



BREWTON-PARKER COLLEGE

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SACSCOC Reaffirms Brewton-Parker College Accreditation

December 9, 2014 – Mount Vernon, Georgia – Brewton-Parker College is pleased to announce that its accreditation was reaffirmed and Brewton-Parker will remain an accredited member of The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (“SACSCOC”). **Brewton-Parker is no longer on probation.** Earlier today, SACSCOC announced its decision at the conclusion of its Annual Meeting in Nashville, Tennessee.

Brewton-Parker College President Dr. Ergun Caner and members of his Executive Cabinet met for an hour on Saturday, December 6 in Nashville with the SACSCOC Committee on Compliance and Reports to present new verified material evidence demonstrating Brewton-Parker College’s compliance with the *Principles of Accreditation*. The evidence submitted and reviewed by SACSCOC shows that Brewton-Parker College has sufficient financial resources to meet its obligations and its mission, is financially stable, is in control of its finances, and complies with its Title IV program responsibilities to the United States Department of Education.

“This is a great day for Brewton-Parker College. We are thankful that after reviewing all the evidence SACSCOC removed us from probation and reaffirmed our accreditation. The process that Brewton-Parker College has endured over the past four years shows that the system works. Brewton-Parker College is a better and much stronger institution today,” Dr. Caner said. “Brewton-Parker College has proved that it is financially stable, fiscally accountable, and academically rigorous. We give thanks to God for this decision for it was by His guidance we were able to achieve this result.”

Dr. Caner added, “Thanks to the efforts of our entire team, our CFO, Dr. Nicole Shepard, our President Emeritus, Dr. Mike Simoneaux, the outgoing chair of our Board of Trustees, Rev. Bucky Kennedy, the incoming chair of our Board of Trustees Gary Campbell, our auditor, Billy Minch, and our entire legal team, and the thousands of hours these individuals dedicated to this effort, we achieved our goal. The work and dedication of these individuals were exceptional. I also want to thank the many people that have supported Brewton-Parker College throughout this journey—the members of our Board of Trustees, faculty, staff, students, and the entire community of dedicated friends around us. The people of Mount Vernon, Ailey, Montgomery County, and the entire region stood by us. Today, once again, that trust was validated. We share

this victory with all of you. Brewton-Parker College is 110 years old. Today we take the next steps to lead Brewton-Parker College to even greater heights for the next 110 years.”

Brewton-Parker College will continue to work with SACSCOC in the future to ensure its continued success as one of the foremost providers of Christian education in the State of Georgia.

Brewton-Parker College, a Georgia Baptist college founded in 1904 and affiliated with the Georgia Baptist Convention, is located in Mount Vernon, Georgia and operates a satellite campus in Newnan, Georgia. Brewton-Parker College’s mission is to develop the whole student through the application of Biblically centered truth to a liberal arts curriculum in a community of shared Christian values. Brewton-Parker remains the only accredited four-year Christian college south of Macon and north of Jacksonville, FL.

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