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October 2, 2012

Dr. Katherine N. High  
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Dear Dr. High:

Thank you for your letter of June 13, 2012, notifying the Commission on Colleges that the University of Tennessee has applied for a Comprehensive Transition and Postsecondary Program and Title IV Federal Student Aid in collaboration with the Funds for Improving Postsecondary Education Office. The program began August 2010.

The FUTURE Postsecondary Education Program is designed as a two-year program culminating in a Future at the University of Tennessee utilizing Resources for Employment (FUTURE) Certificate. The program provides individualized academic, social, vocational, and independent living skills to students aged 18-29 with intellectual disabilities in Tennessee that complete high school without earning a regular high school diploma. The FUTURE Program features an individualized schedule for each student based on personal career aspirations.

The program is a campus based program. The program offers services in the four required areas: 1) Academic, 2) Career and Technical, 3) Independent Living, and 4) Social Skills Training. Students completing the FUTURE Program must complete 60 credit hours to receive the certificate.

**We accept the late notification of the certificate program.**

Best regards,

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President

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cc: Dr. Joseph A. DiPietro, President  
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