

January 27, 2020

Dr. Jannett Jackson, Interim President  
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Dear Dr. Jackson:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting January 15-17, 2020, reviewed the Institutional Self Evaluation Report (ISER) and evidentiary materials submitted by Skyline College. The Commission also considered the Peer Review Team Report (Team Report) prepared by the peer review team that conducted its onsite visit to the College September 30 – October 3, 2019.

The purpose of this review was to determine whether the College continues to meet ACCJC's Eligibility Requirements, Commission Policies, and Accreditation Standards (hereinafter, the Standards). Upon consideration of the written information noted above, the Commission acted to **Reaffirm Accreditation for seven years.**

#### Commendations

The Commission recognizes the exemplary performance of Skyline College in the following areas. Commendations signify practices for which the Commission believes the institution has exceeded standards.

**College Commendation 1:** The Commission commends Skyline College for demonstrating a campus-wide commitment to equity as evidenced by the creation of the Equity Training Series, the Equity Institute, the Equity Summit, and its engagement in the Skyline College Comprehensive Redesign project. (I.B.1, II.A.7, III.A.14)

**College Commendation 2:** The Commission commends Skyline College leaders for their support of innovation leading to institutional excellence in equity. (IV.A.1)

**District Commendation 1:** The Commission commends the district for its significant resource support for student success initiatives through its Innovation Fund Program. (II.C.5, III.D.1)

**District Commendation 2:** The Commission commends the district for the initiation and implementation of the Promise Scholars Program, creating a broad and sustainable program to increase student access and completion. (II.C.3, III.D.1)

**District Commendation 3:** The Commission commends the district for its support and implementation of the City University of New York (CUNY) ASAP replication program. This approach provides a progressive approach in system wide support for students and invests significant resources in student success and equity. (II.C.3).

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Compliance Requirements

None

Recommendations for Improving Institutional Effectiveness

None

Next Steps

The Team Report provides details of the peer review team's findings. The guidance and recommendations contained in the Report represent the best advice of the peer review team at the time of the visit but may not describe all that is necessary for the college to improve. A final copy of the Team Report is attached.

The Commission requires that you disseminate the ISER, the Team Report, and this letter to those who were signatories of the ISER and that you make these documents available to all campus constituencies and the public by placing copies on the College website. Please note that, in response to public interest in accreditation, the Commission requires institutions to post current accreditation information on a Web page no more than one click from the institution's home page. In keeping with ACCJC policy, the Commission action will also be posted on the ACCJC website within 30 days of the date of the Commission's action.

The next report from the College will be the Midterm Report<sup>1</sup> due on October 15, 2023. The institution's next comprehensive review will occur in the fall term of 2026.

On behalf of the Commission, I wish to express appreciation for the diligent work and thoughtful reflection that Skyline College undertook to prepare for this evaluation. These efforts confirm that peer review can well serve the multiple constituencies of higher education by both ensuring and encouraging institutional quality and effectiveness.

If you have any questions about this letter or the Commission's action, please feel free to contact me or the vice president that has been assigned as liaison to your institution.

Sincerely,



Richard Winn, Ed.D.  
President

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cc: Mr. Michael Claire, Chancellor, San Mateo Community College District  
Ms. Ingrid Vargas, Accreditation Liaison Officer

Attachment

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<sup>1</sup> Institutions preparing and submitting Midterm Reports, Follow-up Reports, and Special Reports to the Commission should review *Guidelines for the Preparing Institutional Reports to the Commission*, found on the ACCJC website at <https://accjc.org/publications/>.