

# Cortland

State University of New York College at Cortland

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■ Office of the President

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Ms. Jean Avnet Morse, Executive Director  
Middle States Commission on Higher Education  
3624 Market Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19104-2680

Dear Ms. Morse:

On behalf of the State University of New York College at Cortland (SUNY Cortland), I wish to provide the Institutional Response to the final report of the Middle States Association team which visited our campus on March 24-27, 2002.

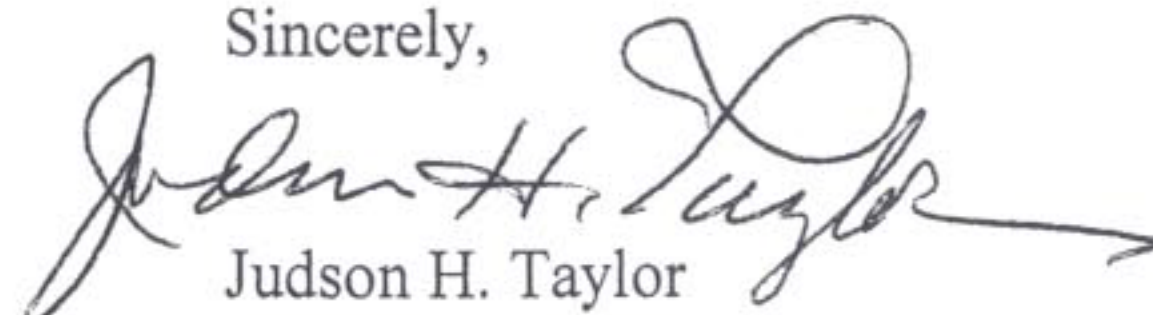
Overall, we find the visiting team report to be highly consistent with the institutional self-study document, and therefore we accept the team report. Of course, I had the opportunity to discuss a draft of the team report with Dr. Speert and to correct factual errors. I believe the final report to be error free.

Let me also express my general satisfaction with the way in which the re-accreditation process took place. From the earliest contact with Dr. Santiago in preparing us for the activity and his staff visit to the review of the draft team report with the chair of the visiting team, the assistance from the Commission has been professional and, most important, helpful. In particular, the visiting team was well chosen and found an experienced and able leader in Dr. Arnold Speert.

As is apparent in the institutional self-study report, SUNY Cortland took the re-accreditation process very seriously and conducted a highly participative self-study that produced a candid and, in some cases, hard-hitting analysis of institutional effectiveness. We are pleased that the visiting team's report confirms these impressions, as well as the fact that we have already begun to implement the self-study's recommendations.

SUNY Cortland fully intends to use the institutional self-study document and the visiting team report to guide future planning and action. I believe the Periodic Review Report, due in a very short five years, will demonstrate further the positive impact of the re-accreditation process.

Sincerely,



Judson H. Taylor  
President

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