



**PALOMAR COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

DATE: JUNE 30, 2011
TO: ALL EMPLOYEES
FROM: ROBERT P. DEEGAN
SUPERINTENDENT/PRESIDENT
SUBJECT: ACCREDITATION

It is my sincere pleasure to report that the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) took action at its June 8-10 meeting to remove the warning status and reaffirm Palomar College's accreditation. The Commission recognized our collective, focused efforts to address the recommended areas of concern over the past two years, and we are now in full compliance with the accreditation standards.

I want to acknowledge the Governing Board for their leadership throughout this process, as well as thank the faculty, staff and administration for their dedication and hours of hard work. A special note of gratitude to the College's accreditation writing team, including Berta Cuaron, Accreditation Liaison Officer; Brent Gowen, Co-Chair, Faculty Senate; Tom Medel, Co-Chair Administrative Association; Michelle Barton, Institutional Research and Planning; and Glynda Knighten, Staff Assistant. I am very proud of everyone's effort on behalf of our students and the communities we serve.

While we are reaffirmed, we are also still in the middle of the six-year accreditation cycle. In March 2012, we will submit our Midterm Report. Moving into 2011-12, we must maintain our focus and momentum of continuing the great work we have completed by ensuring its on-going implementation and evaluation. We are a stronger institution as a result of our work, and our students will benefit as we remain committed to supporting their academic and career goals.

Attached are the June 30 letter from the Commission and the final Evaluation Team Report from the April 1, 2011 site visit, which will also be posted on the accreditation website. Thank you for all you have done to achieve this accreditation goal.

Bob