

**Update on Accreditation Status
of
Paine College, Augusta, Georgia**

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On September 19, 2016, the leadership of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) agreed to a Consent Order Granting Preliminary Injunction that reinstated the accreditation of Paine College, located in Augusta, Georgia, with SACSCOC. Paine College continued as a member on Probation pending further Order of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia.

In an opinion and order signed on October 11, 2018, the Honorable Thomas H. Thrash, Jr., United State District Judge, granted the Motion for Summary Judgement filed by SACSCOC, directed that the judgment be entered in favor of the Commission, and denied the Partial Summary Judgment requested by Paine College. Paine College, located in Augusta, Georgia, is removed as an accredited institution of SACSCOC. The institution has 30 days to appeal the decision of the District Court.

SACSCOC is the regional commission responsible for accrediting degree-granting institutions in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and some institutions in Latin America. The Board of Trustees of SACS Commission on Colleges is the representative body of the 793-member College Delegate Assembly and is charged with carrying out the accreditation process. To gain or maintain accreditation, an institution must comply with Commission policies and with all standards contained in the *Principles of Accreditation*.

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