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April 1, 2024

## <<Variable Text 1>>

Dear <<First Name>>,

Clackamas Community College ("CCC") values and respects your privacy, which is why we are writing to advise you of an incident that may have involved some of your personal information. We want to make you aware of the incident and provide you with guidance on what you can do to protect yourself, should you feel it is appropriate to do so.

**What Happened.** On January 19, 2024, we detected some irregular activity on a small number of computer systems, and quickly determined that an unauthorized third-party gained access to our internal network and encrypted some of our files. We immediately and proactively isolated our network, moved systems offline, and disabled user access. These actions largely prevented the spread of the malicious activity. We also launched an investigation in consultation with federal law enforcement and outside experts specializing in cybersecurity incidents.

What Information Was Involved. The investigation ultimately found that some files from our data server were copied from the network during the incident. We reviewed the contents of these files and, on February 29, 2024, we learned that the files contained your name, <<Variable Text 2>>.

What We Are Doing. As noted above, upon discovering the incident, we activated our incident response plan and launched an investigation in consultation with a team of forensic experts. We also notified federal law enforcement, and we are cooperating with that investigation. We understand that federal and international law enforcement agencies have disrupted the operations of the group responsible for the incident at CCC before any files were publicly released. We are also evaluating additional measures we can take to mitigate the risk of a similar incident from occurring in the future.

Although we are not aware of any instances of fraud or information misuse as a result of the incident, we recommend continuing to remain vigilant and closely monitoring all financial accounts. In addition, we are offering identity theft protection services through IDX, A ZeroFox Company, the data breach and recovery services expert. IDX identity protection services include: 24 months of credit and CyberScan monitoring, a \$1,000,000 insurance reimbursement policy, and fully managed id theft recovery services. With this protection, IDX will help you resolve issues if your identity is compromised.

What You Can Do. We encourage you to take advantage of the complimentary credit monitoring included with this letter. We encourage you to contact IDX with any questions and to enroll in the free identity protection services by calling 1-888-451-6405 or going to <a href="https://response.idx.us/clackamascommunitycollege">https://response.idx.us/clackamascommunitycollege</a> and using the Enrollment Code provided above. You can also find more information on steps to protect yourself against potential fraud in the enclosed Additional Important Information sheet. You can also find more information on steps to protect yourself against potential fraud in the enclosed Additional Important Information sheet. The deadline to enroll is July 1, 2024.

**For More Information.** We value the trust you place in us to protect your privacy, take our responsibility to safeguard your personal information seriously, and apologize for any inconvenience or concern this incident might cause. For further information and assistance, we have established a dedicated call center to help answer questions you may have about the incident. Please call 1-888-451-6405 from 6:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Pacific, Monday through Friday.

Sincerely,

Tim Cook

President, Clackamas Community College

## **Additional Important Information**

As a precautionary measure, we recommend that you remain vigilant to protect against potential fraud and/or identity theft by, among other things, reviewing your account statements and monitoring credit reports closely. If you detect any suspicious activity on an account, you should promptly notify the financial institution or company with which the account is maintained. You should also promptly report any fraudulent activity or any suspected incidents of identity theft to proper law enforcement authorities, including the police and your state's attorney general, as well as the Federal Trade Commission ("FTC").

You may wish to review the tips provided by the FTC on fraud alerts, security/credit freezes and steps you can take to avoid identity theft. For more information and to contact the FTC, please visit <a href="www.ftc.gov/idtheft">www.ftc.gov/idtheft</a> or call 1-877-ID-THEFT (1-877-438-4338). You may also contact the FTC at Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20580.

Under Massachusetts law, you have the right to obtain any police report filed in regard to this incident. If you are the victim of identity theft, you also have the right to file a police report and obtain a copy of it.

The District of Columbia and Massachusetts law also allow consumers to place a security freeze on their credit reports. A security freeze can be placed without any charge. A security freeze prohibits a credit reporting agency from releasing any information from a consumer's credit report without written authorization. However, please be aware that placing a security freeze on your credit report may delay, interfere with, or prevent the timely approval of any requests you make for new loans, credit mortgages, employment, housing or other services.

