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"Be kinder than necessary, for everyone you meet is fighting some battle." -Unknown

APOLLO COLLEGE

June 23, 2009

Ms. Wendy Macias
U.S. Department of Education
1990 K Street, N.W. Room 8017
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Sent via Electronic Mail: negreg09@ed.gov

Dear Ms. Macias:

On behalf of the students, faculty and staff of Apollo College – Arizona, thank you for the opportunity to provide written comments concerning the forthcoming negotiated rulemaking process.

Apollo College has a long and distinguished history in health care education. Students attend Apollo College to pursue health care careers in medical assisting, dental hygiene, physical therapy, respiratory care and medical radiography to name only a few high-demand fields. Apollo has worked tirelessly to develop and maintain strong and ongoing relationships with health care industry employers. Leading medical organizations, corporations and institutions regularly recruit Apollo graduates. Over the expanse of three decades, Apollo has served over 50,000 graduates who have gone on to meet the growing demand for high-quality health care professionals.

We strongly support that students attending all accredited institutions of higher education, regardless of an institution's public, private not-for-profit or proprietary status, be availed the resources and equal opportunity to attend the institution of their choice. If the United States is to emerge from the current economic downturn, it will require all sectors of education and multiple access and engagement points for a diverse array of students.

Apollo also heeds the Department's and Obama Administration's call to address the academic progress of American students from cradle to career. For most, but especially first time, first-generation students, discovering tangible college pathways is key to attaining educational success.

Our campus serves a large percentage of first time, first-generation students and includes a diverse demographic representation including 73% female, 23% age 25 and under, and 47% of non-white ethnicity. Our campus is currently involved in many strategic partnerships in our community including several with large hospital groups such as Banner, Abrazo, and John C. Lincoln Hospitals.

Sincerely,



Apollo College – Westside Phoenix Campus

