, Suite 100  
Denver, Colorado 80202

Dear Ms. Herrera,

I am pleased to submit to AASHE Saint Joseph's College's recently completed Sustainability Tracking and Rating System (STARS) report. The report represents a collaborative effort of our College community, headed by our Sustainability Steering Committee (SSC), and the process has served to enhance awareness of and commitment to sustainability practices on our campus. This effort stems from my signing of the American College & University Presidents' Climate Commitment and the Saint Francis Pledge of the Catholic Climate Covenant in 2012. Since then, the SSC and a number of other groups on campus have actively embraced this effort and have been driving forces for improvement throughout our campus community.

Developing awareness and skills to move society forward to address the global climate crisis is the moral obligation of higher education. Building and modeling sustainability practices on the Saint Joseph's College campus will cultivate an ethic of sustainability among our graduates and broader campus community. STARS has been a valuable tool in enabling us to assess our progress on this front and to plan our future efforts.

With the submission of this report, I affirm that the STARS document is an accurate account of Saint Joseph's College's sustainability efforts. We are proud to participate in the STARS program, and look forward to continuing our collaboration with AASHE in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James', written in a cursive style.

Dr. James S. Dlugos

President