

# NEWS RELEASE

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## **DEAC Statement in Response to Claims by William Loveland College**

Accreditation is the primary way that students, families, the public, and government officials know that an institution provides a quality education. As part of the established review process, DEAC identified numerous deficiencies at William Loveland College such that the Board issued a Show Cause notice on February 27, 2017 requiring the school to demonstrate why its accreditation should not be withdrawn.

The Show Cause notice is available at <http://www.deac.org/UploadedDocuments/Public-Notices/02272017.pdf>.

As the Show Cause letter makes clear, DEAC Commissioners were concerned about numerous areas of noncompliance with accreditation standards at William Loveland College.

In accordance with DEAC policies, officials from William Loveland College had 30 days to initiate the next steps for review to include a new self-study. Upon receipt of those materials, DEAC was prepared to send a new review team to conduct a site visit in order to determine whether the Commission's concerns had been remedied. This protocol forms the basis of the Show Cause review process and enables both parties to engage in a robust sharing of information and insights while the accreditation of the institution continues.

Regrettably, William Loveland College chose not to address the areas of noncompliance raised in the Show Cause letter or otherwise engage in DEAC's well-established review process. The decision to issue a Show Cause letter was not taken lightly and was made after extensive review, including a comprehensive site visit and the institution's response to the site visit report in which some, but not all deficiencies, were addressed. DEAC takes its responsibility as an accreditor very seriously and we stand by our work to establish and uphold meaningful standards of accreditation against which institutions and programs are measured. DEAC is confident in its policies and procedures and believes the facts show DEAC acted appropriately.

### **ABOUT DEAC**

The Distance Education Accrediting Commission is a private, non-profit organization founded in 1926 that operates as a national accreditor of distance education institutions. DEAC's goal is to ensure a high standard of educational quality in the distance education institutions it accredits and a quality education for the students who study at its accredited institutions.

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