



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

February 22, 2023

RE: Florida State University's 2023 STARS Submission

Dear AASHE STARS Steering Committee:

On behalf of Florida State University, I am pleased to affirm our fourth STARS submission, for which FSU continues to achieve excellence in sustainability. I would like to thank all the campus collaborators who participated in collecting the extensive data needed to support this effort. To the best of my knowledge, the information in our submission accurately reflects FSU's sustainability accomplishments.

Since our last submission, Florida State University has made great gains towards our Strategic Plan goals of “incorporating sustainability practices that reduce our overall footprint and build a university-wide culture of environmental care:”

- In partnership with the City of Tallahassee, our local government and utility provider, we have increased our participation in their solar program to provide clean, renewable energy to campus.
- Upon arriving at Florida State, I worked with the Faculty Senate Sustainability Committee to establish a \$1Million grant program to foster interdisciplinary research opportunities to address sustainability and climate change issues.
- Overall, we have enhanced existing programming and added new initiatives that continue to build upon our leadership relative to preparing students to take on the challenges of the 21st century.

Florida State University continues to work diligently to play a role through scholarship, research, innovation, and community engagement. We appreciate the opportunity to participate in the STARS program as it enables FSU to benchmark performance and measure progress over time, celebrate our successes, and map out our future. This report reflects our continued commitment to sustainability and Florida State University will continue to strive toward excellence.

Sincerely,

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President