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Dear Student:

Over the last several months, the College has been preparing the process for converting from the quarter to semester system. There are many compelling reasons for making the transition to semesters including: a) uniformity of transfer credits to other institutions; b) a common calendar year with other institutions; c) a less hectic pace; and d) an earlier graduation that will provide Rhodes students a more competitive advantage in the job market. On the quarter system, the academic year is divided into three terms (Fall, Winter, Spring) of 11 weeks each while the semester year is divided into two terms (Fall, Spring) of 16 weeks each.

Please note, if you **graduate before Fall 2012**, you **will not** be impacted by the semester calendar change. If, however, you began your studies on the quarter calendar and **do not graduate** before *Fall Semester 2012* you will be considered a quarter to semester “**transition**” student. Rhodes State is committed to our students. Therefore, as the College converts from the quarter to semester system, we are making the following **pledge** to each degree-seeking, transitioning student enrolled prior to *Fall Semester 2012*:

- **No Loss of Credit**
Credits earned by you in your chosen program before the semester conversion will be applied after the conversion.
- **No Extended Time to Graduation**
If you are on track to complete your degree within a certain timeframe at the point of semester conversion and follow your ITAP, you will be able to complete your degree and graduate on time.
- **No Increased Costs**
Your annual tuition and fees will not be greater for a two-semester academic year than under the three-quarter academic year system. Please note that the College may implement annual tuition increases as authorized by the Board of Trustees.

As this process unfolds, frequently visit the Rhodes Semester Conversion website at www.rhodesstate.edu/semesters for information; we will continuously update the website. The *Semester Conversion Logo* above is designed to alert you to any correspondence associated with Semester Conversion; check the website for the latest news whenever you see the logo!

Thank you for choosing Rhodes State. I wish you continued success in all that you do.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Debra L. McCurdy'.

Debra L. McCurdy, PhD
President

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