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Dr. James Malatras
President
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Dear Dr. Malatras:

On behalf of the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, I am writing to inform you that on June 25, 2020, the Commission acted as follows:

To acknowledge receipt of the self-study report. To note that the institution hosted a virtual site visit in lieu of an on-site visit in accordance with United States Department of Education (USDE) guidelines published March 17, 2020. To reaffirm accreditation. To request that, beginning in 2021 and in conjunction with each Annual Institutional Update prior to the Mid-Point Peer Review in 2024, the institution provide further evidence of (1) demonstrated and documented use of assessment results to improve educational effectiveness (Standard V) and (2) the development and implementation of organized and systematic assessments that evaluate institutional effectiveness (Standard VI). To note that a verification visit is required by USDE guidelines and will be conducted within a reasonable period of time following the virtual site visit. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2027-2028.

Pursuant to the Commission's *Communication in the Accreditation Process Policy and Procedures*, this letter serves as the Commission's official notification of this action. This accreditation action will be publicly available on the Commission's website within 24 hours of informing the institution. This action will also appear on the institution's Statement of Accreditation Status (SAS). If any of the information contained within the action appears to be factually incorrect, please send an email within 60 calendar days of the action to actions@msche.org.

The following resources provide additional information that may be helpful to understanding the Commission's actions and the institution's accreditation status:

[*Accreditation Actions Policy and Procedures*](#)

[*Accreditation Review Cycle and Monitoring Policy and Procedures*](#)

[*Communication in the Accreditation Process Policy and Procedures*](#)

Public Disclosures Policy and Procedures

Standards for Accreditation and Requirements of Affiliation

Substantive Change Policy and Procedures

For questions about the Commission's actions, please contact the institution's assigned Commission staff liaison. Questions from the public about the institution's accreditation phase or accreditation status can be directed to communications@msche.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Heather F. Perfetti". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "H" and "P".

Heather F. Perfetti, J.D., Ed.D.
President