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Dear Ms. Lee:

As part of President Obama's college completion goal of increasing the number of college graduates in the United States, the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education (OCTAE) launched its Supporting Student Success project. The project was established to identify ways community colleges are working to align developmental education and adult education programs to support students in their transition to post-secondary education and employment goals.

Using evidence-based criteria and recommendations from program experts and academic researchers, project staff selected St. Louis Community College from a diverse pool of community colleges nationwide, St. Louis Community College is one of four community colleges selected to be part of the validation process. Your institution was validated in the program area of Contextualization. Highlights of various aspects of your institution's program will be featured, along with the other colleges, in upcoming materials developed for the Department of Education.

The Department would like to extend its thanks for the time, energy, and staff you have devoted to this initiative over the past few months with our contractor, the Manhattan Strategy Group. Your participation in this process and the lessons learned is helping to shape this project, as well as the materials that will be developed to support a bigger network of colleges striving to better align developmental and adult education services. In the upcoming year, OCTAE will continue to both recognize and share your important work in a range of venues. We hope you will consider being involved in the product development and dissemination efforts of this initiative. Your work will support other community colleges and adult education providers in their implementation of existing and/or new programs that support success for lower-skilled students. Thank you for your commitment to student success.

Sincerely,

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