December 8, 2014

Dear Colleague:

As a recipient of the 2010 Carnegie Community Engagement Classification, your campus will be included in the announcement of the newly classified and re-classified campuses from the 2015 classification cycle. The announcement of the entire set of classified institutions will be released publicly on January 7, 2015.

Your campus is one of 361 institutions that now hold the Community Engagement Classification. It is heartening to see this level of commitment and activity. Clearly, higher education is making significant strides in finding ways to engage with and contribute to important community agendas. There is much to celebrate.

Included with this letter is a newly created digital file of a seal signifying your achievement as a Carnegie Community Engaged campus. We hope you will use this seal as you publicize your accomplishments. We also hope that you will use the announcement of the classified campuses as an opportunity to bring new attention to community engagement efforts on your campus and ways that you can advance and deepen your practice.

The classification you achieved in 2010 is valid until 2020, at which time you will need to seek re-classification if your campus intends to retain its Community Engagement Classified status. If you choose to re-classify in 2020 (starting the process in 2018), you will be asked to provide evidence of how community engagement has become deeper, more pervasive, better integrated, and sustained on your campus.

If you have any questions, please contact John Saltmarsh, Director of the New England Resource Center for Higher Education, at john.saltmarsh@umb.edu.

Sincerely,

Anthony S. Bryk, President
Carnegie Foundation

John Saltmarsh, Director
New England Resource Center for Higher Education

Amy Driscoll, Consulting Scholar
Carnegie Community Engagement Classification