



Accrediting Council for Collegiate Graphic Communications, Inc.

PRESS RELEASE
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**Baccalaureate Program in Graphics and Multimedia
at
California University of Pennsylvania
California, PA
Earns Continued 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 Graphics and Multimedia program at California University of Pennsylvania was awarded national re-accreditation beginning September 1, 2013. The program at California University of Pennsylvania was originally awarded accreditation by ACCGC on September 1, 2007. 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 13, 2015 annual ACCGC Board of Directors meeting that was held during Graph Expo '15 show in Chicago. A plaque recognizing the continued accreditation was presented to Professor Joseph G. Schickel, Chair, Department of Applied Engineering and Technology at CalU by ACCGC president, Dr. Thomas P. Bell.



Dr. Thomas P. Bell (left), ACCGC President, presented Professor Joseph G. Schickel with a plaque signifying continued ACCGC accreditation for the Graphics and Multimedia program at California University of Pennsylvania.

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Professor Schickel, Department Chair at CalU, stated: “We are pleased to again receive ACCGC accreditation for the Graphics and Multimedia program at California University of Pennsylvania. The benefits of this continued accreditation are apparent throughout our curriculum and facilities, with our faculty and administration working together to continuously improve student learning outcomes.”

In their Visitation Report, the ACCGC team noted this statement from the students they interviewed: “They believed that their education was ‘top notch’ and that they were well prepared for the print media career field.”

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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