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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE

Noli Indian School

and

California State University San Marcos

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SAN MARCOS

Preface: AN AGREEMENT FOR GUARANTEED ADMISSION

Noli Indian School is a middle school and high school located on the Soboba Indian Reservation, east of San Jacinto, California, in Riverside County. Noli is accredited by Western Association of Schools and Colleges and the Bureau of Indian Education-Division of Performance and Accountability Level One School. All students are American Indian, as determined by tribal enrollment or BIA affiliated status. The school implements an integrated curricular program in the core subjects' base on the Core Standards. A unique aspect of the school is its focus on American Indian Culture. The school offers American Indian Culture classes in middle school and elective classes in High School. Noli Indian School has an AVID Program (Advancement Via Individual Determination) for 7th and 8th grade. Starting in the 2017/2018 academic year AVID will be offered to 9th thru 12th grades. In addition, Noli has a College Guidance Classroom Program termed "Po Shun Yot Pilachikat." This term is a Luiseño Language term for "Warrior Learner." "Po Shun Yot Pilachikat" is a structured guidance preparatory system working directly with middle school and high school students. The goals of this program are to:

Provide academic counseling on an individual basis and in classroom lesson plans,
Provide a direct support structure for first-generation college students,
Identify students for college, and
Promote college readiness for American Indian students.

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

Noli Indian School and CSU San Marcos have agreed that a supportive partnership and a guaranteed admission agreement would provide a valuable pathway for American Indian 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 Noli Indian School students' bachelor's degree attainment.

NOLI INDIAN SCHOOL COMMITMENT

As part of this agreement, Noli agrees to provide all program participants, beginning in the 2017-2018 school year, the academic support and preparation needed to meet the CSU admissions requirements for entrance to CSU San Marcos. Noli Indian School will ensure the following benchmarks are met:

- Identify students to CSUSM that have been enrolled in AVID Program and "Po Shun Yot Pilachikat" program from 9th thru 12th grades.
- Deadline – To be considered for CSU admissions, Noli Indian 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).

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY SAN MARCOS COMMITMENT

First Time Freshmen

As a part of this agreement, beginning in fall 2018, CSU San Marcos will guarantee admission to incoming first-time freshmen from Noli Indian School, AVID and "Po Shun Yot Pilachikat" programs 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 Noli Indian 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 Noli Indian 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.
- Met all CSUSM admission/enrollment deadlines.
- Achieved an overall 2.0 cumulative GPA.

Student Success

To further support Noli 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 2018. 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 Noli Indian School entered into this agreement on May 5, 2017.

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