

# LAFAYETTE COLLEGE

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To Whom it May Concern:

Lafayette College is an academically rigorous liberal arts college located in Easton, Pennsylvania. We are home to over 2,700 undergraduate students with diverse perspectives and backgrounds who come to Lafayette to study in 39 different majors and programs. Sustainability is one of Lafayette's top priorities, as demonstrated by our Climate Action Plan 2.0 that commits the college to achieve carbon neutrality by 2035. We also firmly integrate principles of environmental justice, zero waste and circularity, regenerative ecosystems and sustainable food loops into our everyday operations and community partnership priorities. Many of our students, faculty, and administrators are dedicated to sustainability in education and practice on our campus.

This is our third STARS report which reflects continued improvement of our sustainability performance across academics and research, campus and community engagement, operations and administrative practices. Our first STARS report was conducted in 2016, led by a student engineering course and we completed our second in 2020. We approached our third assessment with two goals: first, to understand and contextualize our progress since our last report and second, to identify key opportunities for continued growth and improvement.

This year's performance measurement process was led by the Office of Sustainability with contributions from over 20 departments and the academic community. The comprehensive approach to sustainability assessment and planning is emblematic of Lafayette. We seek to demonstrate leadership by creating a more just and verdant world through collaboration, analysis, and introspection involving a range of administrative offices, academic programs, and student activities. Underlying our approach is our commitment to reflecting our diverse experiences, fostering inclusive solutions, and advancing environmental stewardship. I affirm that to the best of my knowledge all of the information in the submission is accurate. I am proud of Lafayette's contributions to date and am excited about the progress we will make in the years to come.

Sincerely,



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