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Dr. George S. Bridges  
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Dear President Bridges: *George*

On behalf of the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, I am pleased to report that the accreditation of Whitman College has been reaffirmed on the basis of the Fall 2011 Year One Evaluation.

In reaffirming accreditation, the Commission requests that the College address Recommendation 1 of the Fall 2011 Year One Peer-Evaluation Report as part of its updated response to Standard One in its Fall 2013 Year Three Self-Evaluation Report. A copy of the Recommendation is enclosed for your reference.

In making this request, the Commission finds that Recommendation 1 of the Fall 2011 Year One Peer-Evaluation Report is an area where Whitman College is substantially in compliance with Commission criteria for accreditation, but in need of improvement.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes for a rewarding academic year.

Sincerely,

Sandra E. Elman  
President

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Enclosure: Recommendation

cc: Dr. Michelle Janning, Associate Professor of Sociology and Assistant Dean of the Faculty

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**Year One Peer-Evaluation Report**  
**Fall 2011**  
**Whitman College**  
**Recommendation**

1. The evaluation panel recommends that Whitman College articulate institutional accomplishments that represent an acceptable extent of mission fulfillment at this time. (Standard 1.A.2).