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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE

Sherman Indian High School

and

California State University San Marcos

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SAN MARCOS

Preface: AN AGREEMENT FOR GUARANTEED ADMISSION

Sherman Indian High School is an off-reservation boarding school for American Indian students.

California State University San Marcos is a major university enrolling over 15,000 students in 30 majors or programs.

Sherman Indian High School and CSU San Marcos have agreed that a supportive partnership and a guaranteed admission agreement would provide a valuable pathway for students.

With this MOU agreement we will demonstrate our mutual commitment to academic excellence and student success. Building upon our diverse educational community and learning environment, and our open and welcoming culture, CSUSM commits to enhancing support for Sherman Indian High School students' bachelor's degree attainment.

SHERMAN INDIAN SCHOOL COMMITMENT

Sherman Indian High School and its educational programs (AVID and Sherman's College/Career Readiness Program) provide college readiness workshops focusing on ACT and SAT registration, college applications, personal statements, FAFSA workshops and college visitations to help students successfully navigate the educational system.

As part of this agreement Sherman Indian High School commits to provide all program participants, beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, the academic preparation needed to meet the CSU admission requirements for entrance to CSU San Marcos. Sherman Indian High School will ensure the following benchmarks are met:

- Residency requirement - Sherman Indian High School will identify students to CSUSM that have been enrolled from 10th through 12th grade.
- Deadline – To be considered for CSU admission, Sherman Indian High School will work with identified students to submit the online CSU application from October 1st to November 30th during their senior year and meet all admission deadlines (e.g., Intent to Enroll, transcripts, EPT/ELM testing and enrollment in CSU Early Start Program, if required).

- Community Service – Students must have 25 hours of certified community service each year from 10th through 12th grade and Sherman Indian High School will monitor this requirement.

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY SAN MARCOS COMMITMENT

First Time Freshmen

As part of this agreement, beginning in fall 2019, San Marcos will guarantee admission to incoming first-time freshmen from Sherman Indian High School who have completed the following requirements:

- The CSU required basic subject "A-G" courses - must complete with a "C" grade or better; at least 11 of the 15 courses must be completed by senior year.
- Have a minimum eligibility index of 2950 using SAT or 694 using ACT scores.
- Have taken the SAT Reasoning Test or the ACT no later than the December test date in their senior year.
- Clear of remediation in math and English.
- Meet all CSUSM admission/enrollment deadlines (e.g., Intent to Enroll, transcripts).
- Have no "D" or "F" grades in the senior year of high school.
- Be a high school graduate from Sherman Indian High School

Upper Division Transfers

In recognition of students' desire to attend a community college, CSUSM will guarantee admission to upper division transfer students from any California Community College as long as the student graduated from Sherman Indian High School and meets the following requirements:

- Completed college level English, math, critical thinking, and public speaking with a grade of C or better.
- Earned 60 units of transferable coursework.
- General Education Certified by the Community College.
- Completed all available lower division major preparation courses.
- Meet all CSUSM admission/enrollment deadlines.
- Achieved an overall 2.0 cumulative GPA.

Student Success

To further support Sherman Indian High School graduates in their pursuit of a college degree, CSUSM will provide additional layers of support:

- Eligible students are prioritized to receive Federal Work Study funds and a position on campus to work no more than 20 hours per week.
- Personalized Academic Success Services (PASS) will provide support to ensure students successfully transition to the university. Students will be connected with their PASS counselors prior to their first semester at CSUSM. PASS Counselors will also meet with students at the beginning of their first fall semester and regularly throughout the year to help them acclimate to the academic rigors of the

university.

- A career counselor from the Career Center will be designated to assess students' strengths and interests as they determine their majors and careers. The career counselor will also connect the students to resources across the University to help them identify employment and internships opportunities which will prepare them for careers and make them competitive in the job market upon graduation. The designated career counselor will also help students connect to Career Center resources to assist with resume development, connections with employers, and interview preparation.
- A liaison to Undergraduate Advising Services (UAS) will be assigned to assist students entering CSUSM under this agreement to connect with the academic advisors for their major, setting up advising appointments, and navigating electronic advising resources.

TERMS OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

It is the intent of the partners to commence with the graduating class of 2019. This Memorandum of Understanding can be amended or extended by mutual agreement of the partners and will be reviewed annually.

California State University San Marcos and Sherman Indian High School entered into this agreement on May 5, 2017.

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