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Dr. Leon Richards
Chancellor
Kapi'olani Community College
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Dear President Richards:

It is with great pleasure I am writing to inform you that Kapi'olani Community College's Degree Qualifications Profile Project has been selected for an Award of Excellence. Your college has participated in a project sponsored by the ACCJC with funding by Lumina Foundation that began in April 2013. The project supported examination of selected aspects of degree-level student learning outcomes through the lens of the Degree Qualifications Profile. The project's purpose was to inform and enhance student learning outcomes and assessment, so as to facilitate improvements in college practices leading to increased student learning and achievement. The degree-level outcomes focus also provided a means for participating colleges to explore the meaning and value of their associate degrees, looking at the general education and major requirements, and institutional outcomes components together as part of a cohesive learning experience for students.

The selection of award recipients was based upon the evaluation of independent judges, along with recommendations from the other participating colleges. The judges considered strength of the project, significance and impact of the project on the institution, and whether replication of the work might benefit other colleges.

Three colleges received the Award of Excellence:

Shasta College
Kapi'olani Community College
Gavilan College

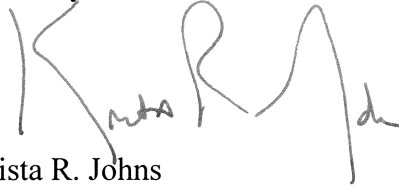
Three colleges received Honorable Mention for their projects:

West Hills Coalinga College
Riverside City College
Grossmont College

Your college's project will be wrapping up soon with completion of a webinar presentation about the work. That presentation will be archived on the website of the National Institute for Learning Outcomes Assessment for viewing by interested others. We want to thank you for your continuing

support of student learning outcomes assessment practice at Kapi'olani College, and congratulate you for the accomplishments of faculty, staff, and administrators at your college who participated in the Degree Qualifications Profile Project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Krista R. Johns". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Krista" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Johns".

Krista R. Johns
Vice President for Policy and Research