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Re: Bacalaurette Degree in Dental Hygiene

To Whom It May Concern:

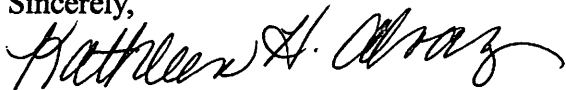
This letter is in support of a bacalaurette degree program to be offered at West Los Angeles College.

I am a practicing dental hygienist with forty years of experience both as a clinician and dental hygiene educator. I am also a past president of the California Dental Hygienists' Association, American Dental Hygienists' Association and the Hispanic Dental Association. I was a graduate with a community college degree in Dental Hygiene.

The amount of pre-requisite courses plus the dental hygiene curriculum gave me more than the equivalent for a bachelor degree but I was awarded an associates degree because this was a community college. The current necessity for auxiliary personnel in dental hygiene with a bachelor's degree is at a critical stage. Across the nation dental hygiene practitioners are providing care that necessitates this degree in order to close the gap of underserved populations. I know West Los Angeles College has one of the finest dental hygiene programs in the nation. Being a leader in the education field it would behoove the college to strongly support a bachelor's degree program in dental hygiene.

I wish you and your students continued success in providing the best dental hygiene education for all people.

Sincerely,



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