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Dear AIU Student:

I am pleased to inform you that American InterContinental University (AIU) has been granted accreditation by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. This achievement is a true testament to the hard work, energy and dedication of our entire faculty, staff and leadership team and we appreciate your commitment and trust during this period.

We have worked diligently over the past year to demonstrate that AIU meets the standards and policies established by the HLC. AIU, which has been accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) since 1987, chose to seek HLC accreditation in order to better reflect the fact that a majority of our students are served through our online campus which is based in the HLC geographic region.

The most important thing for you to know is that this will be a seamless transition for you, our students. Like SACS, HLC is one of the six regional accrediting bodies recognized by the United States Department of Education and the standards and policies of both HLC and SACS are designed to assure academic quality and integrity.

It is also important to remember that AIU continues to maintain and enhance the quality of our academic offerings and student services. We are immensely proud of the educational, personal and career-oriented opportunities provided by AIU, and we remain fully committed to supporting your success.

We have prepared the attached Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) in anticipation of any questions that you might have. If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact your campus Ombudsman or President. We are always interested in your ideas, comments, and feedback.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen J. Tober". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Stephen" being more prominent.

Steve Tober, J.D.

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