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Dear DEAC Colleague:

In April of 2018, the Distance Education Accrediting Commission (DEAC) announced a pilot initiative in collaboration with The Council for Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL) designed to evaluate the inclusion of DEAC-accredited institutions within the scope of CAEL's membership activities. After a year of working with CAEL on the review of DEAC-accredited institutions, the pilot is concluded. We are excited to announce that based on the success of the participating pilot institutions, all DEAC-accredited institutions are now invited to apply for CAEL membership.

Through association with CAEL, DEAC-accredited institutions will support the important work of increasing collaborative innovation in distance education for adult students as they complete their higher education goals and move into successful and meaningful careers. CAEL's enhanced focus on collaborative Communities of Practice can further extend our efforts and provide a venue for communication and information-sharing among like-minded professionals.

Here are ways to learn more about membership with CAEL:

- To learn more about CAEL's mission and vision, please [visit CAEL's website](#).
- Read about CAEL's [CAEL's Value to Members](#).
- See CAEL's [Membership Brochure and Benefits](#).

**Due to our ongoing partnership initiative, DEAC Colleagues will receive 15% off their annual CAEL memberships.** To move forward with this discounted membership, please contact Jeannie McCarron, Director of Membership Engagement, via email at [jmccarron@cael.org](mailto:jmccarron@cael.org) or via phone at (303) 968-4994.

Sincerely,



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