



# AMERICAN UNIVERSITY

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PRESIDENT

The Association for the Advancement of  
Sustainability in Higher Education  
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RE: American University 2024 STARS 3.0 Submission

To Whom it May Concern:

At American University, we are proud of our longstanding commitment to sustainability, which is visible across campus. All 84 acres of AU's Washington D.C. campus make up our picturesque Arboretum and Gardens, a verdant reminder that we must teach the next generation of advocates how to best protect our planet and all those who call it home. AU's values of public service, experiential learning, and inclusive excellence translate to a culture of active engagement on campus and beyond.

AU's long history of leadership in sustainability includes becoming the first university in the U.S. to achieve carbon neutrality, divesting from fossil fuels in 2020, partnering to build what was the largest installation of a renewable energy source by a non-utility company, leading in green roof installation in Washington, D.C., creating the green teaching recognition program, and committing to LEED construction and energy efficiency. We are committed to continuing to lead through our actions on campus and in our community.

We appreciate the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education's continued efforts to advance sustainability in higher education. STARS is a valuable tool that allows our university to benchmark and measure progress as we move forward. AU began using STARS as a Charter Participant in 2011, and today, I am pleased to affirm the accuracy of AU's seventh STARS report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jonathan R. Alger".

Jonathan R. Alger

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