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Jane Karas, PhD
President
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Dear Dr. Karas:

The Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) is pleased to inform you of its vote on **November 16, 2018** to award **continuing accreditation** to the Surgical Technology program at Flathead Valley Community College, Kalispell, MT.

The recent peer review conducted by the Accreditation Review Council on Education in Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (ARC/STSA) and CAAHEP's Board of Directors recognizes the program's substantial compliance with the nationally established accreditation Standards. The next comprehensive evaluation of the program, including an on-site review, is scheduled to occur no later than **2028**.

The ARC/STSA will regularly monitor the program's compliance with the outcomes assessment thresholds through the program's Annual Report as well as other documentation that may be requested (Standard IV.B.).

The accreditation standards are established by CAAHEP, ARC/STSA, American College of Surgeons (ACS), and Association of Surgical Technologists (AST).

The commission commends you and your colleagues for your commitment to continuous quality improvement in education, as demonstrated by your participation in program accreditation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Gregory J. Ferenchak'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Gregory Ferenchak, EdD, RT(R)(QM)
President

cc: Chris Clouse, PhD, Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs
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