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Dr. Richard W. Cummins  
President  
Columbia Basin College  
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Dear President Cummins: *Rich*

On behalf of the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, I am pleased to report that the accreditation of Columbia Basin College has been reaffirmed on the basis of the Fall 2011 Year One Evaluation which was expanded to address Recommendations 1 and 2 of the Fall 2010 Year Seven Peer-Evaluation Report.

In reaffirming accreditation, the Commission rescinds Recommendation 2 of the Fall 2011 Year One Peer-Evaluation Report. In addition, the Commission requests that the College address Recommendation 1 of the Fall 2011 Year One Peer-Evaluation Report as part of its updated response to Standard One in its Fall 2013 Year Three Self-Evaluation Report. A copy of the Recommendation is enclosed for your reference.

In making this request, the Commission finds that Recommendation 1 of the Fall 2011 Year One Peer-Evaluation Report is an area where Columbia Basin College is substantially in compliance with Commission criteria for accreditation, but in need of improvement.

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

All the best.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sandra E. Emman".

Sandra E. Emman  
President

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Enclosure: Recommendation

cc: Mr. Curt Freed, Vice President for Instruction

**Year One Peer-Evaluation Report**  
**Fall 2011**  
**Columbia Basin College**  
**Recommendation**

1. The evaluation panel recommends that the College review its objectives, outcomes, and indicators of achievement to ensure that they are aligned with each other, are specific and meaningful, and collectively can provide direct evidence of mission fulfillment (Standard 1.B.2).