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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE

Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians

and

California State University San Marcos

Preface: AN AGREEMENT FOR GUARANTEED ADMISSION

Soboba Indian Reservation, east of San Jacinto, California, in Riverside County is a Tribal Sovereign Nation. The tribe implements an integrated curricular program in the core subjects' based on the Core Standards. A unique aspect of the Tribe is its focus on their culture of the Luiseño people. The Tribe offers a higher education program that is available to their members looking to continue their education after high school. The program partners with other Tribal departments to offer SAT Prep Courses, cultural activities, after school tutoring, leadership programs and overnight multi day conferences. The tribe also offers overnight annual college tours that allow the students to familiarize themselves with college campuses and college life, while exposing them to being away from home. The goals and requirement of the Soboba program are to:

- Provide academic counseling support on an individual basis to Tribal Members
- Provide a direct support structure for first-generation college students
- Promote college readiness for Soboba Tribal Members
- Partner with school districts to identify Soboba Tribal Members and work with them individually to assist in meeting the requirements of the program.
- Must be on track to graduate or high school diploma and/or G.E.D. equivalent
- Tribal Members must be in good standing with the Tribe to be eligible to receive Higher Education Assistance
- Tribal members are required to perform volunteer services at tribal community events
- Tribal members are required to participate in tribal government activities
- Insure all higher ed students are signed up and prepared to take the SAT

California State University San Marcos is a major public university enrolling nearly 17,000 students in over 30 majors or programs. CSUSM provides a range of services that respond to the needs of a student body with diverse backgrounds, expanding student access to an excellent and affordable education.

Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians and CSU San Marcos have agreed that a supportive partnership and a guaranteed admission agreement would provide a valuable pathway of 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 bachelor degree attainment by students from the Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians.

SOBOBA COMMITMENT

As part of this agreement, Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians agrees to provide all program participants beginning in the 2019-2020 school year the academic support and preparation to meet the CSU admissions requirements for entrance to California State University. The Soboba Band of Luiseño Indian will ensure the following benchmarks are met:

- Identify Tribal Members to CSUSM that have been enrolled in AVID Program or meet the A–G requirements within the local school districts from 9th thru 12 grades.
- Deadline – To be considered for CSU admissions, the Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians will work with identified students to submit the online CSU application from October 1 to November 30 during their senior year and meet all admission deadlines (e.g., Intent to Enroll, transcripts, and enrollment in CSU Early Start Program, if required).
- Periodically check up on students throughout their first year to provide any support needed.

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY SAN MARCOS COMMITMENT

First Time Freshmen

As a part of this agreement, beginning in fall 2019, CSU San Marcos will guarantee admission to incoming first -time freshmen and community college transfers from the Soboba Band of Luiseño Indian Higher Education Program 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.
- Be clear of remediation in math or 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.

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 student is a member of the Soboba Indian Reservation 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 the Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians' graduates in their pursuit of a college degree CSUSM will provide additional layers of support:

- Personalized Academic Success Service (PASS) will provide personalized support to ensure students transition well to the university and throughout their academic careers at CSUSM. Students will be connected to PASS counselors through their high school counselors over the summer before their first semester at CSUSM. PASS counselors will meet with students coming in under this agreement at the beginning of their first fall semester and meet with them regularly throughout the year to help them acclimate to the academic rigors of the university and connect to resources that will help meet any needs they may have throughout the academic year.
- A career counselor from the CSUSM 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 counselor will help students connect to Career Center resources to assist with resume development, connections with employers, and interview preparation.
- A liaison to CSUSM Undergraduate Advising Services (UAS) will be assigned to assist students entering CSUSM under this agreement with connecting 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 include the graduation 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 Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians entered into this agreement on April 4, 2019.

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