July 3, 2014

Dr. Debbie DiThomas  
Superintendent/President  
Barstow Community College  
2700 Barstow Road  
Barstow, CA 92311

Dear Superintendent/President DiThomas:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting June 4-6, 2014, reviewed the Follow-Up Report submitted by Barstow Community College and the report of the evaluation team that visited Tuesday, March 25- Wednesday, March 26, 2014. The Commission took action to remove Warning and reaffirm accreditation.

Barstow Community College provided evidence, and the team verified, that the College has addressed Recommendations 2 (distance education), 3 (student learning outcomes), 4 (planning), and 13 (dialogue on institutional effectiveness) as required in the Follow-Up Report. The College resolved the deficiencies, and has demonstrated that it now meets the associated Accreditation Standards (I.B, I.B.2-7, II.A.1.a-c, II.A.2.a, d, e, III.A.5.a, b, III.A.6, III.B, and III.D.3). The College also provided evidence, which the team verified, that it has satisfied the requirements of Recommendations 6 (review of board policies and procedures) and 9 (review of contracts) and meets Standards III.D.2.f, IV.A, and IV.B.

The Follow-Up Report submitted in March 2014 will become part of the accreditation history of the College. The Commission requires that you give the Report, the External Evaluation Report, and this letter appropriate dissemination to your College staff and to those who were signatories of your Follow-Up Report. This group should include the campus leadership and the Board of Trustees.

The Commission also requires that the Follow-Up Report, the External Evaluation Report, and this Commission action letter be made available to 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 farther than one click from the institution's home page.
Institutions are expected to meet Eligibility Requirements, Accreditation Standards, and Commission policies at all times during the six-year review cycle. Barstow Community College must demonstrate to the Commission at the time of the Midterm Report that the recent changes implemented to resolve deficiencies and meet Eligibility Requirements and Standards have been sustained. The Midterm Report will be due **March 15, 2015.**

On behalf of the Commission, I wish to express continuing interest in the institution’s educational programs and services. Professional self-regulation is the most effective means of assuring institutional integrity, effectiveness, and educational quality.

Sincerely,

Barbara A. Beno, Ph.D.
President

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1Institutions preparing and submitting Midterm Reports, Follow-Up Reports, and Special Reports to the Commission should review *Guidelines for the Preparation of Reports to the Commission.* It contains the background, requirements, and format for each type of report and presents sample cover pages and certification pages. It is available on the ACCJC website under College Reports to ACCJC at: [http://www.accjc.org/college-reports-accjc](http://www.accjc.org/college-reports-accjc).