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September 2, 2022

Via Email (idtheft@oaq.state.md.us)

Office of the Attorney General
Attn: Security Breach Notification
200 St. Paul Place
Baltimore, MD 21202

RE: Security Breach Notification

To Whom It May Concern:

I serve as counsel for Napa Valley College ("NVC"), located at 2277 Napa Vallejo Hwy, Napa, CA 94558, and provide this notification to you of a recent data security incident. By providing this notice, NVC does not waive any rights or defenses under Maryland law, including the data breach notification statute.

On or about June 10, 2022, NVC fell victim to a sophisticated ransomware attack. Upon discovery, NVC immediately secured the network and engaged a third-party forensic firm to investigate the incident. As part of this forensic investigation, NVC sought to determine whether any information may have been compromised by the threat actor who initiated the ransomware attack. Following a thorough investigation, NVC confirmed that a limited amount of personal information may have been accessed in connection with this incident.

On August 18, 2022, NVC discovered that sixteen (16) residents of Maryland may have been impacted by this incident. As our investigation is ongoing, we will provide supplemental notification should we determine additional residents of Maryland are potentially affected.

NVC is providing written notice of this incident to the impacted residents of Maryland on September 6, 2022. The notice letter includes an offer of complimentary credit monitoring and identity protection services for 12 months and access to a dedicated call center. A copy of the notice letter is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

Please contact me should you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

CIPRIANI & WERNER, P.C.

By: John Loyal
John Loyal, Esq.

EXHIBIT A

<<First Name>>
<<Last Name >>
<<Address 1>>
<<Address 2>>
<<City>>,
<<State>> <<Zip>>



September 6, 2022

RE: Important Security Notification. Please read this entire letter.

Dear <<First Name Last Name>>

Napa Valley College ("NVC") writes to notify you of a recent incident that may have impacted some of your personal information described below.

We take the privacy of information in our care seriously, and while we have no evidence to suggest that any information was misused, in an abundance of caution, we are providing you information about the incident, our response, and steps you can take to protect your information.

What Happened:

On or around June 10, 2022, NVC suffered a network intrusion that affected some of our computer systems. Upon discovery, we immediately secured our network and engaged a third-party forensic firm to investigate the nature and scope of the incident. On August 18, 2022, following a thorough investigation, we discovered that a limited amount of personal information may have been accessed by an unauthorized third party in connection with this incident.

At this time, there is no indication that any information has been misused. However, NVC is providing this notification to you out of an abundance of caution and so that you may take steps to safeguard your information if you feel it is necessary to do so.

What Information Was Involved:

It is important to note, as mentioned above, that there is no evidence to suggest that any information has been misused. The information that could have been accessed by the unauthorized individual(s) may have included your first and last name, in combination with your <<Data Elements>>.

What We Are Doing:

NVC has taken steps to address the incident and is committed to protecting personal information in its care. Upon learning of this incident, NVC immediately took steps to secure its systems, and to enhance the security of its network to prevent similar incidents from occurring in the future.

Credit Monitoring:

As an additional safeguard for your information, NVC arranged for you to enroll, at no cost to you, in an online credit monitoring service for 12 months. These services provide you with alerts for 12 months from the date of enrollment when changes occur to your credit file. This notification is sent to you the same day that the change or update takes place with the bureau. Finally, we are providing you with proactive fraud assistance to help with any questions that you might have or in event that you become a victim of fraud. These services will be provided by Cyberscout through Identity Force, a TransUnion company specializing in fraud assistance and remediation services. Due to privacy laws, we cannot register you directly. Additional information regarding how to enroll in the complimentary credit monitoring service is enclosed.

What You Can Do:

In addition to enrolling in the complimentary credit monitoring service detailed within, we recommend that you remain vigilant in regularly reviewing and monitoring all of your account statements and credit history to guard against any unauthorized transactions or activity. If you discover any suspicious or unusual activity on any of your accounts, please promptly change your password and take additional steps to protect your account, and notify your financial institution or company if applicable. Additionally, please report any suspicious incidents to local law enforcement and/or your State Attorney General. We have provided additional information below, which contains more information about steps you can take to protect yourself against fraud and identity theft.

For More Information:

Should you have questions or concerns regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact us at 1-800-405-6108 from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm Eastern time, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, or write us at 2277 Napa Vallejo Hwy, Napa, CA 94558.

We take the security of information entrusted to our care very seriously. While it is regrettable this incident occurred, please be assured we are taking appropriate actions to rectify the situation and prevent such incidents in the future.

Sincerely,

James Reeves
Assistant Superintendent / Vice President, Administrative Services

STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO PROTECT YOUR INFORMATION

Enroll in Credit Monitoring / Identity Protection

Representatives are available for 90 days from the date of this letter, to assist you with questions regarding this incident, between the hours of 8:00 am to 8:00 pm Eastern time, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Please call the help line at 1-800-405-6108 and supply the fraud specialist with your unique code listed below. To extend these services, enrollment in the monitoring services described below is required.

Additionally, we are providing you with access to **Single Bureau Credit Monitoring** services at no charge. These services provide you with alerts for 12 months from the date of enrollment when changes occur to your credit file. This notification is sent to you the same day that the change or update takes place with the bureau. In addition, we are providing you with proactive fraud assistance to help with any questions that you might have or in the event you become a victim of identity theft.

To enroll in Credit Monitoring services at no charge, please log on to <https://secure.identityforce.com/benefit/napavalleycolleg> and follow the instructions provided. When prompted please provide the following unique code to receive services: **<<CM Code>>** In order for you to receive the monitoring services described above, you must enroll within 90 days from the date of this letter. The enrollment requires an internet connection and e-mail account and may not be available to minors under the age of 18 years of age. Please note that when signing up for monitoring services, you may be asked to verify personal information for your own protection to confirm your identity.

