

Memorandum of Agreement

Between

Holyoke Community College

&

Commonwealth Honors College at the University of Massachusetts Amherst

This agreement is built on the foundation of a professional and collaborative relationship between these two schools. The University of Massachusetts Amherst and Holyoke Community College have a long history of collaboration and commitment to student success. The purpose of this agreement is to provide an appealing option within the state system for highly motivated HCC students, while building upon transfer agreements that already exist.

HCC students in an approved MassTransfer program who complete the HCC honors program with a 3.4 GPA or higher will be offered places in CHC. Students who do not complete the HCC honors program and who have a 3.5 GPA for each semester completed (two or more semesters), who are in approved MassTransfer programs, and who meet all other UMass Amherst transfer admissions criteria will also be offered places in CHC.

Objectives of the Agreement:

- To formalize the partnership between Holyoke Community College and the Commonwealth Honors College at the University of Massachusetts in order to attract highly qualified students to both schools.
- To define the procedures to be followed by HCC and CHC to create an atmosphere that will foster student academic and personal transformation and success.
- To provide information and guidelines for students who enroll at HCC so they may plan their educational experience in an appropriate manner to make them outstanding candidates for CHC.
- To facilitate the exchange of information and to encourage academic coordination and cooperation between HCC and CHC, including curriculum and admission advising between personnel at the two institutions.

Terms of the Agreement:

Prospective transfer students will be made aware of the terms of this agreement while at HCC.

Holyoke Community College agrees to:

- Provide CHC and/or UMass Amherst admissions personnel with space to recruit potential students, class visits, tabling opportunities and a space at the annual college transfer fair.
- Actively recruit potential highly motivated students to the Honors courses at HCC.
- Provide a list of students that maybe interested in CHC at UMass, through the Honors Coordinator at HCC.
- Create a higher awareness of the CHC through two way communication between faculty, staff, current and prospective students.
- Explore possible scholarship opportunities through the HCC Foundation.
- Encourage students to apply as early as possible.
- Provide opportunities for students to make early connections through, joint functions and visits to CHC.
- Explore the development of an inter-institutional Learning Community with HCC and CHC faculty.
- Explore the possibility of offering the CHC freshman seminar, Ideas that Change the World, at HCC.

Commonwealth Honors College agrees to:

- Invite HCC students to CHC lectures, community functions, presentations and host an HCC day at the CHC Residential Community.
- Generally encourage HCC students to graduate from HCC before enrolling at UMass.
- Generate a follow up report that includes number of students admitted, enrolled and graduated.
- Provide research conference information to HCC and potential CHC students.
- Provide information to HCC transfers into CHC about opportunities to live in the residential community. Explore option of reserving beds for HCC transfers into the residential community.
- Explore possible scholarship opportunities through funding sources at UMass.
- Explore the development of an inter-institutional Learning Community with HCC and CHC faculty.

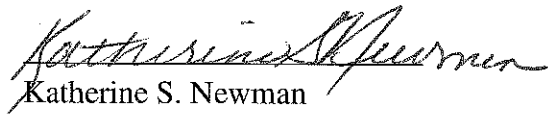
This memorandum of understanding is jointly signed on 10-22, 14. The agreement will be reviewed every two years following the date of implementation to assess its mutual benefit. At that time, either party will advise the other party of their intention to continue or discontinue and suggest changes needed to keep this agreement up to date. If the agreement will be terminated by either party the expiration date will be one year after the date of notice to discontinue was made in writing.

For Holyoke Community College

For University of Massachusetts Amherst



William Messner
President



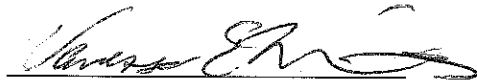
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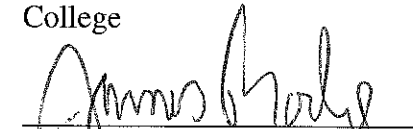
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