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November 26, 2019

Dear KC Student:

First and foremost I wish to extend to you a Happy Thanksgiving and hope you have time to relax and enjoy your break!

At Kaskaskia College, we are committed to our mission of life-long student learning and providing a quality comprehensive education. Our faculty, staff, and administration work tirelessly to ensure student success. You are our mission. Your success is our ultimate goal. Our commitment to you extends to ensuring that KC remains compliant with the Criteria for Accreditation as designated by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC), our regional accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. The institution, faculty and staff, constantly learn and grow just like our students and the accreditation process helps us identify specific areas for improvement. As a result, you may have noticed some changes in your course syllabi and in the processes the College uses to assess the success of our students at the program level.

In March 2019, the HLC conducted a regular Comprehensive Evaluation visit to examine various facets and functions of KC to determine whether we are compliant with all components of the Criteria for Accreditation. At their November 7th Board meeting, the HLC Board came to a decision regarding the findings in our recent Comprehensive Evaluation and determined that KC will remain accredited, with the designation "Accredited-On Notice" for a period of two years. To be clear, our current accreditation status remains accredited and "on Notice" for risk of non-compliance. Please note we take accreditation very seriously and have been implementing improvement processes for the past 18 months. Additional information is available by visiting the College web site at <https://www.kaskaskia.edu/accreditation/>.

As part of our improvement process, expected program outcomes will be more apparent and published in our catalog and syllabi. Additionally, there will be an emphasis on assessing student success at the program level. While these improvements may not be as apparent in your classroom, they are being undertaken as part of our commitment to providing quality programs. We also remain fully committed to meeting all of the criteria for accreditation. Kaskaskia College is accredited and has been accredited since 1964. The College remains committed to providing an outstanding education to the students of the KC district and beyond.

During this two year Notice period, the following remain unchanged:

- Kaskaskia College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission.
- There are no changes to student eligibility for transfer or financial aid.
- The high quality of education and services offered by Kaskaskia College is unchanged.
- Kaskaskia College is fully committed to making improvements in our program level assessment and strategic planning processes.

For more information regarding the impact of this determination, constituents may contact the Higher Learning Commission at:

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If you have any additional questions or concerns, please feel free to contact any of our senior leadership team listed below.

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