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Hello Campus Community!

2019 is the year our College will finish writing the Midterm Report to the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges. The Accreditation Steering Committee has been working tirelessly to write and edit this report, and we want the campus to be a part of this accreditation process.

Many of you may be asking **WHY? Why** should we care about accreditation? I suggest taking a few minutes to view [Simon Sinek's 2009 TED talk "Start with Why."](#) You might just find a nugget of truth that speaks to you as an individual and maybe even a nugget that speaks to our College. Let's start why accreditation?

We need to be an accredited institution so that we can be a valuable resource to our community. Students need an institution to be accredited so that their units transfer and they are eligible for financial aid. Accreditation at its core is about serving students, and we want to provide students with a legitimate and credible degree.

We also want to go through the accreditation process because it is invaluable for us as educators. Reviewing our processes and procedures allows us to take a moment and reflect on our progress as well as our future. The accreditation process is about improvement, and our students need us to assess ourselves so that we can better serve them.

As we move toward completing our Midterm Report, I hope that our campus can see the value and can see the benefit from what we have learned during the accreditation process.

Thanks for your time,

Yvonne and Sheri