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Dr. Joan Smith
President
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Dear President Smith:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting on January 7-9, 2009, reviewed the Focused Midterm Report submitted by Columbia College. The purpose of this review was to assure that the recommendations made by the evaluation team have been resolved and that the college has addressed the self-identified plans for improvement which were included in the institutional self study.

The Commission took action to accept the Focused Midterm Report. The Focused Midterm Report will become part of the accreditation history of the college and should be used in preparing for the next comprehensive evaluation.

The Commission requires that you give the report and this letter appropriate dissemination to your college staff and to those who were signatories of your college report. This group should include the Chancellor, campus leadership, and the Board of Trustees. The Commission also requires that all reports be made available to students and the public. Placing copies in the college library can accomplish this.

Please note that the next comprehensive evaluation of Columbia College will occur in **Fall 2011**.

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 integrity, effectiveness, and quality.

Sincerely,

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cc: Dr. Roe Darnell, Chancellor, Yosemite CCD
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