



August 1, 2016

Dr. James Jacobs
President
Macomb Community College
14500 E. 12 Mile Road
Warren, MI 48088

Dear President Jacobs: ^{J.m.}

On behalf of Achieving the Dream, congratulations to your college on being recertified as an Achieving the Dream Leader College. We are excited that you can continue to be a part of a growing group of Achieving the Dream colleges that are committed to improving student success and equity, and have demonstrated measurable gains on important student success metrics over a three-year period. Leader Colleges embody the goal of Achieving the Dream: lasting change that helps more students achieve their goals.

As Achieving the Dream moves to the new institutional capacity framework centered on leadership & vision, data & technology, teaching & learning, equity, policies and practice, communication & engagement, and strategy & planning, we know that your college will continue its commitment to student success. Congratulations on your accomplishments.

Attached is a summary of the rights and responsibilities of Achieving the Dream Leader Colleges and a Leader College brochure. The rights and responsibilities document explains special opportunities available to Leader Colleges and the expectations of serving as a Leader College. The brochure is a useful tool to use when messaging your new Leader College distinction.

Please keep in mind that to retain the Leader College status, you must remain active within our community of learners, pay all applicable annual participation fees, and continue to implement practices that focus on equity and excellence.

Around the nation, Achieving the Dream Institutions are raising persistence and graduation rates, closing achievement gaps, and changing lives. We are pleased to have you in a community of leaders who are serious, committed, and effective exemplars of the student success process.

Sincerely,


Karen A. Stout
President and CEO