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## Reaffirmation of Accreditation

The University continues preparation for its routinely scheduled reaffirmation of accreditation visit scheduled for March 29-31, 2010. Wilberforce University is accredited by the North Central Association and has been since 1962. All accredited institutions of higher learning go through a reaffirmation process. Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) are provided below on our reaffirmation of accreditation efforts that may be helpful to you.

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

### 1. Is Wilberforce University accredited?

Yes, Wilberforce University is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

### 2. Why is there talk about accreditation now?

Accredited reviews are routinely scheduled for all accredited institutions. Wilberforce University's routinely scheduled ten year review is March 29-31, 2010.

### 3. What should we expect as Wilberforce University reaffirms its accreditation in spring 2010?

Classes and University operations will continue as usual. Students, faculty and staff will proceed with their regular activities. There will be increased discussions on the University's mission, vision, core values and strategic priorities to assure these can be easily articulated by all at the University.

### 4. Will the University be accredited when my daughter/son graduates from Wilberforce?

The University remains confident in its reaffirmation efforts. It is favorably positioned per the guidelines provided by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association to maintain its accreditation.

### 5. What can my daughter/son do to help in the reaffirmation of accreditation?

In addition to knowing the information in #3 above, your daughter/son should be positive and proud of Wilberforce University. Its 153 year history has given rise to an unprecedented number of successful scholars, entrepreneurs, religious leaders and other professionals and is currently producing scholars who will continue to build the rich legacy of this great institution.



**6. What can parents do to help in the reaffirmation of accreditation?**

Parents should remain positive and encourage their students to focus on their studies at the University. Per # 4 above, we are confident in our reaffirmation efforts.

**7. Has the University's financial situation improved?**

While Wilberforce University has made improvement in reducing its deficit, significant funds are still needed to stabilize the University's financial base. Fundraising efforts are ongoing.

**8. How will the finances impact the University's accreditation status?**

Our accrediting agency, North Central Association, is aware that these are difficult economic times for most colleges and universities. Key for Wilberforce University is to demonstrate the tough decisions that have been made to work within the limited financial base and to share the plan to stabilize its financial base. We remain confident.

**9. How long has Wilberforce University been accredited?**

Wilberforce University has been accredited since 1962.

**10. What does accreditation mean for the University and its students?**

Accreditation is symbolic of educational standards and procedures that have been successfully implemented and achieved in accordance with higher learning guidelines. It facilitates a diversity of financial aid packages/funding and enhances collaboration with other institutions of higher learning.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions.

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