

June 30, 2009

Dr. Robert Agrella
Superintendent/President
Santa Rosa Junior College
1501 Mendocino Avenue
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Dear President Agrella:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting June 9-11, 2009, reviewed the institutional Self Study Report and the report of the evaluation team which visited Santa Rosa Junior College Monday, March 2-Thursday, March 5, 2009. The Commission also considered and accepted the letter and evidence submitted by Santa Rosa Junior College regarding Recommendations 1 and 3. The Commission took action to reaffirm accreditation.

The College is commended for its planning processes, astute fiscal management resulting in a high level of financial stability, the strength of its numerous programs and services at the main campus, the Petaluma Campus, the Robert Shone Farm Agricultural Center, the Public Safety Training Center, and the downtown Culinary Arts Program in addition to numerous other sites throughout Sonoma County designed to meet the varied needs of the community it serves. The College is also commended for its strong curriculum, stable administrative team, and a dedicated staff who exhibit pride in the institution, its mission and the students they serve.

All colleges are required to file a **Midterm Report** in the third year after each comprehensive evaluation. Santa Rosa Junior College should submit the Midterm Report by **March 15, 2012**. The Midterm Report describes resolution of any team recommendations made for improvement, includes a summary of progress on College-identified plans for improvement as expressed in the Self Study Report, and forecasts where the College expects to be by the time of the next comprehensive evaluation.

The recommendations contained in the Evaluation Team Report represent the observations of the evaluation team at the time of the visit. The Commission reminds you that while an institution may concur or disagree with any part of the report, the College is expected to use the Evaluation Team Report to improve the educational programs and services of the institution.

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The College conducted a comprehensive self study as part of its evaluation. The Commission requires that the plans for improvement of the institution included in its self study efforts be used to support the continuing improvement of Santa Rosa Junior College. The next comprehensive evaluation of the College will occur during **Spring 2015**.

I have previously sent you a copy of the evaluation team report. Additional copies may now be duplicated. The Commission requires you to give the Team Report and this letter dissemination to your College staff and to those who were signatories of your College Self Study Report. This group should include campus leadership and the Board of Trustees. The Commission also requires that the Evaluation Team Report and the Self Study Report be made available to students and the public. Placing copies in the college library can accomplish this. Should you want an electronic copy of the report, please contact Commission staff.

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 quality.

Sincerely,

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President

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cc: Dr. Mary Rudolph, Accreditation Liaison Officer
Board President, Sonoma County Community College District
Dr. Audre Levy, Team Chair
Evaluation Team Members