



*a message from*

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Dear MMC Students, Faculty, and Staff:

I write to let you know that the College has launched the all-important reaccreditation process with the [Middle States Commission on Higher Education](#) (“Middle States”). Why do I use the superlative “all-important”? Because, in addition to demonstrating MMC’s educational quality to the public and providing opportunities for institutional self-appraisal and continuous improvement, **Middle States accreditation makes MMC students eligible for federal financial aid**. For many, accreditation is the key to college affordability.

The two-year reaccreditation process is being guided by a Steering Committee co-chaired by Dr. Peter Naccarato, Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs/Dean of the Faculty, and Dr. Nava Silton, Associate Professor of Psychology, and including faculty, staff, and students.

This coming Monday—[October 19, 2020](#)—the College will host a virtual visit by our Middle States Liaison, Dr. Paul Starkey. I hope you will attend the [open meeting from 10:00 to 11:00 AM](#) at which Dr. Starkey will review the reaccreditation process and answer your questions. Dean Naccarato and Dr. Silton will send more details about this meeting shortly, including a Zoom link.

You can learn more about the Middle States reaccreditation process and view the full membership of the Steering Committee by visiting the [Middle States Reaccreditation page](#) on the MMC website. This is also where the Steering Committee will post updates and invite feedback at various stages in the process.

I want to thank you in advance for your support of MMC’s reaccreditation process, with special thanks to the members of the Steering Committee.

Sincerely,

Kerry Walk, Ph.D.  
*President*