

March 08, 2021

Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education
2401 Walnut Street
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Philadelphia, PA 19103

RE: Lewis University STARS 2.1 Report Submission

To whom it may concern:

On behalf of Lewis University, I am pleased to endorse the successful completion of the 2020 AASHE STARS assessment. Lewis University remains committed to continued excellence in sustainability-related initiatives which encourage strategic and innovative in ways to reduce environmental impact while providing learning opportunities for our students.

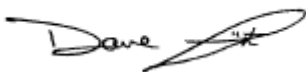
Lewis University prioritizes sustainability as a core foundational principle within its Lasallian mission as it advocates for social justice, demonstrates environmental stewardship, and serves as a leader in sustainable practices on a local, regional and national level. The university takes great pride in the work of its faculty, staff and students which demonstrates the passion in their work and, through their forward thinking, has put Lewis on the forefront of addressing sustainability challenges head on.

Lewis University is positioned to make a positive impact on our communities. This past year alone the university has shown its resiliency as a community and has demonstrated what it means to be a Lasallian institution through its virtual engagement initiatives which have educated over 800 people in topics ranging from advocating for social justice to environmental stewardship. The university has also taken additional measures to reduce its utility consumption, increase waste diversion rates and increase energy efficiency.

As evidence of the university's continued commitment to sustainability and alternative technology, I am proud to announce that the 1.2-megawatt solar array will be fully operational this year. This system will reduce the overall energy consumption of the university while also enhancing academic programs through curriculum development.

Lewis University is grateful to have a sustainability database platform where it can collaborate, share, benchmark and strive for further advancement of sustainability practices.

Sincerely,



Dr. David Livingston
President