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The Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education
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Re: DePauw University 2014 STARS Submission

The mission of DePauw's Sustainability Initiative is to create and sustain a nationally recognized living and learning university community that incorporates our foundational sustainability principles into all facets of campus life. Our Sustainability Master Plan, which incorporates our Climate Action Plan, acts as a broad, integrative structure for our campus. To effect our sustainability goals, we welcome participation and leadership from all University stakeholder groups – administration, trustees, alumni, faculty, staff, students, and the surrounding community – as we move to a more sustainable future.

The completion of this STARS update recognizes the continued work of DePauw University to become more sustainable as it challenges us to continuously improve in the future. We are appreciative of all those throughout the University who provided our data. This STARS update was led by our Assistant Sustainability Director, Anthony Baratta (DePauw 2009), whose persistence, dedication, and understanding of the many elements of sustainability has led to a thorough and accurate evaluation of our current STARS status. Based upon the data we are submitting, we are pleased that our STARS rating has improved from a Bronze to a Silver rating.

This completion of this STARS evaluation, in tandem with our greenhouse gas survey, which is also being updated, provides DePauw with a solid basis for understanding our current sustainability status, and an understanding of where we can improve. These tools are very important in our ongoing efforts to create a more sustainable DePauw and to prepare our students to take their place in the global effort to create a more sustainable world.

Most sincerely,

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