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## SACSCOC GRANTS BOB JONES UNIVERSITY REGIONAL ACCREDITATION

GREENVILLE, S.C. (June 15, 2017) – The Board of Trustees of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) today granted Bob Jones University membership as an accredited institution.

“Being granted **regional accreditation** is one of the biggest milestones in Bob Jones University’s 90-year history,” says BJU President Steve Pettit. “We set out to obtain regional accreditation and strengthen our mission and, by God’s grace, we’ve accomplished both objectives.”

Regional accreditation benefits students in specific ways. It makes it easier to transfer credits and be admitted to more graduate schools. It will show prospective employers a BJU education meets high standards and equips our graduates with skills needed in today’s world, and it could help graduates entering a profession where a regionally accredited degree is required for licensure or employment.

“We’re deeply grateful for our faculty and staff and proud of what they’ve accomplished through this process,” says Dr. Gary Weier, provost and executive vice president for academic affairs. “We believe regional accreditation reassures parents, prospective and current students, employers and other universities that Bob Jones University provides a high quality education.”

Prior to applying for membership with SACSCOC, BJU implemented a number of

enhancements including a new board and governance structure, new academic programs in health sciences, curriculum updates, intercollegiate athletics, and a completely renovated dining facility.

During the process, BJU benefitted from evaluations provided by two peer review committees comprised of faculty and senior administrators from other SACSCOC-member colleges and universities.

BJU holds national accreditation through the Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (TRACS) and is authorized to operate and grant baccalaureate and advanced degrees by the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education. BJU's engineering program is accredited by ABET, its teacher preparation programs hold state accreditation and its nursing program has full approval from the State Board of Nursing for South Carolina.

BJU is a member of the American Association of Christian Colleges and Seminaries, the Association of Business Administrators of Christian Colleges, the Education Advisory Board and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation.

**Bob Jones University** is a Christian liberal arts university providing over 100 undergraduate and graduate programs, ranging from the humanities to professional degree programs such as accounting, nursing and engineering—all centered on a biblical worldview. BJU emphasizes character development, Christian values and skill development in order to inspire and equip graduates to impact the world for Jesus Christ. BJU's nearly 43,000 graduates work and minister in nearly 80 countries around the globe.

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