



## COMMISSION ON INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

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### PUBLIC STATEMENT ON PINE MANOR COLLEGE

At its meeting on April 22, 2016, the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) acted to place Pine Manor College on probation. Probation is a public status; the information provided below is in accord with the Commission's policy on the release of information.

This action was taken following review of a focused evaluation by the Commission at its meeting in November 2015. At that time, the Commission acted to ask the institution to "show cause" why its accreditation should not be withdrawn. Through the show cause process at the April 2016 meeting, the Commission found that, as a result of progress and plans made since the November meeting, the institution had shown cause to retain its accreditation. However, Pine Manor College was placed on probation because it does not currently meet five of the Commission's *Standards for Accreditation*: Mission and Purposes, Planning and Evaluation, Organization and Governance, Students, and Financial Resources. The Commission has determined that Pine Manor College's failure to meet these five standards represents a condition that can be remedied by the institution within two years.

Pine Manor College remains accredited during the period of probation.

Institutions on probation are subject to close monitoring by the Commission. Pine Manor College will submit special reports addressing the Commission's concerns for consideration by the Commission in Fall 2016 and Spring 2017 and will undergo a focused evaluation in Fall 2017, to be considered by the Commission at one of its Spring 2018 meetings.

Probation may be appealed through a process established by the NEASC Trustees. The College has informed the Commission that it will not appeal, and that it will instead focus its efforts on fully addressing the Commission's concerns. Consistent with federal regulations, the period of probation is limited to two years, unless extended by the Commission for good cause.

The Commission on Institutions of Higher Education (CIHE), a constituent element of NEASC, accredits 228 degree-granting institutions in the six New England states and 9 institutions overseas; it is recognized by the United States Department of Education. CIHE is one of seven regional higher education accrediting commissions.

Questions about the accreditation status of Pine Manor College should be directed to Barbara Brittingham, President of Commission on Institutions of Higher Education.

This statement has been reviewed and approved by the institution.

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