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**VIA ELECTRONIS SUBMISSION**

Attorney General Xavier Becerra  
Office of the Attorney General  
California Department of Justice  
Attn: Public Inquiry Unit  
P.O. Box 944255  
Sacramento, CA 94244-2550

Re: Notification of Potential Data Security Incident

Dear Attorney General Becerra:

We represent Paul Quinn College (“PQC”) in connection with a recent data security incident described in greater detail below. PQC has taken steps to notify the potentially impacted individuals and enhance the security of its systems in an effort to prevent similar incidents from occurring in the future.

**1. Nature of the security incident.**

On August 16, 2019, PQC learned that certain PQC employee email accounts had been accessed without authorization. In immediate response, PQC took steps to secure the impacted email accounts and to further secure its email system, and it began an extensive and detailed analysis of the email accounts to determine if they contained any personal information that may have been affected by the incident. The analysis was completed on February 19, 2020, and it revealed that some personal information was contained in the email accounts involved in the incident. The information potentially involved in the incident includes Social Security numbers, Driver’s License numbers, financial account information, state or government ID numbers, medical information, health insurance information, passport numbers, and credentials for online accounts.

After the analysis was complete, PQC worked diligently to identify current address information for the potentially affected individuals in order to effectuate notification and took steps to complete notification quickly as possible in light of significant challenges arising from responding to the COVID-19 situation.

PQC has no evidence to suggest that any personal information involved in this incident has been misused. Nonetheless, out of an abundance of caution, potentially affected individuals for whom address information was identified were notified about the incident on June 1, 2020 and offered complimentary identity monitoring services through ID Experts.

**2. Number of California residents affected.**

PQC notified 1,159 California residents regarding this data security incident. Notification letters were mailed via first class U.S. mail on June 1, 2020. A sample copy of the notification letter is included with this letter.

**3. Steps taken relating to the incident.**

PQC has taken steps in response to this incident to further strengthen the security of its email system in an effort to prevent similar incidents from occurring in the future. In addition, PQC has notified affected residents and offered them twelve months of credit monitoring and identity protection services at no charge to the individual.

**4. Contact information.**

PQC remains dedicated to protecting the personal information in its control and has taken steps to enhance the security of its email system and reduce the risk of a similar incident occurring in the future. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (720) 292-2052 or [alyssa.watzman@lewisbrisbois.com](mailto:alyssa.watzman@lewisbrisbois.com).

Sincerely,

Alyssa Watzman

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Enclosure: Sample Patient Notification Letter