



January 5, 2015

Letter of Accreditation

Oksana Alfredson, CKD
JOLIET JUNIOR COLLEGE
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Re: Re-Accreditation Virtual Verification Visit, Report, and Body of Knowledge Assessment

Dear Ms. Alfredson,

After careful review of your application verification documents and the virtual visits held on October 8-9, 2014, the National Kitchen & Bath Association is pleased to award reaccreditation to Joliet Junior College for the A.S.S. Interior Design program consisting of 71 semester hours. Congratulations to you, your faculty, and Joliet Junior College for maintaining **NKBA Accredited Program Status**. The member firms, staff, and services of the National Kitchen and Bath Association support your NKBA Accredited Program status. Your compliance with the NKBA competencies found in the Body of Knowledge is integral for students to develop the skills to work in the kitchen and bath industry and to prepare for the NKBA certification exams. The Accredited Program status indicates that the educational institution has met most or all of the steps for re-accreditation. The NKBA Accreditation is effective for a seven-year period beginning January 1, 2015.

Margaret Krohn, CKD, ASID, and Verification Peer Evaluator, prepared the enclosed report based on the virtual visit to your program conducted on October 8-9, 2014. Please reference the enclosed report for the findings, decision, and recommendations for your program. A copy of *The Body of Knowledge* form is also enclosed.

Please sign and return the enclosed *Confirmation Receipt* as soon as possible. The receipt further details your role as Program Coordinator. Your signature confirms your agreement and understanding of the annual requirements to maintain your Accredited program status, as well as other ongoing activities. Keep a copy for your records.

As an **NKBA Accredited Program** provider, it is a *requirement* to publish a statement of partnership and an example of career path certification for the kitchen and bath industry. Included are *published statement of partnership* examples and an example of a career path certification description. Use the NKBA Accredited Program logo in all printed and/or electronic references to your accredited kitchen and bath design curriculum. Electronic copies of the logo are available on our website, www.nkba.org.

As an **NKBA Accredited Program Coordinator**, you are responsible for communication with NKBA National and your local NKBA Chapter Representative. Most local chapters have a Vice President of Academic Relations. They are tasked with communicating with nearby educational institutions to provide advice and guidance and to work with Program Coordinators to ensure successful course programs and chapter affiliations.

In addition to communicating with an NKBA local chapter, you are responsible for all correspondence and communication with the NKBA College and Student Engagement Department. Additional responsibilities

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include participation in our Fall and Spring Webinars; submitting annual fees, requirements, and *Graduation Verification Forms*; and attending *KBIS Educators' Forum* at least once every three years.

Your first and best source of information for accredited program information is at your fingertips on www.nkba.org. Sign in to the **Member Center** and click **FOR NKBA EDUCATORS** to learn more about the accreditation program and NKBA, in general, and find answers to your questions. The new *Supported and Accredited Programs eGuide* is there as a reference, as well as links to helpful checklists for supported and accredited programs and required forms.

We also provide online communication avenues at www.nkba.org; case@nkba.org; Yammer, Virtual NKBA Educators' Forum; Facebook, pages for NKBA and NKBA – Stars; and Twitter @nkbase.

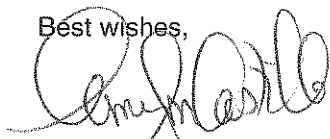
As your students complete the accredited program requirements including the 160-hour internship in the kitchen and bath industry, they may qualify to sit for the AKBD certification exam. The graduating student is required to submit a completed *NKBA Accredited Program – Graduation Verification Form*, reviewed and signed by you, within six months of their graduation date. A copy of this form is included herewith and is available online.

The NKBA offers you, your educational institution, and your students many valuable benefits, one of which is the gift of knowledge. Educators can pursue Professional Development Courses through the NKBA or by attending courses in conjunction with KBIS, to further their knowledge and credentials. The current course schedule is online at www.nkba.org, under **LEARN** or **NKBA University**.

Your NKBA *Certificate of Accreditation* plaque is enclosed, dated January 1, 2015 for a period of seven years. You can have this certificate presented at an *NKBA Accreditation Ceremony*, which may be arranged in conjunction with your NKBA Chicago-Midwest Chapter VP of Academic Relations, Larry Gulotta, CKD. Notify the NKBA College and Student Engagement Department of your ceremony date and arrangements. Refer to the enclosed *Accreditation Ceremony* document for more information and ideas regarding an Accreditation Ceremony.

We are pleased that your program has maintained this important status and we appreciate all of the time and effort that went into maintaining NKBA Accreditation for your program. We look forward to many years of successful accreditation with JOLIET JUNIOR COLLEGE and its NKBA Accredited program, A.A.S. Interior Design Program. Please keep in touch with us and do not hesitate to ask any questions that may arise.

Best wishes,



Amy M. Castillo
NKBA Manager of College and Student Engagement

C: M. Krohn, NKBA Evaluator (with enclosures)
 Betty Conkin, Dean of Arts and Sciences
Dr. Daniela Broderick, Chair, Fine Arts Department

Enc. Report
Body of Knowledge Assessment
Certificate Plaque
Confirmation Receipt
Accreditation Ceremony Checklist
Graduation Verification Form

