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June 29, 2015

Dr. Deborah DiThomas
Superintendent/President
Barstow Community College
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Dear President DiThomas:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting June 3-5, 2015, reviewed the Midterm Report submitted by Barstow Community College. The Midterm Report was certified by district and college leadership, including the chair of the governing board, the college president, the Accreditation Liaison Officer, and leaders of the faculty, staff, and student organizations.

Based on the Midterm Report and evidence submitted, the Commission finds that Barstow College has sustained the work accomplished after the last comprehensive evaluation and has maintained compliance with Standards previously identified in the comprehensive team report and linked to the team's Recommendations 1 through 13. The Midterm Report also provided details on Barstow College's implementation of its Improvement Plans in the work to address the Standards associated with these same recommendations.

Institutions are expected to meet Eligibility Requirements, Accreditation Standards, and Commission policies at all times during the six-year cycle. It is expected that the changes and improvements noted in the Midterm Report will be sustained. This will be verified at the time of the next regularly scheduled visit. The College will submit its Institutional Self Evaluation Report of Educational Quality and Institutional Effectiveness in preparation for a comprehensive review in **spring 2018**.

The Midterm Report submitted in spring 2015 will become part of the accreditation history of the College. The Commission requires that you give the Midterm Report and this letter appropriate dissemination to your College staff and to those who were signatories of your Midterm Report. This group should include the campus leadership and the Board of Trustees. The Commission also requires that these documents be made available to

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students and the public by placing a copy on the College website. *Please note that in response to public interest in disclosure, the Commission now requires institutions to post accreditation information on a page no more than one click from the institution's home page.*

On behalf of the Commission, I wish to encourage your continued work to ensure Barstow College's educational quality and to support students' success. Professional self-regulation is the responsibility of an accredited institution and the accreditor. Thank you for sharing in that responsibility.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara A. Beno".

Barbara A. Beno, Ph.D.
President

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