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Dear President Brown:

Congratulations! Your interior design program leading to the Bachelor of Fine Arts degree has been awarded continued accreditation for the remainder of the six-year term, originally effective in April 2020. During the recent interim visit, your program demonstrated significant progress toward improving areas of weakness identified in the April 2020 CIDA Accreditation Report. The Accreditation Commission commends your program for this achievement.

Award of CIDA accreditation attests to the quality of your interior design program and benefits your program in many ways. Parents, students, and employers of graduates can be assured that your program meets the rigor of peer review and develops the skills and knowledge required to practice interior design. Furthermore, the accreditation process provides your program with valuable input for continued development and assists the program in adapting to meet evolving professional requirements as CIDA updates Standards.

The enclosed Interim Report contains the evaluation of your program's compliance with CIDA Standard 13 as well as all other weaknesses identified in the April 2020 Accreditation Report. Program quality is assessed primarily through student learning evidenced in student work and interviews with students. In CIDA's Professional Standards 2018, performance criteria and expected levels of student achievement are clearly described by student learning expectations.

An executive summary is provided for each Standard in the Interim Report. This narrative provides valuable information on program compliance with the Standard. In some cases, the interior design program may have fallen below or exceeded the requirements of an expectation. These expectations are addressed in the Executive Summary.

The program should be revisited in **spring 2026** to seek re-accreditation.

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The members of the Accreditation Commission join me in extending congratulations to your program. We look forward to working with your program in the years ahead.

Sincerely yours,

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