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Dr. Brian C. Rosenberg
President
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Dear Dr. Rosenberg:

Congratulations on being recognized as a 2016 U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon School Postsecondary Sustainability Awardee. This award acknowledges your institution's achievements in taking a comprehensive approach to sustainability.

Your status as a 2016 Postsecondary Sustainability Awardee affirms the commitment your institution has made to environmental stewardship, student and staff health, and sustainability education. You are also leveraging your achievements in these areas to reduce college costs, increase completion rates, ensure robust civic skills among graduates, improve student health and productivity, and connect your graduates to careers of the future. You have demonstrated that students, faculty, staff, and partners working together can build a postsecondary institution of the future, where all students have the opportunity to reach their full potential. You remind us that with resourcefulness, creativity, and collaboration, anything is possible.

President Barack Obama and I believe in expanding postsecondary access and affordability. This is why we've shifted more funds to make college more affordable for low-income students, provided opportunities for eligible students to cap student loan repayments, and introduced tools to increase transparency and support more informed college decision-making by students and families.

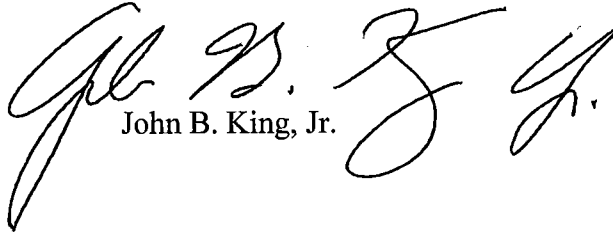
In sum, we are investing unprecedented resources in realizing a vision of education that supports students from cradle to career. Our plan begins with high-quality early childhood programs, continues with world-class P-12 systems, and culminates in accessible and affordable college and career options in order to support pathways to fulfilling green careers, engaged citizenship, and lifelong wellness. As you know, to succeed in an increasingly competitive, high-skill global economy, we must provide affordable, accessible, high-quality postsecondary education geared toward the careers of the future.

I commend you for your commitment to environmental stewardship, health, and sustainability and for inspiring your entire institution to aim high. You are representative of promising practices that improve achievement and equity, not only for aspiring green postsecondary institutions but for all colleges and universities. I look forward to celebrating your accomplishments during the U.S.

Department of Education's Green Ribbon Schools recognition events on July 20, 2016, and to sharing your innovations with the country all year long.

Thank you for all that you do.

Sincerely,



John B. King, Jr.