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Re: Announcements regarding your education at American Pacific University

Dear Alumni,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of a recent development at American Pacific University.

I would like to announce that American Pacific University has recently received notice that our application for accreditation with the Distance Education Training Council (DETC) has been reviewed, and our bid has been approved. Our status as an accredited educational institution provides a multitude of benefits for the University, as well as to you, the alumni.

We began our journey to accreditation during the 2005 calendar year, and spent a substantial amount of time preparing all the necessary information for a seamless transition. This hard work has paid off, as DETC has now welcomed us into their fold, as an accredited institution. The focus of this change in status will currently be on our new program, those individuals working to achieve their Masters in Transpersonal Psychology through our University. While this does not affect the status of those students enrolled in our other programs, it does provide an indirect benefit. Students who have received degrees from our other programs will be able to state that they have received their education from an institution that has since been accredited. This strengthens the conveyance of a status already assumed with the obtainment of such a degree.

We must reiterate that the change in status does not directly affect those students enrolled in our other programs. Unfortunately, there is no ability to retroactively apply accreditation to former degrees and programs. Accreditation does not carry with it the dictum of a grandfather clause. All those individuals that have received degrees from the institution, as well as those that are enrolled in programs other than the Masters in Transpersonal Psychology will not have an accredited degree, and should refrain from announcing themselves as such.

This responsibility rests squarely on the shoulders of the individual, embodied in the obligatory code of ethics that runs through every educational process. Misrepresentation of accomplishments belittles one's educational advancements, and we hope that you share this understanding with us. This is not meant to negatively reflect on those achievements, as process of obtaining such stature has been a portrait of intellectual

fortitude and pilgrimage. We hope that you hold your accomplishments in such high regard as we do.

We at American Pacific University would like to thank you for your continued enthusiasm towards your affiliation with American Pacific University. We hope that if you have any questions or concerns about the information contained in this letter, that you will contact Student Services at (808) 791-5050 or paquino@ampac.edu.

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