Monitor Your Accounts

We encourage you to remain vigilant against incidents of identity theft and fraud by reviewing your credit reports/account statements and explanation of benefits forms for suspicious activity and to detect errors. Under U.S. law, you are entitled to one free credit report annually from each of the three major credit reporting bureaus, TransUnion, Experian, and Equifax. To order your free credit report, visit www.annualcreditreport.com or call 1-877-322-8228. Once you receive your credit report, review it for discrepancies and identify any accounts you did not open or inquiries from creditors that you did not authorize. If you have questions or notice incorrect information, contact the credit reporting bureau.

You have the right to place an initial or extended “fraud alert” on a credit file at no cost. An initial fraud alert is a one-year alert that is placed on a consumer’s credit file. Upon seeing a fraud alert, a business is required to take steps to verify the consumer’s identity before extending new credit. If you are a victim of identity theft, you are entitled to an extended fraud alert lasting seven years. Should you wish to place a fraud alert, please contact any of the three credit reporting bureaus listed below.

As an alternative to a fraud alert, you have the right to place a “credit freeze” on a credit report, which will prohibit a credit bureau from releasing information in the credit report without your express authorization. The credit freeze is designed to prevent credit, loans, and services from being approved in your name without your consent. However, you should be aware that using a credit freeze may delay, interfere with, or prohibit the timely approval of any subsequent request or application you make regarding a new loan, credit, mortgage, or any other account involving the extension of credit. Pursuant to federal law, you cannot be charged to place or lift a credit freeze on your credit report. To request a credit freeze, you will need to provide the following information:

1. Full name (including middle initial as well as Jr., Sr., III, etc.);
2. Social Security number;
3. Date of birth;
4. Address for the prior two to five years;
5. Proof of current address, such as a current utility or telephone bill;
6. A legible photocopy of a government-issued identification card (e.g., state driver’s license or identification card); and
7. A copy of either the police report, investigative report, or complaint to a law enforcement agency concerning identity theft, if you are a victim of identity theft.



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Should you wish to place a fraud alert or credit freeze, please contact the three major credit reporting bureaus listed below:

TransUnion 1-800-680-7289 www.transunion.com	Experian 1-888-397-3742 www.experian.com	Equifax 1-888-298-0045 www.equifax.com
TransUnion Fraud Alert P.O. Box 2000 Chester, PA 19016-2000	Experian Fraud Alert P.O. Box 9554 Allen, TX 75013	Equifax Fraud Alert P.O. Box 105069 Atlanta, GA 30348-5069
TransUnion Credit Freeze P.O. Box 160 Woodlyn, PA 19094	Experian Credit Freeze P.O. Box 9554 Allen, TX 75013	Equifax Credit Freeze P.O. Box 105788 Atlanta, GA 30348-5788

Additional Information

You can further educate yourself regarding identity theft, fraud alerts, credit freezes, and the steps you can take to protect your personal information by contacting the credit reporting bureaus, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), or your state Attorney General. The FTC also encourages those who discover that their information has been misused to file a complaint with them. The FTC may be reached at 600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, D.C. 20580; www.identitytheft.gov; 1-877-ID-THEFT (1-877-438-4338); and TTY: 1-866-653-4261.

You have the right to file a police report if you ever experience identity theft or fraud. Please note that in order to file a report with law enforcement for identity theft, you will likely need to provide some proof that you have been a victim. Instances of known or suspected identity theft should also be reported to law enforcement, your state Attorney General, and the FTC. This notice has not been delayed by law enforcement.

For Maryland residents, the Maryland Attorney General may be contacted at 200 St. Paul Place, 16th Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202; 1-410-528-8662 or 1-888-743-0023; and www.oag.state.md.us.

For New Mexico residents, you have rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act, such as the right to be told if information in your credit file has been used against you, the right to know what is in your credit file, the right to ask for your credit score, and the right to dispute incomplete or inaccurate information. Further, pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act: (i) the consumer reporting agencies must correct or delete inaccurate, incomplete, or unverifiable information; (ii) the consumer reporting agencies may not report outdated negative information; (iii) access to your file is limited; (iv) you must give consent for credit reports to be provided to employers; (v) you may limit “prescreened” offers of credit and insurance you get based on information in your credit report; (vi) and you may seek damages from violators. You may have additional rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act not summarized here. Identity theft victims and active duty military personnel have specific additional rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act. We encourage you to review your rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act by visiting https://files.consumerfinance.gov/f/201504_cfpb_summary_your-rights-under-fcra.pdf, or by writing Consumer Response Center, Room 130-A, FTC, 600 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580.

For New York residents, the New York Attorney General may be contacted at Office of the Attorney General, The Capitol, Albany, NY 12224-0341; 1-800-771-7755; or <https://ag.ny.gov>.

For North Carolina residents, the North Carolina Attorney General may be contacted at 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-9001; 1-877-566-7226 or 1-919-716-6000; and www.ncdoj.gov.

For Rhode Island residents, the Rhode Island Attorney General may be contacted at 150 South Main Street, Providence, RI 02903; 1-401-274-4400; and www.riag.ri.gov. Under Rhode Island law, you have the right to obtain any police report filed in regard to this incident. There is one (1) resident of Rhode Island impacted by this incident.

For Washington, D.C. residents, the District of Columbia Attorney General may be contacted at 441 4th Street NW #1100, Washington, D.C. 20001; 202-727-3400, and <https://oag.dc.gov/consumer-protection>.



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