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Ms. Avideh Paladino
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***Re: Debarment of Avideh Paladino
(Final Action)***

Dear Ms. Paladino,

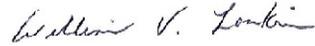
This letter is written to advise you that the Appeals Panel unanimously recommended to affirm the decision of the Accrediting Commission of the Accrediting Council for Continuing Education & Training (ACCET) to debar Avideh Paladino, as conveyed in the Commission's August 1, 2014 notice. Based on the argument and information presented in the appeals briefs (dated August 21, 2015 and October 5, 2016) and the oral presentation at the appeals hearing on October 21, 2016, the Appeals Panel's recommendation was to debar Avideh Paladino from participation as a future owner or senior administrator of an ACCET accredited institution, as she was a senior administrator at Career College of America (CCA), an institution that precipitously closed without providing adequate arrangements for students at the institution at the time of closure and an institution that had its accreditation withdrawn by ACCET, effective January 9, 2014. Further, the panel noted that although Ms. Paladino was directed to provide a teach-out plan for CCA in Commission letters (dated August 28, 2013 and December 20, 2013), the required teach-out plan was not submitted to ACCET in advance of CCA's precipitous closure. Therefore, the Appeals Panel recommended to affirm the Commission's decision to debar Avideh Paladino as conveyed in the August 1, 2014 notice and to amend the period of debarment to seven years, instead of the original unlimited period. This limited debarment period was in recognition that Ms. Paladino was not among the owners responsible for the ultimate decision to close Career Colleges of America without adequate arrangements for students enrolled at the time of the closure and that she may have assisted some CCA students to transfer to other institutions to complete their training.

Upon consideration of the Appeals Panel's recommendations at the Commission's next meeting held on October 30, 2016, the Accrediting Commission affirmed its decision to debar Avideh Paladino as conveyed in its original August 1, 2014 letter, but to amend the debarment to a period of seven years from the date of the August 1, 2014 notice. The Commission's debarment decision is now final and is the result of the Commission's review of the precipitous closure of the Career

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College of America, the Final Program Review Determination issued on June 5, 2014 by the U.S. Department of Education, and the Appeals Panel recommendation.

Sincerely,



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Attachment: Recommendation of the Appeals Panel