## Messaging for Coleman students not receiving Affidavit of Graduation

Develop a simple statement of 50-100 words to respond to questions from the media and others.

It is the goal of Houston Community College to assure the competency of all students graduating from any of the healthcare programs offered at Coleman College. As such, the administration has in a place a plan to support them throughout their education with remediation, tutoring, and provide all necessary assistance in preparing them for their accreditation exams.

	Topic	Topic	Topic
Message	Over two dozen students have not received their Affidavit of Graduation	HCC selectively withheld the affidavit from those students who were less promising.	Providing a high level of skills and quality training is the hallmark of the HCC nursing program
Data Point	In supporting the Board of Nursing requirements, Dr. Joseph assessed the competency of all students and while they have completed all coursework, she is not sure this group is properly prepared to pass the NCLEX exam and practice as a graduate nurse.	In signing the affidavit for any student, Dr. Jolly Joseph signifies that they are prepared to go to work as a highly skilled RN. Due to inconsistencies in grades, she is asking for additional testing to assure their competencies.	Coleman College is proud of the nurses HCC has trained for the Houston Community and beyond. Our goal is to assure those skills remain at the highest level.
Example	Due to inconsistencies in grading, Dr. Joseph has asked students to take advantage of a remedial class to prepare for the exam.		In 2015, HCC hired a nationally recognized testing company to provide standardized testing in nursing education. Student remediation measures have increased and applicants are assessed more rigorously upon entering the program. The goal is to provide the community with highly skilled nurses.
Story	Final remediation is planned and being offered at no charge for these students through the use of online competency based testing.	HCC Administration and the Board of Trustees have put in place several means of remediation, tutoring, student support, to assure graduates are of the highest caliber.	HCC is committed to providing the highest level of skills and training to assure that each graduate becomes a nurse that every individual would be proud to have caring for their family member.

