



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

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February 5, 2016

Mr. Douglas Dykstra  
Chancellor  
Windward Community College  
45-720 Kea`ahala Road  
Kaneohe, HI 96744

Dear Chancellor Dykstra:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting January 6-8, 2016, reviewed the Follow-Up and Midterm Reports and evidentiary materials submitted by Windward Community College,. College leadership, including the president of the governing board and the college chancellor, certified the Reports. The purpose of the Commission's review was to determine whether the College continues to meet Eligibility Requirements, Accreditation Standards and Commission policies.

After considering the written material noted above, the Commission finds that the College has sustained the work accomplished since the last comprehensive evaluation and has maintained compliance with Eligibility Requirements and the Standards previously identified in the 2012 comprehensive evaluation team report and linked to College Recommendation 1 through 5 and the University of Hawai'i Community College System Recommendations 1 through 5 including consistent implementation of Standard III.A.1.c.. The Midterm Report also included the status of the College's Actionable Improvement Plans from the Self Evaluation Report of 2012.

The Commission expects 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's next comprehensive review will occur in **fall 2018**.

The Commission requires that you give the Follow-Up and Midterm Reports and this letter appropriate dissemination to your college staff and to those who were signatories of your Reports. This group should include the University of Hawai'i Vice President for Community Colleges, campus leadership, and the Board of Regents. The Commission also requires that these documents be made available to all campus constituencies and the public by placing a copy on the college website.

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On behalf of the Commission, I wish to express appreciation for the work that Windward Community College undertook to prepare the Midterm Report. The Commission encourages the College's continued work to ensure educational quality and to support student success. Accreditation and peer review are most effective when the college and the ACCJC work together to encourage continuous quality 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'd be glad to help you.

Sincerely,

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

Barbara A. Beno, Ph.D  
President

cc: Dr. John Morton, Vice President for Community Colleges, University of Hawai'i System