

Accrediting Council

On Education in Journalism and Mass Communications

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LAWRENCE, KANSAS - Peter Bhatia, editor and vice president for audience development, Enquirer Media in Cincinnati, was elected to a three-year term as president of the Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications (ACEJMC) at its May 6-7 meeting in Chicago. Bhatia represents the American Society of News Editors on the Council. Paul Parsons, dean of the School of Communications at Elon University, was elected vice president.

The Council accredited two new international schools. The undergraduate and graduate programs at the School of Communication, Journalism and Marketing at Massey University in New Zealand were accredited. Massey University has three campuses in Auckland, Palmerston North and Wellington. The second new school was the College of Communication at the University of Sharjah in the United Arab Emirates.

Twenty-five schools were reviewed. ACEJMC now accredits 119 schools in the United States and outside the country. The Council conducts voluntary reviews for schools with professional journalism and mass communications programs.

Two new members were elected to three-year terms on the Accrediting Committee. They are Sonya Duhe, director of the School of Mass Communication at Loyola University New Orleans, and Helen Katz, senior vice president and director of research for Publicis Media.

Re-elected to three-year terms were Andrew Alexander, visiting professional at the E.W. Scripps School of Journalism at Ohio University, and Africa Price, director of public relations and communications for the mayor's office in Shreveport, Louisiana.

The following schools received provisional reaccreditation for their undergraduate programs:

Department of Journalism, University of Arkansas
Department of Journalism and Public Relations, Bowling Green State University
Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, North Carolina A&T State University
Department of Journalism, Texas Christian University

The Nido R. Qubein School of Communication at High Point University received initial provisional accreditation.

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The following schools received reaccreditation for their undergraduate programs:

Department of Journalism, Ball State University
School of Communications, Howard University
School of Journalism and Broadcasting, Western Kentucky University
Department of Journalism and Public Relations, California State University, Chico
Department of Journalism, California State University, Northridge
Greenlee School of Journalism and Communication, Iowa State University
Department of Journalism and Mass Communications, Murray State University
School of Mass Communication and Journalism, University of Southern Mississippi
Faculty of Communication, Catholic University in Santiago, Chile
Department of Journalism, University of Wisconsin Oshkosh
College of Media, West Virginia University
Department of Journalism and Communication, University of Alaska Anchorage

The following schools received reaccreditation for their undergraduate and professional master's programs:

S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications, Syracuse University
Manship School of Mass Communication, Louisiana State University
College of Communication and Information Sciences, University of Alabama
Philip Merrill College of Journalism, University of Maryland
Frank W. and Sue Mayborn School of Journalism, University of North Texas
Department of Journalism and Media Studies, University of South Florida,
St. Petersburg.