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Dr. Edward Brewster  
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Dear President Brewster: <sup>Ed</sup>

On behalf of the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, I am pleased to report that the accreditation of Grays Harbor College has been reaffirmed on the basis of the Spring 2012 Year One *Mission and Core Themes* Evaluation.

In reaffirming accreditation, the Commission requests that the College address Recommendations 1 and 2 of the Spring 2012 Year One *Mission and Core Themes* Peer-Evaluation Report in its Spring 2014 Year Three *Resources and Capacity* Self-Evaluation Report as an updated response to Standard One. A copy of the Recommendations is enclosed for your reference.

In making this request, the Commission finds that Recommendations 1 and 2 of the Spring 2012 Year One *Mission and Core Themes* Peer-Evaluation Report are areas where Grays Harbor College is substantially in compliance with Commission criteria for accreditation, but in need of improvement.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes for a rewarding academic year.

Sincerely,

Sandra F. Elman  
President

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Enclosure: Recommendations

cc: Ms. Laurie K. Clary, Vice President for Instruction

**Year One *Mission and Core Themes* Peer-Evaluation Report**  
**Spring 2012**  
**Grays Harbor College**  
**Recommendations**

1. The evaluators recommend that the College continue the significant work it has started to articulate outcomes or institutional accomplishments that represent an acceptable threshold or extent of mission fulfillment (Standard 1.A.2).
  
2. The evaluators recommend that the College continue efforts to establish meaningful, assessable, and verifiable indicators of achievement that form the basis for evaluating accomplishment of all its core theme objectives (Standard 1.B.2).