



Office of the President

February 15, 2023

Meghan Fay Zahniser
Executive Director
Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education
2401 Walnut Street, Suite 102
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Dear Ms. Zahniser:

I am pleased to present the updated Sustainability Tracking Assessment and Rating System report from the State University of New York at New Paltz, and to endorse this endeavor on behalf of the entire campus community. I have reviewed these materials developed by our office of Campus Sustainability and student Sustainability Ambassadors, who are leading this effort. The STARS initiative provides an excellent set of metrics and benchmarks to help us assess current strengths and identify priority opportunities to continue our sustainability work.

These efforts align with other work in curriculum and student-life programming; collaboration with sustainability interests in the local community; partnerships with stage agencies and utilities to improve our performance on issues including renewable energy, facility improvements, recycling, composting food waste, and water quality and conservation; and managing our Foundation's investments.

We appreciate and value the further support and direction that the STARS program provides for our work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Darrell P. Wheeler".

Darrell P. Wheeler
President

cc: Michele Halstead, Vice President for Administration and Finance
Gail Beltrone, Assistant Vice President for Facilities and Operations
Lisa Mitten, Sustainability Coordinator