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Dear Future Lincoln College of New England Student:

I have truly enjoyed my time with you here serving as interim president so it is very difficult to write this letter to you in regards to the status of the College. Due to some recent events, the decision has been made to close the College as of December 31, 2018. Therefore, we will not be enrolling any new students for the Fall 2018 term. Please be aware that LCNE has worked hard to find you another academic option in the area to help you start your collegiate career. That information is provided in the paragraphs below.

Subsequent to making the difficult decision to close on December 31, 2018, we engaged with Goodwin College to discuss assisting students who are interested in starting their programs of study. As you may know, Goodwin College is a local, non-profit college that is regionally accredited and offers many of the same programs offered here at LCNE. Thus, it made sense to reach out to Goodwin for their assistance.

As of today, Goodwin College and LCNE have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that will help with a transition to Goodwin, if you so choose. We know there are many different opportunities with institutions in the region that you may explore to help you complete your program of study. With that in mind, if you are going to consider attending Goodwin, we want you to know that Goodwin will be on the LCNE campus to help with your application process.

LCNE has always made it a practice to be transparent with our students about its ongoing activities. To that end, I have included a "Frequently Asked Questions" document that should provide immediate answers to some of your questions. If this document does not answer all of your questions, please know that LCNE will be operating until December 31, 2018, and will have staff on campus to help you with anything regarding your enrollment and transfer to another institution. Also, as part of the MOU, both Goodwin and LCNE have appointed an ombudsman from each campus who will help serve you.

We apologize for any inconvenience this has caused you, but please know this decision to close the College is one of the most difficult of my career. We wish you well in deciding on another suitable institution in the region that will help you attain your career goals in life.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dr. Jim Vernon", written over a faint circular stamp.

Dr. Jim Vernon
Interim President