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Baltimore — Baltimore City Community College (BCCC) is very pleased to announce the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE) has removed BCCC from probation.

The commission evaluates colleges on a wide range of standards, including their educational offerings, faculty, and mission. The commission had expressed concerns in one area: that there was insufficient evidence to show that the college adequately collected and assessed data on student learning outcomes. The college is now in compliance with the commission standards on assessment of student learning.

Dr. Carolane Williams, BCCC president, credits teamwork and the dedication of the entire college community for the positive outcomes. “The challenges from MSCHE have enabled BCCC to emerge as a stronger institution, better prepared to meet the needs of our students, our businesses and our community.”

In addition to assessment, other major changes have been instituted or intensified to boost efficiency and facilitate student success. They include streamlining academic programs, redesigning the developmental education program, and implementing mandatory academic advising and orientation programs.

These bold decisions have produced a number of positive outcomes including:

- 28% increase in graduates over two years
- 8% increase in number of degrees and certificates awarded
- 42% increase in Life Science degrees and certificates awarded
- 5% increase in Business and Continuing Education enrollment
- Enrollment at the Life Science Institute at the BioPark has grown to 2,546 in its two years of existence

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• Graduate satisfaction with educational goal achievement increased from 92% to 98.7%
• 13% increase in students majoring in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) careers
• 23% increase in Life Science majors over two years

“The College delivers high-quality education and training through academic and career-focused programs, preparing students to enter directly into the workforce or continue with their studies at a four-year institution,” said Dr. Gary D. Rodwell, chair of the BCCC Board of Trustees. “The decision by the Middle States Commission to lift the College’s probation is a testament to the hard work and diligence of BCCC faculty and staff. It reflects our commitment to rigorous and ongoing improvement. United in purpose and mission, we made difficult but necessary decisions and look forward to continuing our legacy of outstanding service to Baltimore City and its residents.”

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