To place a security freeze on your credit report, you must send a written request to each of the three major consumer reporting agencies by regular, certified or overnight mail at the addresses below or, if available, comply with the consumer reporting agencies' online security freeze request procedures:

Equifax Security Freeze 1-888-298-0045 https://www.equifax.com/personal/ credit-report-services/credit-freeze/ P.O. Box 105788 Atlanta, GA 30348

Experian Security Freeze 1-888-397-3742 https://www.experian.com/ freeze/center.html P.O. Box 9554 Allen, TX 75013 TransUnion Security Freeze 1-888-909-8872 https://www.transunion.com/ credit-freeze P.O. Box 160 Woodlyn, PA 19094

In order to request a security freeze, you may need to provide the following information:

- 1. Your full name (including middle initial as well as Jr., Sr., II, III, etc.):
- 2. Social Security Number;
- 3. Date of birth;
- 4. If you have moved in the past five (5) years, provide the addresses where you have lived over the prior five years;
- 5. Proof of current address such as a current utility bill or telephone bill;
- 6. A legible photocopy of a government issued identification card (state driver's license or ID card, military identification, etc.); and
- 7. If you are a victim of identity theft, include a copy of either the police report, investigative report, or complaint to a law enforcement agency concerning identity theft.

The credit reporting agencies have three (3) business days after receiving your request to place a security freeze on your credit report. The credit bureaus must also send written confirmation to you within five (5) business days and provide you with a unique personal identification number (PIN) or password, or both that can be used by you to authorize the removal or lifting of the security freeze.

To lift the security freeze in order to allow a specific entity or individual access to your credit report, you must call or send a written request to the credit reporting agencies by mail or, if available, comply with the consumer reporting agencies' online procedures for lifting a security freeze, and include proper identification (name, address, and social security number) and the PIN number or password provided to you when you placed the security freeze as well as the identities of those entities or individuals you would like to receive your credit report or the specific period of time you

want the credit report available. The credit reporting agencies have three (3) business days after receiving your request to lift the security freeze for those identified entities or for the specified period of time.

To remove the security freeze, you must send a written request to each of the three credit bureaus by mail or, if available, comply with the consumer reporting agencies' online procedures for removing a security freeze, and include proper identification (name, address, and social security number) and the PIN number or password provided to you when you placed the security freeze. The credit bureaus have three (3) business days after receiving your request to remove the security freeze.

<u>Credit Reports</u>: By law, you may obtain a free copy of your credit report once every 12 months from each of the three national credit reporting agencies. The three national credit reporting agencies have also agreed to provide free weekly online credit reports. You can obtain your free credit report by visiting <u>www.annualcreditreport.com</u>, by calling toll-free 1-877-322-8228, or by completing an Annual Credit Report Request Form and mailing it to Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA 30348. You can print a copy of the request form at <a href="https://www.annualcreditreport.com/manualRequestForm.action">https://www.annualcreditreport.com/manualRequestForm.action</a>. Alternatively, you may elect to purchase a copy of your credit report by contacting one of the three national credit reporting agencies. Contact information for the three national credit reporting agencies for the purpose of requesting a copy of your credit report or for general inquiries is as follows:

 Equifax
 Experian
 TransUnion

 1-866-349-5191
 1-888-397-3742
 1-800-888-4213

 www.equifax.com
 www.experian.com
 www.transunion.com

 P.O. Box 740241
 P.O. Box 2002
 P.O. Box 1000

 Atlanta, GA 30374
 Allen, TX 75013
 Chester, PA 19016

<u>Fraud Alerts:</u> You may want to consider placing a fraud alert on your credit report. A fraud alert is free and will stay on your credit report for one (1) year. The alert informs creditors of possible fraudulent activity within your report and requests that the creditor contact you prior to establishing any new accounts in your name. To place a fraud alert on your credit report, contact any of the three national credit reporting agencies using the contact information listed above. Additional information is available at <a href="https://www.annualcreditreport.com">www.annualcreditreport.com</a>.

<u>District of Columbia Residents</u>: District of Columbia residents can contact the Office of the Attorney general to obtain information about steps to take to avoid identity theft from the Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia at 441 4th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001, 1-202-727-3400, <u>oag@dc.gov</u>, <u>https://oag.dc.gov/.</u> The District of Columbia law also allows consumers to place a security freeze on their credit reports without any charge.