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Dear President Walton: *Jim*

On behalf of the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, I am pleased to report that the accreditation of Centralia College has been reaffirmed on the basis of the Fall 2010 Comprehensive Evaluation. Congratulations on receiving this recognition.

The policy of the Commission is not to grant accreditation for a definite number of years. Instead, accreditation must be reaffirmed periodically. In the case of Centralia College, the Commission requests that the institution submit an addendum to the institution's Fall 2011 Year One Self-Evaluation Report to address Recommendations 1 and 2 of the Fall 2010 Comprehensive Evaluation Report. A copy of the Recommendations is enclosed for your reference.

In reaffirming accreditation, the Commission finds that Recommendations 1 and 2 of the Fall 2010 Comprehensive Evaluation Report are areas where Centralia College is substantially in compliance with Commission criteria for accreditation, but in need of improvement.

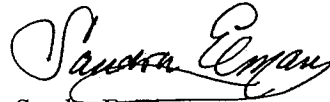
The Commission commends the College on its outreach to and positive relationship with the community as reflected in the outstanding level of support demonstrated by community members through gifts to the foundation, involvement in activities and programs, and recognition of the institution as an integral part of the community. Moreover, the Commission applauds the College for its student-centered focus toward retention and success as exemplified in the faculty-led advising model. The Commission finds laudable the College's development of an inclusive, transparent and open system of governance where students, employees, and community members have an opportunity to participate in institutional decision-making. Lastly, the Commission finds noteworthy the College's development of its physical resources through effective planning, an emphasis on future needs, and well-kept and maintained grounds and outdoor areas.

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If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes for a rewarding academic year.

Sincerely,



Sandra E. Elman
President

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Enclosure: Recommendations

cc: Mr. John Martens, Vice President, Instruction ✓
Ms. Joanne Schwartz, Board Chair
Mr. Charles Earl, Executive Director, State Board for Community and Technical Colleges

**Comprehensive Evaluation Report
Fall 2010
Centralia College
Recommendations**

1. Centralia College has invested considerable time and institutional energy in the development of an educational assessment program. However, much more work needs to be done. The committee recommends that the College consistently integrate discipline and program review into institutional assessment and planning. Further, the committee recommends that the College finish the development and implementation of its instructional outcomes assessment plan (Standard 2.B.2; Policy 2.2).

2. With the rise in e-learning and other technologies, the committee recommends that the College provide sufficient information support services to faculty, staff, and students to effectively and efficiently fulfill the College's mission and goals (Standard 5.D).