



Office of the President

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STARS Steering Committee
Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education
213 ½ North Limestone
Lexington, KY 40507

Members of the STARS Steering Committee,

It is my pleasure to submit our inaugural **STARS Report** for your review and confirmation. Building on the considerable effort of Saint Mary's College Sustainability Committee and many contributing faculty, staff and students, I can affirm that the information contained in this report is an accurate reflection of our efforts and accomplishments within the area of sustainability. While there is more work to be done, we are proud to have completed this effort and understand how our efforts align with peer institutions.

This report represents a significant milestone in our journey to sustainability, which began in 2006 when our Academic Senate and Staff Council passed resolutions calling on my predecessor to adopt sustainability principles for the College. Since that time, many efforts from many members of our community have coalesced to increase environmental awareness and improve stewardship of our campus resources.

As a Lasallian institution of higher education, we also see sustainability as deeply connected to our mission, which encourages our faculty, staff, and students to actively engage in improving the human condition across many facets. While we are proud of our accomplishments in resource sustainability, the success resulting from our unique programs that address sustainability in the lives of the worldwide community is of particular significance for our college.

We thank AASHE and their partners for creating STARS, and providing a transparent process that allows us to learn from others. The STARS reporting tool has provided us a valuable way to evaluate and benchmark our efforts to date, while prioritizing future efforts for continued improvement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James A. Donahue".

James A. Donahue
President