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To whom it may concern:

Midstate College will cease operations at the end of the summer 2019 term on August 16, 2019.

Established in 1888, Midstate College was a private, for-profit college located at 411 W. Northmoor Rd., Peoria, Illinois. The College relocated its facility from the downtown Peoria location to the Northmoor location in October of 1997. The Arline H. Bunch Business Center was opened January 14, 2002, and the R. Dale Bunch Student Center was opened May 17, 2010.

The origin of Midstate College dates back to 1857 when a commercial school was started in Peoria, and in 1865 a similar school opened. In 1868, the schools in Peoria were combined, and in 1888 it was purchased by G.W. Brown and named Brown's Business College of Commerce.

Mr. Brown continued ownership and operation until 1913. At that time, he owned 21 institutions in Illinois and one in St. Louis. The Peoria school was sold to Mr. Reed who continued operation until 1960 when it was purchased by A.R. Beard, Don Beard, and Arline H. Bunch. The name was then changed to Midstate College of Commerce. In 1965, the stock was purchased by the Bunch family, and in 1970 the name was changed to Midstate College.

After 2003, Midstate College became a four-year college serving students from Central Illinois and other parts of the country. Midstate was approved to offer the Bachelor of Business Administration Degree in the November 1999. Midstate College enrolled its first graduate students in the Master of Business Administration program in November 2018.

Midstate College has voluntarily withdrawn from all regional, state, and programmatic accreditations. Midstate College was accredited by the Higher Learning Commission 1982 to August 16, 2019. The Higher Learning Commission is designated as a recognized accrediting agency by the U.S. Department of Education. Midstate College was approved by the Illinois Board of Higher Education to operate in Illinois until August 16, 2019.

The Bachelor of Science Degree in Realtime Reporting was approved by the Council on Approved Student Education of the National Court Reporters Association and has met the General Requirements and Minimum Standards established by said board from July 12, 2012 to August 14, 2019.



The Judicial Reporting Associate of Applied Science degree program was approved by the Council on Approved Student Education of the National Court Reporters Association and has met the General Requirements and Minimum Standards established by said board from June 10, 2019 to August 14, 2019.

The Health Information Technology Associate of Applied Science degree program was accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM) from 2007 to August 14, 2019. The Health Information Administration, Bachelor of Science degree program was in candidacy following a letter of intent April 12, 2017 and successful site visit in May 9-10, 2019.

The Midstate College Medical Assistant Associate of Applied Science degree program was accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP), upon the recommendation of the Medical Assisting Educational Review Board (MAERB). Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs from 1987 to August 1, 2019.

The Midstate College Paralegal Studies Associate of Applied Science degree was American Bar Association (ABA) approved from 2012 to August 16, 2019.

Students who graduated after 2001 can request transcripts and replacement diplomas from Parchment using the following website:  
<https://www.parchment.com/u/registration/33876/account>. Students who graduated before 2001 can visit <https://www.ibhe.org/pdf/Midstate.pdf> to request transcripts from the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

Please contact me at (309) 258-9956 or via e-mail at [midstate.information@gmail.com](mailto:midstate.information@gmail.com) if you need additional information or have any questions.

Sincerely,

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