**NOTICE OF ACCREDITATION STATUS**

**LETTER TO STUDENTS REGARDING ACCREDITATION**

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Academy College is one of several hundred institutions across the U.S. that is currently accredited through the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools (ACICS). On December 12, 2016, the Secretary of Education issued a final decision on the appeal of the ACICS accreditation renewal.  The Secretary’s decision resulted in ACICS no longer being recognized as a federally recognized accrediting agency.

As a result, all ACICS institutions have 18 months following the loss of its Department-recognized accrediting agency, to find a new accrediting agency to maintain eligibility to receive funds under Title IV, HEA programs, and that if the Academy College does not obtain accreditation within that 18 month period (June 12, 2018), Academy College would no longer be eligible to receive funds under Title IV, HEA program.

If any student at Academy College has a complaint relating to Title IV eligibility or administration, the quality of education received at the Institution, or otherwise relating to the accreditation standards of its former accrediting agency can submit that complaint to the Academy College at (952-851-0066 or [accreditation@academycollege.edu](mailto:accreditation@academycollege.edu)) and/or to any of the following: the Department’s Student Complaint website, the Minnesota office of Higher Education, the Office of the Minnesota Attorney General, the Office of Minnesota Consumer Affairs.

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**Notice of Intent to Change Accreditor**

Dear Academy College Students,

Academy College is accredited by the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools (ACICS). Our College recently became aware of concerns that surround ACICS. As a result, Academy College has voluntary begun the accreditation process with a new institutional accreditor. We have identified the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC), as our accreditor of choice. We have already submitted our Initial Application for Accreditation with ACCSC and have received our school identification number (073055).

We are committed to our students’ educational goals and career aspirations. Students shouldn’t anticipate any disruption with their educational journey. You will continue to receive updates as we navigate through the accreditation process.

ACCSC is recognized by the US Department of Education to offer accreditation of postsecondary, non-degree-granting and degree-granting institutions that are predominantly occupational, trade and technical career-driven. For more information on ACCSC, please visit their website at [www.accsc.org](http://www.accsc.org).

Please don’t hesitate to contact Steve Guell or Nancy Grazzini-Olson if you have any questions, comments or concerns.

Sincerely,

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