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February 6, 2015

Ms. Kathryn Smith  
Superintendent/President  
College of the Redwoods  
7351 Tompkins Hill Road  
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Dear Superintendent/President Smith:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting January 7-9, 2015, reviewed the Midterm Report submitted by College of the Redwoods. The Midterm Report was certified by district and college leadership, including the chair of the governing board, the college president, and leaders of the faculty, staff, and student organizations.

Based on the evidence in the College Report, the Commission finds that the College has sustained the work accomplished and has maintained compliance with Standards previously identified in the team report and linked to Recommendations 1 through 8 and 2008 Recommendation 1.

Institutions are expected to meet Eligibility Requirements, Accreditation Standards, and Commission policies at all times during the six-year cycle. It is expected that the changes and improvements noted in the Midterm Report will continue forward in College policies, procedures, practices and outcomes. This will be verified at the time of the next regularly scheduled visit. The College will submit its Institutional Self Evaluation of Educational Quality and Institutional Effectiveness Report in preparation for the comprehensive review in **October 2017**.

The Midterm Report submitted in Fall 2014 will become part of the accreditation history of the College. The Commission requires that you give the Midterm Report and this letter appropriate dissemination to your College staff and to those who were signatories of your Midterm Report. This group should include the campus leadership and the Board of Trustees.

The Commission also requires that the Midterm Report and this Commission action letter be made available to students and the public by placing a copy on the College website. *Please note that in response to public interest in disclosure, the Commission now requires institutions to post accreditation information on a page no more than one click from the institution's home page.*

Ms. Kathryn Smith  
College of the Redwoods  
February 6, 2015

On behalf of the Commission, I wish to express continuing interest in the institution's educational quality and students' success. Professional self-regulation is the most effective means of assuring institutional integrity, effectiveness, and educational quality.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Barbara A. Beno".

Barbara A. Beno, Ph.D.  
President

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