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Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education

2401 Walnut Street, Suite 102
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**Office of
the President
& Board of
Governors**

Dear STARS Steering Committee members,

**Re: St. Lawrence College February 2019 STARS Report Submission
Executive Letter of Support**

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St. Lawrence College has been a long-time proponent of sustainability. It is my pleasure to provide this letter of support for St. Lawrence's baseline submission to the AASHE Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System (STARS).

Since its inception over 50 years ago, St Lawrence College has been a vital part of communities in Eastern Ontario. With campuses in Brockville, Cornwall and Kingston, our college provides a variety of post-secondary programs and services to support the success of our students while contributing to the economic, environmental and social well-being of our communities.

Our College serves a diverse population of approximately 14,000 full-time and part-time students from across Canada and represents over 40 countries worldwide. St. Lawrence College also has 12 international offices. The college offers over 100 full-time programs and offers degree programs in Nursing, Business and Behavioral Psychology.

The College is currently working on its new five-year Strategic Plan and complementary Sustainability Plan with our College community. The College identifies sustainability as the optimization and the integration of the lenses of economics, environment and social/culture. As a College, we are committed to be accountable for our decisions and actions to ensure our long-term viability, reduce our environmental impact and foster a healthy and dynamic college (Sustainability Directive identified in the 2014-2019 Strategic Plan). Sustainability is part of the College's DNA – and we strive to have it reflected in the decisions we make and all we do.



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The College is proud of its many sustainability achievements. Select highlights include:

- 80,000 ft² targeted LEED Gold Student Life and Innovation Centre Construction
- Targeted LEED Certified historically designated Behavioural Sciences Centre
- New Energy House under construction - to promote energy efficient hands on training
- New Low Building Carbon program modules in development
- 1,600 panels of roof-top solar PV
- Ground mounted solar PV system (Kingston)
- 2018 Largest GHG Emission Reduction Award (Kingston)
- 2016 Kingston Chamber of Commerce Sustainability Business Achievement Award
- 2018 Canada's Largest GHG Emission Reduction from Campus Commuter Challenge
- EV charging stations on each campus
- Solar e-bike charging station (Kingston)
- Tri-campus carpool program
- 2018 – Identified as one of Canada's top 50 research colleges.
- The first Ontario College to offer Energy Systems Engineering Technology
- Home to the Sustainable Energy Research Centre
- Surplus fiscal position
- Employee engagement outreach survey
- Signatory to Truth and Reconciliation Initiative

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The STARS report reflects on many more of the college's sustainability progress. This submission demonstrates the commitment that St. Lawrence College has towards its advancement along the sustainability continuum. The College is proud of its progress and are grateful for the work done by AASHE and STARS to provide an internationally recognized rating system for higher education sustainability.

Sincerely,

Glenn Vollebregt
President and CEO
St. Lawrence College