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Dear Dr. Walker:

Congratulations! Your interior design program leading to the Bachelor of Science in Family & Consumer Sciences, Interior Design option has been awarded continued accreditation for the remainder of the six-year term, originally effective in April 2018. During the recent probationary visit, your program evidenced significant progress toward improving areas of weakness identified in the April 2018 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 Probation Report contains the evaluation of your program's compliance with CIDA Standards 1, 5, and 7 as well as all other weaknesses identified in the April 2018 Accreditation Report. Program quality is assessed primarily through student learning evidenced in student work and interviews with students. In CIDA's Professional Standards 2017, 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 Probation 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 considered to be strengths and weaknesses and are addressed in the Executive Summary.

The program should be revisited in spring 2024 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Holly Mattson'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped 'H' and 'M'.

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