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Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education STARS Steering Committee 2401 Walnut Street Suite 102 Philadelphia, PA 19103

Members of the STARS Steering Committee:

On behalf of Pitzer College, I present our STARS report, for which we have previously received a Gold rating. I confirm that all of the information provided herein is accurate and representative of our campus sustainability initiatives. Pitzer is pleased to be a part of the global community of STARS institutions and looks forward to continual improvement toward sustainability.

Founded in 1963 as the sixth institution of The Claremont Colleges, Pitzer began as a residential liberal arts campus for women with a curricular emphasis in the social and behavioral sciences, Today, Pitzer enrolls approximately 1,000 students in more than 40 fields of co-educational study leading to the bachelor of arts degree. In keeping with its distinctive heritage, Pitzer remains dedicated to individual growth while building community. Students are expected to engage in community service learning, and the campus is now a leader in sustainability, intercultural understanding and global study and inquiry. Sensitivity for and preservation of the environment is a key value of Pitzer College and students shape their daily activities, programming and studies to ensure they leave the environment and the world stronger than how they found it.

By participating in STARS, Pitzer continues to further its commitment to sustainability. This commitment has been previously demonstrated through a few milestone achievements: the founding of the Robert Redford Conservancy for Southern California Sustainability (2012), occupied 2018; being a chapter signatory to the ACUPCC, constructing LEED mixed-use buildings, and adopting environmental sustainability as a core value of Pitzer College.

In addition, the College:

- Adopted a Fossil Fuel Divestment Climate Action Model, which:
 - Divests virtually all College endowment investments in fossil fuel stocks
 - Develops an environmental, social and governance policy to guide endowment investment decisions
 - Creates the Pitzer Sustainability Fund within the endowment to make environmentally responsible investments
- Targets Carbon Neutrality by 2050
- Removed about 20% of the turf areas on-campus to reduce water consumption
- Hired a projects based Assistant Director of Sustainability
- Incorporated a presentation on sustainability into new student orientation

- Achieved LEED certification for the Pitzer, Atherton, & Sanborn (2007, Gold), and East & West (2012, Platinum) residence halls
- Achieved LEED Platinum certification (2018) and Zero-net energy (ZNE) (2019) from ILFI for the Robert Redford Conservancy (the 1st ZNE higher education building in California and 4th in the world)
- Installed 9 electric vehicle charging stations (2018 2019)
- Became the first higher education institution on the west coast to install a full gym of energy generating cardio equipment (2020)

Pitzer is proud to have earned a Gold rating with STARS, and we look forward to utilizing this report as a roadmap to advance sustainability on campus and in the community.

Sincerely,

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