

## **Message to Students, Faculty and Staff**

Coleman University learned in late June that the Western Association of Colleges and Universities Senior College and University Commission (“WSCUC”) denied our petition for Initial Accreditation. We received the formal Commission Action Letter on July 18, 2018.

Losing our bid for regional accreditation placed the financial sustainability of the University in question. For the last three weeks, our Board of Trustees and Management have been seeking alternate forms of financial support to keep the school open. Finally, after exhausting all feasible resources, the decision to discontinue operations at the end of the current term had to be made.

Since 1963, Coleman University has had an enviable record of educating non-traditional students for technology-focused careers. The University has enjoyed an enviable degree completion rate and an exceptional placement rate for its graduates. Without our dedicated faculty and staff, this would not have been possible. Thank you for your dedication and effort. We are very thankful for the support the University has received from the San Diego community, and we are proud that we have graduated and changed the lives of nearly 10,000 students over our long history.

However, declining enrollment over the last five years has taken its toll. Many factors outside of the University’s control contributed to this decline, such as de-recognition of our national accreditor by the Secretary of Education, tightened controls over international students coming to the United States to study, and historically low unemployment in our region. While we have stemmed the downward trend in recent months, meaningful enrollment growth is nearly impossible without regional accreditation.

We are negotiating various teach-out and transfer opportunities for our students, and we will provide that information as it is available to help our students to continue their education without interruption at excellent regionally accredited institutions. We are working with the US Department of Education and the California Office of Student Assistance and Relief (“OSAR”) to assist our students through this period. In fact, OSAR is sending a team to Coleman University next week to start working with our students. We will provide students transfer assistance to other college as we finalize the details.

To all our very fine students, staff, and faculty, I am personally sorry that we have to close Coleman University.

Sincerely,

Norbert J. Kubilus  
President & CEO

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