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**DEAC Receives Five year Renewal as an Accrreditore from the Department of Education**

Today, the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (NACIQI) voted unanimously to recommend DEAC receive five years of recognition from the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education. This is consistent with the recommendation by the Department of Education staff that DEAC receive five years of recognition. According to the Department's final report on DEAC, no issues or problems were identified with the Petition for Recognition. DEAC is pleased with today's decision by NACIQI. We take our responsibility as an accreditor very seriously and look forward to continued work with institutions and policy leaders in the field of higher education to ensure that students enrolled in institutions accredited by DEAC are provided with educational programs that meet meaningful standards for quality and integrity.

**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 more than two million students who annually study at its accredited institutions.

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