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On behalf of the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, I am pleased to report that at its January 11-13, 2017, meeting, the Commission granted initial accreditation to the College of Western Idaho at the associate degree level. Congratulations on receiving this recognition! We are aware of the many years of hard work and dedication on the part of the administration, faculty, board, and staff to achieve this goal. The effective date of accreditation for the College of Western Idaho is September 1, 2016. The accredited status of the College of Western Idaho will be posted to the Commission's website.

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In addition, the Commission requests that the College of Western Idaho submit an Ad Hoc Report with a visit in spring 2018 to address Recommendations 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 of the Fall 2016 Initial Accreditation Peer-Evaluation Report (copy enclosed). Moreover, the Commission requests that President Glandon and his designated College leaders travel to Redmond, Washington, to meet with President Elman and her

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Best wishes for a peaceful and fulfilling New Year.

Sincerely,



Sandra E. Elman
President

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Enclosures: Recommendations
Commission Policy, *Commission Action Regarding Institutional Compliance Within
Specified Period*

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