



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

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February 3, 2017

Dr. Rosevonne Pato  
President  
American Samoa Community College  
P.O. Box 2609  
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Dear President Pato:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting January 11-13, 2017, reviewed the Follow-Up Report and evidentiary materials submitted by American Samoa Community College. College leadership, including the chairperson of the Board of Higher Education, and the College president, certified the Report. The purpose of the Commission's review was to determine whether the College resolved deficiencies noted during the spring 2015 comprehensive review and meets Eligibility Requirements, Accreditation Standards, and Commission policies (hereafter called Standards).

After considering the material noted above, the Commission acted to **remove Warning and Reaffirm Accreditation**. The Commission finds that American Samoa Community College has resolved the deficiencies and meets Standards I.A.2, I.B.3 and I.B.6. The Commission notes that the College also demonstrated continued compliance with the all Eligibility Requirements and Standards in its Follow-Up Report. The College is commended for the dramatic progress it has made to collect and analyze data. The Commission also acknowledges the large amount of work the College has accomplished to meet the remaining Standards and sustain compliance Standards. The next report due from American Samoa Community College is the Midterm Report, to be submitted in **fall 2018**.<sup>1</sup>

The Commission requires the College give the Follow-Up Report and this letter appropriate dissemination to College staff and to those who were signatories of the Report, and to make these documents available to all campus constituencies and to the public by posting them to 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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<sup>1</sup> Institutions preparing and submitting Midterm Reports, Follow-Up Reports, and Special Reports to the Commission should review *Guidelines for the Preparation of Reports to the Commission* found on the ACCJC website at: [www.accjc.org/college-reports-accjc](http://www.accjc.org/college-reports-accjc).


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On behalf of the Commission, I wish to express appreciation for the work that American Samoa Community College undertook to prepare the Follow-Up Report. Thank you for sharing the values and the work of accreditation 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 focus on student outcomes and continuous quality improvement in higher education.

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, appearing to read "Richard Winn", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Richard Winn, Ed.D.  
Interim President

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