



January 25, 2016

Dear Student:

We hope all of you had a wonderful holiday season and we are excited to see you back.

As promised when we communicated with you in December, Westwood has worked hard to create a robust transition plan for the continuation and completion of your education. Over the coming weeks, we will introduce you to the partner schools that will assist you in completing your education and you will have full opportunity to explore what benefits each may offer to you. When you meet with them, each partner school will be able to provide you with specific information on your individual academic circumstances and answer your questions. We will ask you to make your transfer choice no later than February 19. The January 2016 term will be the last one taught at Westwood College, and upon completion of this current term, Westwood will close.

Starting on January 27th, partner schools will be on all Westwood campuses to facilitate transfer arrangements. As part of this process, Westwood will work with you and the partner schools to make your transition at the end of this term as seamless as possible. We are impressed with the quality of schools that have offered to assist you in achieving your goal of graduation and the terms they have agreed to offer Westwood students. Our main focus in negotiating with the partner schools was to ensure that you would be in the same academic and financial situation had you continued at Westwood to complete your education. I believe that we more than accomplished this goal for your benefit.

Most programs will have multiple accredited partner schools from which to choose, including several regionally accredited schools. Each of the partner schools has a campus located within a reasonable distance from your current campus. All partner schools have agreed to accept the transfer of Westwood credits. In most cases all credits will transfer into comparable programs offered by the partner school. In addition, these schools have agreed to charge you the same amount for your program as reflected in your Westwood enrollment agreement. But, if a school has a lower tuition cost than Westwood, you will get the benefit of that lower tuition. Unless completion of this term will allow you to graduate from Westwood, you will get your degree from the partner school to which you transfer. That school will provide you with career services and will maintain your academic records. It is important that you continue on track to complete all of your courses for the January Term. This will make for a smoother transition, and lower your future cost of attendance. Everyone at Westwood College remains focused on your goal of graduation. Some of you will be graduating at the end of the current term and we look forward to helping you celebrate this great accomplishment in your life.

We could not be prouder of our current students and future graduates. This has been a tough time on all of us - students, faculty and staff alike - and we have appreciated your patience as we developed the best possible transition plan for your academic future. It has been our greatest privilege to see you grow and develop through your academic experience at Westwood. Thank you for your commitment to Westwood and for allowing us the privilege to know and educate you.

As always, if you have any questions please feel free to contact the campus president or other campus staff.

Sincerely,

Lou Pagano
Chief Operating Officer
Alta Colleges

Additional Important Information:

Important notice if you have a Federal student loan: You have separate rights if you have a Federal loan:

You may be eligible for forgiveness (“discharge”) of the federal student loans you received to attend Westwood if one of the following happens:

- Westwood closes before you complete your program, or
- If you withdraw from Westwood less than 120 days before Westwood closes.

This Federal discharge will cancel your Federal loan. If you **complete** your program either at Westwood or at another school, you **will not** qualify for this Federal discharge. Westwood encourages you to explore all options for continuation and completion of your education with partner schools before considering a Federal discharge. If you apply for and receive a Federal discharge, you will **forfeit** any Westwood credits earned and these credits **will not** be transferable to a partner school.

For more information on Federal loan discharge eligibility and the application process, go to: studentaid.gov/closedschool.