



Accrediting Council for Collegiate Graphic Communications, Inc.

## PRESS RELEASE

### Associate Program in Graphic Arts Technology at Harper College Palatine, IL Earns National ACCGC Accreditation

After completing an extensive self-study and hosting a site visit by a three-member team of industry and education experts, the Graphic Arts Technology program at Harper College was awarded national accreditation beginning September 1, 2013. This program is among eleven, associate and baccalaureate level, graphic communications related programs nationwide to have received this distinction.

A formal presentation was made during the September 8, 2013 annual ACCGC Board of Directors meeting that was held during the Print '13 industry show in Chicago. A plaque recognizing the six-year accreditation was presented to Professor Patricia A. Bruner, Coordinator, Graphic Arts Technology program, Harper College during the ACCGC September 8, 2013 Board of Directors meeting. The accreditation period was retroactive to September 1, 2013 and will continue through August 31, 2019.

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Left to Right: Professor Michael Steczak, ACCGC Team Chair and Professor Emeritus, Chowan University; Assistant Professor Patricia A. Bruner and Assistant Professor Kelly Taylor of Harper College, and Dr. Thomas E. Schildgen, ACCGC President, Arizona State University.

Professor Patricia A. Bruner, Coordinator of the Graphic Arts Technology program stated:

“The ACCGC Self Study was an excellent opportunity to review all aspects of our Graphic Arts program and to validate its industry strength. We are very proud to accept this accreditation and value its academic and the graphic communications industry importance. Student success in our graphics program is our mission.”

In their Visitation Report, the ACCGC team noted this statement from the students they interviewed: “We are well pleased with the quality of instruction and the faculty in the graphic arts technology program at Harper College.” “

The accrediting agency, **Accrediting Council for Collegiate Graphic Communications, Inc. (ACCGC)**, awarded the academic accreditation. ACCGC is an independent body professionally supported by leaders in the collegiate educational area and by management personnel in the graphic communications industry.

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