

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN DICKINSON COLLEGE AND MONTGOMERY COLLEGE

Dickinson College and Montgomery College enter into this collaborative relationship specifically to facilitate the transfer of students from the Montgomery Scholars Program (MSP) into a baccalaureate program at Dickinson.

This collaborative Agreement will enable MSP degree graduates to complete a baccalaureate of arts or baccalaureate of sciences degree at Dickinson. To be eligible to participate in this Agreement, MSP students should apply to Dickinson at the beginning of the semester in which their associate's degree will be completed. Subsequently, students must graduate from Montgomery College with an associate's degree, and earn a minimum cumulative GPA of at least 3.25.

I. ACADEMIC and ADMISSION

Obligations of Dickinson College:

1. Qualified students who meet the prescribed MSP requirements at Montgomery College, who have earned an associate's degree, and who are admitted to Dickinson will be granted junior (5th semester) status.
2. A course by course articulation will be completed for all MSP general education courses, in addition to courses specifically related to a student's major as well as electives which round out an applicant's honors program at Montgomery College. Dickinson will also grant credit for scores of 4 or 5 on most Advanced Placement exams that were taken in high school.
3. Beginning in a student's first semester in the Montgomery Scholars Program, an admission counselor and/or academic advisor from Dickinson will visit Montgomery College to meet with interested students in a group and individually along with Montgomery College faculty in order to review curricular choices that will maximize the transferable credits to Dickinson. These meetings will assure that interested students pursue courses that will transfer to Dickinson and enable the student to graduate with a bachelor's degree after two years of full-time study. This will occur at least once a semester while the students are enrolled at Montgomery College (more as needed).
4. During the spring semester, interested students from the MSP will visit the Dickinson campus as a group, will attend classes of interest and will meet with faculty and staff to discuss their academic interests and their progress toward transfer.
5. Admission applications will be due by February 1st and candidates will be notified of admission, financial aid and scholarship decisions by April 1st. Candidates must notify the college of their intention to accept or decline the offer by May 1st. (For students receiving their associate's degree in December, an October 1st application deadline and a November 1st notification date would be required.)
6. The application fee for students who apply pursuant to this Agreement will be waived.
7. A cohort of qualified students will be admitted to Dickinson each year, assuming interest and qualified applicants. The actual number may vary from year to year depending on available space.
8. Qualified students will be admitted beginning Fall 2010 or earlier if possible.
9. Dickinson will conduct a special orientation session for new transfer students. It will also arrange for Montgomery College students admitted under this agreement to form a cohort with honors transfers from other community colleges. This cohort will be guided by a staff mentor during the first transitional semester at Dickinson.

Obligations of Montgomery College

1. To continue the tradition of academic rigor and excellence for which the Montgomery Scholars Program is known.
2. To dedicate an advisor to work with the honors program students while at Montgomery College and in preparation for transfer.
3. To facilitate Dickinson staff visits to campus, and to publicize this to prospective students.
4. To sponsor a trip to Dickinson during the spring semester.

Joint Obligations

1. Agree to develop and implement advertising and promotional efforts to communicate the benefits of this Agreement, including posting information on this Agreement on each institution's website.
2. Designate a representative or representatives who will coordinate the Agreement between the two institutions.
3. Collaborate in providing students with information and academic advising about this Agreement, academic requirements, and the process of transferring.
4. Work together to coordinate the application process and the tracking of students in the cohort.
5. Exchange data and documents that will contribute to the maintenance and improvement of this Agreement, enhance the transfer process, and promote effective cooperation between institutions. These will consist of data about individual transfer students, including admissions information and grades. The institutions will exchange data only after obtaining appropriate permission from the students.
6. Consult with each other through appropriate channels prior to implementing major changes in policy or curricula that directly affect students transferring under the terms of this Agreement, and keep each other informed of any other changes of policy or curricula that affect those students.
7. Facilitate and support consultation and collaboration between our institutions as it relates to this Agreement, degree requirements, and other academic matters.

II. FINANCIAL AID

Obligations of Dickinson College:

1. Each admitted student will receive financial aid to meet their financial need as determined by Dickinson, and will be given aid instructions and application materials to complete along with the admission application.
2. Each admitted student will be considered for a \$15,000 annual PTK Scholarship from Dickinson, the John Montgomery Scholarship (\$10,000 per year) or the Founders Scholarship (\$7,500 per year) based on grades, curriculum and leadership abilities. No separate application is required.
3. All students admitted under this partnership, including those awarded the academic scholarships above, will be eligible for need-based grants, loans and work-study programs to meet their full demonstrated financial need according to the PROFILE service of the College Board (need-based applicants must also file the FAFSA). Academic scholarship recipients who also demonstrate financial need according to the college's aid policies will hold the scholarship as a part of their need-based financial-aid package.
4. Each MSP student admitted under this agreement who qualifies for academic and/or need-based aid will be eligible to receive up to four semesters of financial aid and scholarships for full-time study. This

may include one semester abroad in a Dickinson-run or Dickinson-partner abroad program. In addition, financial aid will be provided on the basis of need for a short-term January or summer abroad program should the student qualify for one of these programs.

Revision, Renewal and Termination of this Memorandum of Understanding

Dickinson College and Montgomery College are responsible for identifying and communicating to each other any change in the policies or requirements of their respective institutions that affect this Agreement.

This Agreement will be in effect as of the date of its signing. It will be reviewed upon request by the appropriate individuals at each institution. Either institution may terminate this Agreement at any time by written notice at least one year in advance of the effective date of termination. Should this Agreement be terminated, it is understood that all MSP students who have been accepted to Dickinson as a part of this Agreement will be provided all of the obligations as stated.

The willingness of both institutions to enter into this Agreement in order to facilitate the transfer of students from Montgomery College into Dickinson College, and to expand their opportunities for academic success there, is indicated by the following signatures.

The undersigned representatives of the parties, Montgomery College and Dickinson College have executed this Agreement on the dates indicated:

For Montgomery College:

For Dickinson College:

Brian K. Johnson 04/09/09
Date
Brian K. Johnson
President

William G. Durden 5/14/09
Date
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President

Mary Kay Shurtle-Galotto 5/9/09
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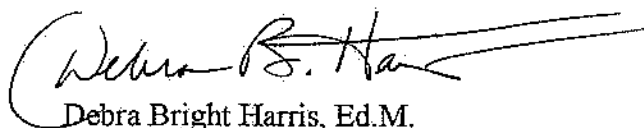
Dear Dr. Massa,

Enclosed are two original copies of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Montgomery College and Dickinson College. These documents have been reviewed and were signed by President Durden, President Johnson, and Executive Vice President Shartle-Galotto at the Signing Ceremony which was held on May 8, 2009. The only remaining signature needed is that of your provost. After Provost Weissman has an opportunity to sign the document, please return one of the fully executed originals to me at the following address:

Montgomery College
900 Hungerford Drive, Suite 340
Rockville, Maryland 20850

Dr. Massa, we are truly excited at the potential that this MOU has for our institutions and the students enrolled in our Montgomery Scholars honors program. It was a pleasure working with you on this collaboration and we look forward to our continued partnership!

Sincerely,



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