



## Message to Laurus College Students Regarding ACICS Accreditation

Laurus College is accredited by the Accrediting Council for Independent College and Schools (ACICS) and approved to operate in California by the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (BPPE) through accreditation. Around June 7, 2016 the staff at the Department of Education the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (NACIQI) recommended that ACICS's petition for renewal of recognition by the Department be denied. The ultimate decision will come from the Secretary of Education within 90 days from June 23, 2016, or by September 21, 2016, but it may come earlier.

ACICS has taken several actions and changes to demonstrate its accreditation quality and improved processes. However, if the Department of Education decides to deny re-recognition, ACICS will have the opportunity to appeal the decision to the Secretary of Education. If ACICS appeals the decision, the loss of recognition will be stayed during the appeal. Therefore, it may be many months before there is a final determination on ACICS' status.

Laurus College continues to maintain and hold itself to the highest standards of performance in academics, instruction, operations and administration. That has been, and always will be, the goal of the college. The current actions by the Department in no way reflect on Laurus College, its personnel, or its performance.

Recently, you may have received communications from the California licensing agency – BPPE - alerting you to this situation raising concern over Laurus College accreditation and approval to operate. Rest assured that Laurus College is pursuing the means to continue accreditation and approval to operate and expects to maintain accreditation and operational approval without interruption.

The success of our students and your continued access to quality education and the means to continue that education are of primary importance to Laurus College. We will continue to provide superior education and experience to our students. We will keep you aware of new developments as they occur. If you have any questions please contact Registrar office at 805-267-1643.

Sincerely,

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