June 23, 2014

Cheryl D. Lovell, President/CEO  
Rocky Vista University  
8401 South Chambers Road  
Parker, CO 80134

Dear President Lovell:

I am pleased to send you this letter in formal notification of the action concerning Rocky Vista University (“the University”) taken by the Higher Learning Commission Board of Trustees (“the Board”). At its meeting on June 12, 2014, the Board voted to grant initial accreditation to the University. In taking this action, the Board considered the self-study submitted by the University, the report of the comprehensive evaluation team, the report of the Institutional Actions Council (IAC) hearing committee, the University’s response to these reports and related information in the University’s file with the Commission.

The University is assigned to the Standard Pathway. An institution in its first cycle of accreditation undergoes a comprehensive evaluation and is considered for reaffirmation of accreditation in Year 4 of the ten-year cycle. If reaffirmation of accreditation is granted in Year 4, the institution continues on the Standard Pathway until it completes a ten-year cycle from the time it was granted initial accreditation. The University will host its first review for reaffirmation of accreditation in 2017-18.

The Board action resulted in changes to the Statement of Affiliation Status. This document is a summary of an institution’s ongoing relationship with the Commission. Some of the information from this document, such as the dates of the last and next comprehensive evaluation visits, will be posted to the Commission’s website. The Organizational Profile, which includes information about the educational offerings of an institution, will remain on the website. In addition, Commission Policy INST.G.10.010, Management of Commission Information, anticipates that the Commission will release to the public action letters related to the granting of accreditation. The Commission will do so by posting this action letter on the Commission website along with the Statement of Affiliation Status and Organizational Profile.

Information about notifying the public of this action is available at http://ncahlc.org/Information-for-Institutions/institutional-reporting-of-actions.html. In addition, Commission policy COMM.A.10.010, Commission Public Notices and Statements, requires that the Commission prepare a summary of actions to be sent to appropriate state and federal agencies and accrediting associations, and published on its website. The summary will include the Commission Board action regarding the University. The University may choose to prepare
statements to its constituencies regarding this action; I ask that you copy your liaison, Dr. Karen Solomon, on any such communication.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I offer our congratulations.

Sincerely,

Sylvia Manning
President

cc: Chair of the Board of Rocky Vista University
     Evaluation team members
     Jennifer Williams, Executive Director of Institutional Planning and Assessment, Rocky Vista University
     Karen J. Solomon, Vice President for Accreditation Relations and Director, Standard Pathway, Higher Learning Commission