MEMORANDUM

To: U.S. Department of Education
State Departments of Education
Institutional and Programmatic Accrediting Agencies

Date: January 10, 2020

From: Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools

Subject: Final actions taken by the ACICS Council at the December 2019 meeting

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ACICS COUNCIL ACTIONS FROM DECEMBER 2019

In December 2019, the Council took actions that affected a number of institutions accredited by ACICS, including renewals of accreditation (new grants), actions conditioning accreditation based on the review of information generated through the on-site evaluation review process, external sources, and that provided by the institutions and/or campuses in a response to a previous Council directive. The actions affecting overall institutional accreditation are listed below.

**Renewal of Accreditation Granted (5-year grant to expire in 2024)**
1. Pioneer Pacific College – Main Campus (00012651), Beaverton, OR
   - Pioneer Pacific College – Eugene Branch (00020227), Springfield, OR
   - Oregon Culinary Institute (00022684), Portland, OR

**Renewal of Accreditation Granted (4-year grant to expire in 2023)**
1. American Institute of Healthcare & Technology (00259084), Stratford, CT
2. Eastwick College (00011227), Hackensack, NJ
3. National Latino Education Institute (00011105), Chicago, IL
4. The Puerto Rico School of Nurse Anesthetists (00263809), Hato Ray, PR

**Renewal of Accreditation Granted (4-year grant to expire in 2022)**
1. Bergin College of Canine Studies (00023888), Penngrove, CA

**Renewal of Accreditation Granted (3-year grant to expire in 2021)**
1. Fortis College – Main Campus (00010770), Norfolk, VA
   - Fortis College (00011124), Richmond, VA
2. Pacific States University (00012769), Los Angeles, CA
Institutional Compliance Warning Issued
1. Bethesda College of Health Sciences (00232604), Boynton Beach, FL
2. Eastwick College (00010388), Ramsey, NJ
3. Gwinnett College – Main Campus (00011909), Lilburn, GA
   - Gwinnett Institute (00269949), Orlando, FL
4. Hope College of Arts & Sciences (00238949), Pompano Beach, FL – USDOE Title IV Program Review and Heightened Cash Monitoring – Level 2
5. Lincoln University (00010193), Oakland, CA
6. Living Arts College @ School of Communication Arts (00023814), Raleigh, NC
   - Living Arts Institute @ School of Communication Arts (0033024), Winston Salem, NC
7. Merit University (00266235), Los Angeles, CA
8. Process Work Institute (00254209), Portland, OR
9. San Diego Global Knowledge University (00264110), San Diego, CA

Institutional Compliance Warning Continued
1. Beverly Hills Design Institute (00031961), Beverly Hills, CA
2. Bay Area Medical Academy – Main Campus (00060173), San Francisco, CA
   - Bay Area Medical Academy (00283231), San Jose, CA
3. Marconi International University (00270017), Miami, FL
4. Texas Health and Science University (00103319), Austin, TX

Institutional Show-Cause Directed
1. California International Business University (00020292), San Diego, CA – Financial
2. Marconi International University (00270017), Miami, FL – Renewal of Accreditation
3. Reagan National University (00276405), Sioux Falls, SD
4. Stratford University (00019411), Falls Church, VA – Main Campus – Unapproved Location and Renewal of Accreditation
   - Stratford University (00019413), Woodbridge, VA
   - Stratford University – Baltimore Campus (00108252), Baltimore, MD
   - Stratford University (00029108), New Delhi, Noida, India
5. Suncoast College of Health (00257970), Bradenton, FL – Renewal of Accreditation

Institutional Withdrawal by Suspension
1. Art Institute of Las Vegas (00032209), Henderson, NV
A summary of Council decisions taken on institutions with campuses performing below ACICS standards for student achievement, including actions conditioning accreditation, or adverse actions. The actions were taken on the institutions for the following campuses.

**Remove from Compliance Warning**
1. Living Arts College - School of Communication Arts (00023814), Raleigh, NC – Placement
2. Schiller International University (00010647), Largo, FL – Retention

**Compliance Warning Issued**
1. Fortis College (00010770), Norfolk, VA – Placement
2. Pacific States University (00012769), Los Angeles, CA – Placement
3. Stratford University (00239628), Alexandria, VA – Retention

**Vacate Show-Cause**
1. Emerging Technologies Institute (00060366), Forest Hills, NY – Retention
A summary of Council decisions taken between September and December 2019, including reinstatement of accreditation, actions conditioning accreditation, or adverse actions.

**Reinstatement Following a Change of Control/Ownership**
1. Virginia International University (00023099), Fairfax, VA

**Vacate Institutional Show-Cause**
1. Eastwick College (00010388), Ramsey, NJ
2. Universidad San Ignacio De Loyola (00061155), Lima, Peru

**Institutional Show-Cause Directive Issued**
1. Eastwick College (00010388), Ramsey, NJ
2. Universidad San Ignacio De Loyola (00061155), Lima, Peru