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Dr. Steven L. VanderStaay
Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education, Director of
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Western Washington University
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Dear Vice Provost VanderStaay:

This is to certify that the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) is the regional institutional accrediting agency for colleges and universities in the states of Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah and Washington. The Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities is recognized as a reliable authority on regional, institutional accreditation by the United States Department of Education.

This letter serves to verify that Western Washington University, located in Bellingham, Washington, has been accredited continuously by NWCCU since receiving initial accreditation in 1921. The Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities accredits Western Washington University at the baccalaureate and master's degree levels. The Commission most recently reaffirmed the accreditation of the University in Spring 2008 on the basis of a comprehensive evaluation and visit. The University's next evaluation visit is scheduled for Spring 2014.

Western Washington University is accredited at the institutional level. The University's intensive English programs offered through its Center for International Studies and its English as a Second Language (ESL) courses offered through its teachers' programs are included in the University's accreditation.

I hope this information is helpful. Please contact me if you have questions regarding the University's accredited status with the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pamela J. Goad". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "P".

Pamela J. Goad
Vice President

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cc: Dr. Bruce Shepard, President
Dr. Sandra E. Elman, President, NWCCU