

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

WELLS COLLEGE AND MONTGOMERY COLLEGE

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is made on July 9, 2019 by and between *Wells College*, a four-year independent liberal arts college and *Montgomery College* for the purpose of outlining the aims and objectives relating to the Honors Scholars partnership.

WHEREAS, the parties of this MOU seek to establish an opportunity for Honors Studies Scholars students at Montgomery to easily transition to Wells College and benefit from additional financial support; and

WHEREAS, students who enroll in college at Montgomery, remain at Montgomery for a period of no less than 2 semesters and earn a cumulative GPA of no less than a 3.0 are guaranteed admission and Transfer Scholarship awards at Wells College as transfer students.

1. Therefore, the parties of this MOU mutually agree to the following:

A. Students who are eligible for the agreement will have:

- 1) Completed the Wells College transfer admissions process;
- 2) Met the academic requirements for admission to Wells College.

B. The Agreement ensures the following:

- 1) Students who have completed an A.A. degree or A.S. degree at Montgomery prior to enrollment at Wells College will be granted two years of credit (60 semester hours) toward a baccalaureate degree, giving them junior standing regardless of further review of their record.
- 2) Students who remain at Montgomery for at least two semesters (one year) and earn a cumulative GPA of at least a 3.0 from Montgomery will be guaranteed admission and a Transfer Scholarship to Wells College as transfer students;
- 3) Montgomery students will be eligible to receive the following scholarships if the respective criteria have been met:
 - a) *Wells College Transfer Scholarship*: Any student from Montgomery with a cumulative GPA of a 3.0 or higher.
 - b) *Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship*: Phi Theta Kappa members will receive a \$2,000 scholarship in addition to the Transfer Scholarship.
 - c) *Honors Student Bonuses*:
 - i) *Renaissance Scholars, Montgomery Scholars, Macklin Business Institute and Scholars Circle* students who complete at least two full-time semesters at Montgomery and who earn a cumulative Montgomery GPA of a 3.25 or higher will receive a \$2,000 bonus scholarship, in addition to the Transfer Scholarship.

- ii) Students who receive the Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship are not eligible for an Honors Scholars Bonus.
 - d) Inquiries about current scholarship amounts should be directed to the Wells College Admissions office.
 - 4) Transfer students will be eligible for financial aid consideration and the same accommodations and services as all other entering students.
 - 5) Montgomery students admitted to Wells College under the terms of this agreement shall be eligible to participate in internships, field placements, study abroad programs and other programs open to all Wells College students.
2. Both institutions subscribe to a policy of equal opportunity and non-discrimination. Programs, activities, and facilities are available to all without regard to race, color, ethnicity, national origin, age, sex, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, marital status, veteran status, religion, disability, creed or any other protected class.
 3. This MOU is not considered a contract creating legal or financial relationships between the parties. Rather, it is designed to facilitate and develop a genuine and mutually beneficial exchange process of potential students.
 4. This MOU shall become effective as of the date of signatures of both parties and may be amended by the written consent of both parties.
 5. The parties intend to review this MOU every three years to evaluate the progress and success of the partnership.
 6. Either party, with a minimum of 120 days written notice, may terminate this MOU.
 7. Each party shall designate a person or office to serve as a liaison for implementing this MOU. For Wells College, the contact is _____. For Montgomery the contact is the Office of the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs.


We hereby agree to the spirit of cooperation and collaboration of this memorandum.

Date of Initial Agreement: _____


Revision Dates: _____, _____, _____

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President, Wells College

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Dr. Cindy Speaker
Provost and Dean of the College,
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