AGREEMENT FOR TRANSFER ADMISSION WITH MERIT TUITION REDUCTION MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND

VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

Preface

Montgomery County Community College ("MCCC") and Villanova University, on behalf of its College of Professional Studies ("CPS") enter into this Transfer Admission with Merit Tuition Reduction Agreement ("Agreement") to facilitate the transfer of MCCC graduates to all degrees and majors offered through CPS.

This Agreement applies to all graduates with MCCC associate degree who are applying to a degree program offered within CPS.

Under the Agreement, graduates of Montgomery County Community College who meet the requirements set forth herein will be eligible for admission into one of the CPS degree programs. A maximum of 90 credits may be transferred to a CPS baccalaureate degree with the following stipulations:

- 1. The student must have graduated from MCCC with an associate degree, earning a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5;
- 2. The student must satisfy all other CPS application requirements, which are available on the College of Professional Studies website.

MCCC shall encourage students to make themselves aware of the Villanova University CPS degree requirements early in their tenure at MCCC to facilitate a smooth transition, preferably before completing 30 college credits.

Students must have earned a C or higher in courses taken at MCCC for those credits to be eligible for transfer. Students must complete at least 30 total credits at CPS to earn a bachelor's degree.

MCCC graduates entering CPS under the terms of this agreement will go through the CPS transfer process and therefore must meet all applicable requirements and deadlines pertaining to orientation, registration, and payment of tuition and fees. In addition, they will abide by the policies and procedures that apply to all CPS students.

Obligations of CPS

CPS agrees to:

- 1. Regularly attend scheduled transfer events at MCCC.
- 2. Provide MCCC with CPS collateral to distribute upon request to students.

- 3. Invite interested MCCC students to informational advising meeting(s) with CPS faculty and staff to provide opportunities for students to learn more about the degree programs in CPS.
- 4. Waive the application fee for MCCC students who apply to CPS, pursuant to this Agreement.
- 5. Award a Merit Tuition Reduction to eligible graduates from MCCC who are admitted to a Villanova University, CPS degree, pursuant to this Agreement. Eligible graduates have an overall Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.00-3.49 and will receive a 20% tuition reduction. Graduates with a 3.50-4.00 GPA will receive a 25% tuition reduction for each course taken at Villanova University, CPS. The Merit Tuition Reduction is available for a total of six semesters.
- 6. Provide students with financial aid information that may be available.
- 7. Eligible students may also apply for Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) scholarships. A 3.5 grade point average is required for consideration for these scholarships, and eligible students must enter Villanova University CPS degree after completing their MCCC academic program. A limited number of scholarships are available, and additional information and application processes are detailed on the CPS website.

Obligations of Montgomery County Community College

Montgomery County Community College agrees to:

- 1. Notify prospective and current students of this Agreement in promotional literature, campus signage, websites, and any other appropriate sources.
- 2. Invite CPS recruiters and advisors to visit MCCC and meet with prospective and current students in formal and informal capacities.
- 3. Encourage students to meet with a CPS adviser early in their academic journey to ensure they are on the right path and making the most of our educational opportunities.

Joint Obligations

CPS and Montgomery County Community College mutually agree to:

I. Consult with each other through appropriate channels prior to implementing significant 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.

- 2. Collaborate in providing students with information and academic advising about this Agreement, CPS's academic requirements, and the process of transferring to Villanova University, CPS.
- 3. Develop and implement advertising and promotional efforts to communicate the benefits of this Agreement.
- 4. Designate a representative or representatives who will coordinate the Agreement between the two institutions.

Revision, Renewal, and Termination of this Agreement

The Villanova University's CPS Office of Admissions and Enrollment and the appropriate offices at MCCC are responsible for identifying and communicating with each other about changes 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 for eligible MCCC graduates entering Villanova University, CPS. It will be reviewed annually by the appropriate parties at each institution and will be renewed automatically until superseded by a new agreement or terminated in accordance with this paragraph. Either institution may terminate this Agreement at any time by written notice. Should this Agreement be terminated, it is understood that the termination will not apply to students then-currently in good standing who have already been accepted to Villanova University, CPS degrees under the terms of this Agreement.

Other Provisions of this Agreement

Assignment. Neither party shall assign this Agreement to another without the written consent of the other. Any such purported assignment shall be void.

Non-discrimination. Both parties shall comply with all applicable local, state and federal laws and regulations and will not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, national or ethnic origin, age, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, veteran status or any other basis prohibited by law.

No Third-Party Beneficiaries. None of the benefits obligations of either party shall run to or be enforceable by any student or other third party.

Entire Agreement. This Agreement represents the entire agreement and understanding between the parties with respect to its subject matter and supersedes any prior and/or contemporaneous discussions, representations, or agreements, whether written or oral, of the parties regarding its subject matter.

The willingness of both institutions to enter this Agreement in order to facilitate the transfer of students from MCCC into Villanova University, CPS and to expand their opportunities for academic success, is indicated by the following signatures.

The undersigned representatives of the parties have executed this Agreement on the dates indicated:

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Title: Dean, College of Professional Studies

Date: 2/29/24

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Name: Chae Sweet, Ed.D.

Title: Vice President of Academic Affairs and

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Date: 2/26/2024