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Dear AASHE STARS,

I am writing to submit Fort Lewis College's STARS report and confirm that the information in this report has been checked for accuracy. Fort Lewis College is a college like no other—from its students, to their studies, from its campus to its place in the Southwest. Roughly 3,230 undergraduate students and 80 graduate students make up our student body, and just over half are students of color. About 1/3 of students are the first in their family to go college. 41% of students are Native American or Alaska Native, representing 177 Tribes and Native Alaskan villages.

The College is dedicated to an integrated approach for sustainability that incorporates diversity and affordability, climate action, food access and sustainability, and strategic planning for water conservation. On-campus events begin with a land acknowledgement honoring Indigenous land rights. We see this as part of our sustainability work since relationship to land is fundamental to an institution's work towards sustainability. In further work on diversity and affordability over the past year, the College launched a Tuition Promise, covering tuition for any admitted Colorado resident whose family income is \$60,000 or less.

We also continue to make tremendous progress towards ongoing sustainability goals. Over the past year, we've advanced our Carbon Commitment and continue to be well beyond our target interim milestones. Advances in the Carbon Commitment have come from electricity reduction and waste reduction. This year, we are installing EV charging stations and investing further in our compost program. We continue to work towards food goals on campus. We have a very active food pantry, on-campus gardens and orchards, and participate in the Real Food Challenge. A new initiative this year is to engage in strategic planning for water conservation. With students as collaborators, faculty and staff are conducting research on water usage, perceptions of water, and opportunities for interventions.

We are proud to be an example of what a small public college can do for sustainability.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tom Stritikus".

Tom Stritikus
President, Fort Lewis College