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Good Moring Pierce College Family!

We invite you to join us as we continue on our accreditation journey. We are grateful for your dedication to students and for your efforts toward achieving mission and becoming a racially equitable college. This accreditation journey provides us opportunities to collectively reflect on our efforts of the last seven years.

Pierce College is accredited by [Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities](#) (NWCCU). Our accreditation ensures:

- students have access to financial aid, state funding, and federal funding;
- students and the institution have grant funding;
- transferability of our courses, certificates, and degrees;
- confidence in our graduates in the workforce;
- accountability of our college and its programs to the public.

2022 is Year 6

This academic year we are heading into our year six review. This is known as the Policies, Regulations, and Financial Review (PRFR). We are asked to reflect on the following:

- the holistic services we provide for students;
- the ways in which we work to meet mission and work toward becoming a racially equitable institution;
- our shared governance processes;
- the college's financial health and sustainability;
- how we plan to enact bold change to progress as an institution serving our community.

Some of you may be invited to serve on teams drafting portions of the PRFR. As members of the Pierce College Community, you will be invited to provide

feedback on the drafts of these materials before it is shared with the Board of Trustees and NWCCU.

2023 is Year 7

We are responsible for completing accreditation-related activities following a seven-year cycle. Soon we will begin the process of working toward our year seven review, which is an evaluation of institutional effectiveness. This review culminates in a site visit from peer reviewers.

Interested in more information on accreditation?

To learn more about accreditation and our progress, visit our [accreditation page](#). We will continue to be in communication about accreditation by way of email and our [website](#).

The [NWCCU's "What is Accreditation"](#) page is a great resource to learn more about institutional accreditation, how schools are accredited, and what this means for students, employees, and the institution.

If you have any questions, you can contact me, [Allison Sieving](#), Pierce College's Accreditation Liaison Officer.

Thank you,
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