



**ACCREDITING COMMISSION for COMMUNITY and JUNIOR COLLEGES**  
*Western Association of Schools and Colleges*

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July 8, 2016

Dr. Willard Lewallen  
Superintendent/President  
Hartnell College  
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Dear President Lewallen:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting June 8-10, 2016, reviewed the Midterm Report and the evidentiary materials submitted by Hartnell College. College leadership, including the president of the governing board and the college president, certified the Report. The purpose of the Commission's review was to determine whether the College continues to meet Eligibility Requirements, Accreditation Standards, and Commission policies (hereafter called standards). The Commission also examined the College's implementation of its own plans for improvement identified in the 2013 Self Evaluation Report.

After considering all of the written material noted above, the Commission finds that the College has sustained the work accomplished since the last comprehensive evaluation. The Commission also finds that the College has maintained compliance with the Standards previously identified in the 2013 comprehensive evaluation team report and linked to College Recommendations 1 through 12, all of which the College satisfactorily addressed in its 2015 Follow-Up Report.

The Commission expects that the changes and improvements in College policies, procedures, practices and outcomes noted in the Midterm Report will be sustained. The College's next comprehensive review will occur in **spring 2019**. The Commission encourages Hartnell College to focus its attention on improving student learning and student achievement as it continues its work to assure and improve quality.

The Commission requires that you give the Midterm Report and this letter appropriate dissemination to your college staff and to those who signatories of your Midterm Report. You should also make these documents available to all campus constituencies and the public by placing a copy on the College website. Please note that in response to public interest in accreditation, the Commission requires institutions to post accreditation information on a page no more than one click from the institution's home page.

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On behalf of the Commission, I wish to express appreciation for the work that Hartnell College undertook to prepare the Midterm Report. Accreditation and peer review are most effective when the institutions and the ACCJC work together to encourage a focus on student outcomes and continuous quality improvement in higher education. Thank you for sharing the values and the work of accreditation.

If you should have any questions concerning this letter or the Commission action, please don't hesitate to contact me or one of the ACCJC Vice Presidents. We would be glad to help you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara A. Beno".

Barbara A. Beno, Ph.D.  
President

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