



December 11, 2017

Dear Students and Faculty,

I write to inform you of a change for our School which will be occurring in the near future. After more than 25 years of operating as an independent institution of higher education, The National Graduate School of Quality Management (NGS), headquartered in Falmouth, Massachusetts, will affiliate with the New England College of Business (NECB) in Boston, Massachusetts. Projected in January, 2018 NGS will become a division of NECB. Both schools are fully accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc. and share a similar mission.

Students currently enrolled in NGS will see no disruption in their Quality Systems Management degree programs at the Bachelors, Masters, or Doctoral levels. All educational and support services currently provided by NGS for its students will continue to be provided by NECB. At NGS our focus has been on educating and advancing professional adult students in Quality Systems Management and Lean Six Sigma principles and methodologies. Students currently enrolled can be assured that upon completion of their academic studies they will be awarded a degree with the Quality Systems Management specialization.

NECB (www.necb.edu) was founded in 1909 as the American Institute of Banking. Over the past 108 years the College has evolved and grown into a highly respected business and finance college. Furthermore, NECB was ranked as one of the best online degree-granting programs in the United States in the 2017 listings for U.S. News & World Report.

The staff of both schools are eager to work with you to ensure that everything will be in place to continue your program of studies and to provide the necessary support in all academic and support areas. Current students will be asked to complete an online application to effectuate their transition into NGS, now as a division at NECB.

We are also working with the respective legal and regulatory agencies to ensure that all the necessary requirements are addressed and met. We are awaiting approvals from these agencies and we expect these will be finalized in the next 60-90 days. NGS will notify you at that time. It is also important to note that current students will not be negatively impacted in any way. In review:

- Academic programs and calendars for the existing cohorts will remain the same
- Completion dates and graduation dates will not change
- NGS faculty assigned to teach will still be teaching the courses
- BSc students will still earn their Lean Six Sigma (LSS) Green Belt and Master students will earn their LSS Black Belt
- The same online platform will be used
- Tuition and financial benefits will remain the same



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This is an exciting opportunity for both schools. You will have the advantage of the services and support that a larger institution can provide, and at the same time continue with the cohort model until your completion date. We will be notifying you with more information as plans become finalized and there will be a Frequently Asked Question (FAQ) document posted on our website.

We encourage you to attend these respective webinars where we will share this news and answer questions.

Please join us on December 18, 2017:

All Faculty Webinar 6:00-7:00 p.m. (EST)

All Student Webinar 7:30-8:30 p.m. (EST)

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To students, I wish you the very best as you continue with your studies and we look forward to you earning your degree. To faculty, we appreciate your teaching and dedication to our students.

With regards,

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