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Dr. Sharon Hart  
President  
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Dear President Hart:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges (ACCJC/Commission) received today notification from you that the U.S. Department of Education (USDE) has approved the Senior College and University Commission WASC as Northern Marianas College's (NMC) primary accreditor for purposes of participation in Title IV, HEA programs. The Commission Executive Committee took action to accept Northern Marianas College's request to voluntarily withdraw from membership in the ACCJC, effective September 8, 2014. The Commission will notify the U.S. Secretary of Education and other officials of the USDE. NMC will no longer be listed as a member institution on the ACCJC directory.

On behalf of the Commission and the ACCJC staff, we wish NMC success in its new baccalaureate degree programs and new direction.

Sincerely,

Barbara A. Beno, Ph.D.  
President

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cc: Ms. Amanda Allen, Accreditation Liaison Officer  
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