

## **ACCREDITING COMMISSION for COMMUNITY and JUNIOR COLLEGES**

Western Association of Schools and Colleges

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February 3, 2017

Dr. J. Laurel Jones Superintendent/President Cabrillo College 6500 Soquel Drive Aptos, CA 95003

Dear President Jones:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting January 11-13, 2017, reviewed the Midterm Report and the evidentiary materials submitted by Cabrillo College. College leadership, including the chair of the governing board and the college president, certified the Report. The purpose of the Commission's review was to determine whether the College continues to meet Eligibility Requirements, Accreditation Standards, and Commission policies (hereafter called Standards). The Commission also examined the College's implementation of its own plans for improvement that were identified in the 2013 Self-Evaluation Report.

After considering the material noted above, the Commission finds that the College has sustained the work accomplished since the last comprehensive evaluation and has maintained compliance with Accreditation Standards. The Commission also finds that the College continues to meet the Standards identified in the 2013 External Evaluation Team Report (Team Report) and linked to College Recommendations 1 through 4 written to increase institutional effectiveness.

The College's next comprehensive review will occur in **fall 2019**. The Commission encourages Cabrillo College to focus its attention on improving student learning and student achievement as it continues its work to assure and improve quality.

The Commission requires the College give the Midterm Report and this letter appropriate dissemination to College staff and to those who were signatories to the Midterm Report, and to make these documents available to all campus constituencies and to the public by posting them to the College website. Please note that in response to public interest in accreditation, the Commission requires institutions to post accreditation information on a page no more than one click from the institution's home page.

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On behalf of the Commission, I wish to express appreciation for the work that Cabrillo College undertook to prepare the Midterm Report. Thank you for sharing the values and the work of accreditation to ensure educational quality and to support student success. Accreditation and peer review are most effective when the College and the ACCJC work together to focus on student outcomes and continuous quality improvement in higher education.

If you should have any questions concerning this letter or the Commission action, please don't hesitate to contact me or one of the ACCJC Vice Presidents. We would be glad to help you.

Sincerely, ....

Richard Winn Ed.D. Interim President

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