GUARANTEED ADMISSION AGREEMENT Between VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM And RANDOLPH COLLEGE

This agreement is designed to guarantee the admission of Virginia Community College System (VCCS) students to Randolph College for the purpose of entering a Bachelor's degree program. VCCS students who do not meet the terms of this agreement, however, may be highly qualified and are encouraged to apply for regular admission to Randolph College. VCCS students not covered by this agreement must complete the regular transfer application procedure and are not guaranteed admission.

DEFINITIONS:

"Transfer-oriented associate degree" refers to VCCS Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, and Associate of Arts and Sciences degrees. This includes VCCS General Studies associate degrees that have been approved by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) as transfer degrees according to the State Committee on Transfer guidelines (see website at http://www.schev.edu/Students/GeneralStudiesWebText.pdf)

"GAA student" refers to a student who graduates from a transfer-oriented degree program at a Virginia community college with a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.7 or higher on a four-point scale as calculated by the VCCS and who intends to transfer to Randolph College.

ACADEMIC ADMISSIONS AGREEMENT AND ELIGIBILITY

- 1. Randolph College will guarantee automatic acceptance to students graduating from a VCCS institution who have or will have earned a transfer-orientated associate degree if the GAA student has the following:
 - Achieved a minimum grade point average of 2.7 on a four-point scale at a Virginia Community College,
 - Completed ENG111 (College Composition I) with a minimum grade of B or higher, and
 - Completed a minimum of 56 transferable credits (up to 68 credits may be transferred).

Such students will matriculate with junior standing at Randolph College with all privileges and benefits available to other juniors currently enrolled at Randolph College.

- 2. Guaranteed acceptance into Randolph College under this agreement does not necessarily imply acceptance into any particular major at Randolph College.
- 3. VCCS students earning a transfer-oriented degree program will be guaranteed completion of the general education program at Randolph College with the exception of a course addressing gender, a course addressing a culture outside of the United States or Europe, a course dealing with global issues, and a year of foreign language at the elementary or intermediate level or one semester of foreign language beyond the intermediate level (see website at http://www.randolphcollege.edu/Documents/registrar/transfer/VCCS%20Gen%20Ed%20Equivalent

<u>s%283%29.pdf</u>). VCCS students are encouraged to complete the courses listed above as electives within their VCCS degree program in accordance with the Randolph College course-by-course transfer guidelines.

- 4. Any VCCS student who has earned a transfer-oriented associate degree will have academic credits earned at a Virginia Community College accepted as outlined in the transfer guide http://www.randolphcollege.edu/Documents/registrar/transfer/tran_guide%287%29.pdf provided courses completed at the Virginia Community College bear a grade of C or better. Students who earn credits at institutions other than VCCS to satisfy a VCCS degree will have those credits treated on an equal basis as credits earned at VCCS. GAA students will be guaranteed completion of the general education program as noted in #3 above.
- 5. GAA students can expect to graduate after the successful completion of 124 semester hours except for those majoring in certain disciplines with tightly structured programs, or those who have not taken sufficient courses required for the major prior to enrolling at Randolph College.
- 6. No distinction will be made by Randolph College regarding college courses applicable to the transfer associate degree that are taken through dual enrollment arrangements with high schools. Completion of the associate degree through dual enrollment will not preclude the student from eligibility under this agreement. In addition, credit for courses completed through International Baccalaureate, Advanced Placement, Cambridge, CLEP, and Armed Services experience will be accepted according to stated policies for acceptance of credit, which can be found in the Randolph College catalog for the year the GAA student enters Randolph College.

BENEFITS TO VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS:

- 1. The application fee charged for admission to Randolph College will be waived, provided all materials are submitted by July 1 for fall enrollment and December 1 for spring enrollment.
- 2. GAA students enrolling in Randolph College are eligible for academic scholarships and are awarded to full-time, traditional-aged students (under the age of 24) and are renewable for up to eight semesters. Students enrolled in our PrimeTime program (students age 24 and older) are not eligible for these awards but benefit from a significant tuition discount, normally 50%. All students are automatically considered for these scholarships once they are granted admission to the College. No separate scholarship application is required. For more information on transfer scholarships, go to http://www.randolphcollege.edu/x16388.xml. All GAA students are encouraged to submit the FAFSA at www.fafsa.ed.gov to be considered for additional need-based aid. Randolph College Code #003734.

RESPONSIBLITIES:

GAA students will:

- Follow all Randolph College application processes, procedures, and deadlines (http://www.randolphcollege.edu/x194.xml).
- 2. Notify the Randolph College Admissions Office (1-800-745-7692) of the intent to transfer under the GAA before applying for graduation from the community college.

The community college will:

- Notify students of transfer opportunities to Randolph College under this GAA by posting links to the agreement on the VCCS Transfer Website (<u>http://www.vccs.edu/Students/TransferList.aspx</u>) and the Virginia Education Wizard (<u>www.vawizard.org</u>).
- 2. Advise students regarding courses needed to complete the transfer-oriented associate degree.

Randolph College will:

- 1. Offer to advise VCCS students who plan to come to Randolph College about course and program of study requirements.
- 2. Provide tracking data on performance of transfer students at Randolph College, including credits presented and accepted in transfer, Randolph College courses attempted and completed, cumulative GPA, major, graduation date from Randolph College, and comparisons with students who did not enter Randolph College under the terms of this agreement. The specific data elements of the report will be determined by Institutional Research staffs from the VCCS and Randolph College and provided by July 1 of each year.

REVIEW OF AGREEMENT:

- 1. Any changes, additions, or deletions to this agreement shall be made only after consultation with and agreement among officials at both institutions.
- 2. This Statement of Agreement will remain in effect until terminated by either party upon written notice to the other party of an intention to terminate. Such notice shall be effective only if given 180 days prior to the intended date of termination.

The above provisions are mutually agreed to and shall go into effect when signed by the appropriate institutional representatives. They shall remain in force until superseded by official action by either institution.

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