

## To the Stockton Community

With immense pride in the work of our faculty, staff, administration, Trustees and Foundation Board, I am pleased to report that the Middle States Commission on Higher Education acted to “affirm accreditation and to commend the institution for progress to date and the quality of its self-study report.” Our Periodic Review Report is due June 1, 2017.

This is a remarkable achievement. Simply put, we are among the select few to achieve such positive recognition, two commendations, and no intervening progress or monitoring reports for compliance. The entire Stockton community should be proud of this accomplishment.

The Middle States announcement indicates the College’s mission, goals and performance standards are being achieved at a time when Stockton is completing its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of teaching and looking ahead to a very promising future. This designation confirms our superior performance as an institution and acknowledges that we are fulfilling our mission to maintain an environment for excellence for New Jersey students.

The review process measured institutional effectiveness and assessed learning outcomes, programs, financial conditions, facilities, and virtually every phase of operations. Much of our work for accreditation was initiated through Stockton’s 2020 Strategic Planning process using a balanced scorecard approach developed at Harvard University. I would like to give special thanks to Provost Kesselman, Dean Keenan, and the 2020 Strategic Planning Committee for all their efforts and guidance. I would also like to thank the more than 100 faculty and staff who spent two years preparing the Middle States self-study.

In its report, the evaluation team commended Stockton’s self-study and gave high marks in all categories, including quality of teaching and learning outcomes, faculty accomplishment and student services. It also noted Stockton’s “sound financial circumstances, characterized by strong assets and a series of unqualified financial statements.” The report made note of the fact that Stockton had doubled its endowment in five years (recently we have more than doubled our endowment) and increased grant funding at the federal, state and local levels by 70 per cent.

Middle States’ recognition is a gratifying way to begin my tenth year as President. I thank all of you for your level of professionalism, commitment and dedication to our students.

To read the full reports about us and our peers, please see (to be updated 7/9/12)  
[www.msche.org/institutions\\_recentactions.asp](http://www.msche.org/institutions_recentactions.asp)

Best,

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