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Dear Lincoln College of New England Student:

I have truly enjoyed my time with you here serving as interim president so it is very difficult to write this letter to you in regards to the status of the College. Due to some recent events, the decision has been made to close the College as of December 31, 2018. Therefore, we will not be enrolling any new students for the Fall 2018 term. Please be aware that LCNE has worked hard to find you another academic option in the area to help you start your collegiate career. That information is provided in the paragraphs below.

As we have communicated to you over the past several months, our College has been undergoing its normal reaccreditation process with the New England Association of Schools and College Inc.'s, Commission on Institutions of Higher Education (NEASC). Unfortunately, on July 26, 2018, we were notified by NEASC of their Commission's decision to place our College on probation based on several factors that you can find on our website at [www.lincolncollegene.edu](http://www.lincolncollegene.edu).

Subsequent to making the difficult decision to close on December 31, 2018, we engaged with Goodwin College, another NEASC-accredited institution in the region, to discuss assisting students with the completion of their programs of study. As you may know, Goodwin College is a local, non-profit college offering many of the same programs offered here at LCNE. Thus, it made sense to reach out to Goodwin for their assistance.

As of today, Goodwin College and LCNE have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that will help facilitate the transfer of students to Goodwin College if you so choose. We know there are many different opportunities with institutions in the region that you may explore to help you complete your program of study. With that in mind, if you choose to transfer your credits to Goodwin, we want you to know that Goodwin will be on the LCNE campus to help you with that process. In addition, in order to alleviate any concerns, and to provide further direction, we will be setting up informational sessions for current students based on your program of study from Tuesday, August 21 through Saturday, August 25. A schedule containing the times of these sessions will be provided to you soon, and posted on the LCNE website. If you are not able to make this informational session, we are always willing to meet with you individually.

LCNE has always made it a practice to be transparent with our students about its ongoing activities. To that end, I have included a "Frequently Asked Questions" form that should provide immediate answers to some of your questions. If this document does not answer all of your questions, please know that LCNE will be operating until December 31, 2018, and will have staff on campus to help you with anything regarding your transfer to another institution. Also, as part of the MOU, both Goodwin and LCNE have appointed an ombudsman from each campus who will help serve you.

Lastly, I want to thank you for attending LCNE, as well as recognize all the staff and faculty that have worked tirelessly and dedicated their professional careers to helping students. Our College has truly had an impact on the lives of many people in the State of Connecticut and we wish you much success in your career goals.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Vernon", written over a white background.

Dr. Jim Vernon  
Interim President