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Mr. Gregory Gossett
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Subject: Student Achievement Review – Campus-Level Compliance Warning

RE: Golf Academy of America - Apopka, FL	ACICS ID: 00011148 (BC)
Golf Academy of America - Carlsbad, CA	ACICS ID: 00011174 (BC)
Golf Academy of America - Myrtle Beach, SC	ACICS ID: 00015752 (BC)
Golf Academy of America - Farmers Branch, TX	ACICS ID: 00093164 (BC)

Dear Mr. Gossett:

The Council has reviewed your most recently submitted 2017 Campus Accountability Reports (CAR) for the **Golf Academy of America - Apopka, FL; Carlsbad, CA; Myrtle Beach, SC; and Farmers Branch, TX**, campuses, and the campus-level placement rates of **53%, 50%, 52%, and 59%**, respectively, do not meet the Council's standard of 60%.

Council Action

Therefore, the Council acted to place the institution on **compliance warning** for the below-standard results for 2017, subject to the Council's review of the **Apopka, Carlsbad, Myrtle Beach, and Farmers Branch** campuses' 2018 Campus Accountability Reports. In the interim, the campuses are required to complete the following:

1. An Improvement Plan that has been incorporated into the current Campus Effectiveness Plan (CEP) and includes specific activities that are being implemented to improve the programs that are negatively impacting the campus-level placement performance for each campus. This plan is subject to review by an on-site evaluation team or upon request by the Council.
2. Quarterly 2018 Campus Accountability Reports (CAR), to be submitted via the ACICS CAR system. The institution is reminded that **ONLY** placements that have been submitted to the PVP, verified by the graduate and/or employer, and validated by ACICS may be reported on the Report.

Failure to follow the Council's directive may result in the suspension or revocation of your institution's grant of accreditation.

The Council is obligated to take adverse action against any institution that fails to come into compliance with the *Accreditation Criteria* within the established time frames without good cause. Given that the longest program at each campus is offered at the **occupational associate's degree** level, you are advised that compliance must be achieved within 12 months. Please consult the Introduction of Title II, Chapter 3 of the *Accreditation Criteria* for additional information.

If you have any questions about this action, please contact Ms. LaToya Boyd at (202) 336-6777 or lboyd@acics.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michelle Edwards". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned over a faint, stylized graphic of a torch.

Michelle Edwards
President

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