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Dr. Belle Whelan, President
SACS Commission on Colleges
1866 Southern Lane
Decatur, GA 30033

Dear Dr. Whelan,

Please accept this letter as notification that Dalton State College has entered into an agreement with the Georgia Film Academy, which is a joint venture of the University System of Georgia, the Technical College System of Georgia with the goal of supporting workforce needs of the film and digital entertainment industries.

Students enrolled in the Bachelor of Arts in Communication may pursue certification at the Georgia Film Academy as part of their 120 hours toward the degree. The certificate involves 18 hours of coursework taught at the Fayetteville facility of Pinewood Studios. We do not grant the certificate, only the bachelor's degree of which the hours are a portion. The students register for the courses through our enrollment software system but take the courses one or two days per week, for two semesters, off site in Fayetteville or an internship location in the state.

Since several other University System institutions (e.g., Kennesaw State, Clayton State, and Georgia State Universities) are in the same type of agreement with the Georgia Film Academy, the System has verified the credentials of instructors as per SACS standards prior to their hiring.

The first three students began their classes at the Georgia Film Academy in August 2017. We look forward to many more of our students pursuing the courses at GFA.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Margaret H. Venable". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Dr. Margaret H. Venable, President

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Dr. Henry Codjoe, Director of Institutional Research
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