



Learning with Purpose

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Dear AASHE STARS Steering Committee,

On behalf of the entire University of Massachusetts Lowell (UMass Lowell) community, we are extremely proud to present our third Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System (STARS) submission.

We believe this latest **Gold** rating to be reflective of the enormous change that has taken place at UMass Lowell over the last ten years. Our record growth in enrollment, along with that of the physical campus, has been steadily guided by a clear and collaborative focus on sustainability as embedded in our 2020 Strategic Plan.

UMass Lowell's unique urban setting in the City of Lowell, the birthplace of the American Industrial Revolution, is paramount to our understanding of sustainability. We believe in hands-on, experiential approaches to teaching, research, and practice that provide our community with the tools to learn, live, and lead when it comes to sustainability.

Hard-working and engaged students now learn about sustainability and climate change inside and outside of the classroom at UMass Lowell. Industry leading sustainability and clean energy research is to the forefront of our interdisciplinary research and engagement centers. In addition, day-to-day campus operations are continually refined to ensure sustainability is to the forefront of everything we do.

We view this submission as the most comprehensive and complete assessment of sustainability we have undertaken to date. The breadth of coverage of data and departments represents the commitment to sustainability across all divisions of our university. In addition, UMass Lowell engaged Woodard and Curran, Inc. to complete an unbiased and comprehensive pre-submission review of our data to ensure compliance and adherence to the goals and intent of the AASHE STARS program.

As with our previous submissions, UMass Lowell will use the shortcomings in this assessment to drive our sustainability action plans over the coming years. We commit to continued investment in sustainability at UMass Lowell and look forward to continually advancing our sustainability efforts.

Sincerely,

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