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Dear Campus Colleagues:

We are pleased to report that the Middle States Self-Study Working Groups have completed their reports, each covering one of the seven [Standards for Accreditation](#). We are most grateful to the Working Group [co-chairs and their committee members](#) for their good work of evidence-gathering, analysis and reflection over this past year.

This summer, we will use these reports as the basis of the full draft Self-Study Report. As we make the case to Middle States on how the University meets the seven Standards, our final report will synthesize information in these reports into one cohesive narrative that will also incorporate new evidence coming in over the summer.

### **How you can help:**

***Review the Working Group Reports:*** You will find the reports in the My.Scranton portal > News (scroll down, on left) > Middle States Self-Study. With each report, you will find a cover page that includes a link to an online feedback form. In addition, you can email us at [selfstudy@scranton.edu](mailto:selfstudy@scranton.edu).

***Review your Website:*** Members of our Middle States Campus Review Team will visit our website well before they come to Scranton. If you maintain your department's web pages, please be sure they are up to date, with correct information and links that work.

***Mark your calendars:*** In the fall, you'll be able to read and comment on the full draft report. Please keep these other key dates in mind:

- **Team Chair's Preliminary Visit:** November 8-9, 2018
- **Peer Review Team Visit:** March 3-6, 2019

During the preliminary visit, the Visiting Team Chair will meet with campus leaders to prepare for the spring Team visit, and will offer feedback to our draft Self-Study Report. The Team visit will engage many more members of our community as our higher education peers validate and explore the Report, and learn more about the University and how we meet Middle States' standards.

Thank you once again for your support and collaboration as we enter the final year of our Self-Study.

Sincerely,

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