# GUARANTEED ADMISSION AGREEMENT CENTRAL COLUMBIA SCHOOL DISTRICT AND BLOOMSBURG UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

#### Preface

- 1. Central Columbia School District (Central) and Bloomsburg University (BU) enter into this Guaranteed Admission Agreement to facilitate the enrollment of Central students at BU.
- 2. Under the Guaranteed Admissions Agreement, Central students will be guaranteed admission into a Bachelor's Degree program at BU on the condition that they achieve/complete each of the following:
  - Graduate from Central and achieve a minimum 500 Verbal and 500 Math score on the SAT; and,
  - Achieve a combined SAT score of at least 1100 on the Verbal and Math portions; and,
  - Earn a minimum of 90% cumulative grade point average at Central; and,
  - Apply to BU by December 15 of the students' senior year (November 15 for Nursing, Medical Imaging, Speech Pathology, Biology and Allied Health Majors), to seek admission for the following fall class at BU; and,
  - Satisfy all other BU application requirements to the major.
- 3. In addition to the guaranteed admission criteria listed above, prospective majors in (1) Chemistry, (2) Physics, (3) Engineering Technology, (4) Geoscience, (5) Mathematics, (6) Computer Science, (7) Computer Forensics, (8) Nursing, (9) Speech Pathology, (9) Medical Imaging, (10) Biology and (11) Health Science will need to achieve/complete the following:
  - Earn a minimum grade of "B" in the following courses or course options at Central: Biology, Chemistry or Physics, Algebra 2, and Geometry.
- 4. Central students applying for guaranteed BU admissions with Combined SAT scores of 1150 (Verbal and Math) or higher, minimum scores of 550 on both the Verbal and Math SAT, and in the top 20% of their class will also be invited to apply for the Bloomsburg University Honors Program.
- 5. The Guaranteed Admissions Agreement becomes effective on August 24, 2009 or upon approval of all required representatives of all parties as indicated on the signature page, whichever is later. The first eligible graduating class from Central to participate in this agreement will be the Class of 2013 (incoming freshman class of 2009).

#### **Obligations of Bloomsburg University**

To facilitate the enrollment of Central graduates at BU in accordance with the foregoing guarantee, the parties agree to the following:

1. To attend regularly scheduled information sessions at Central to promote the agreement. BU will provide Central with information and fact sheets to distribute upon request.

- 2. To invite Central students to participate in regular Open House programs and other recruitment opportunities on the BU campus,
- 3. To include provide current information to Central juniors and seniors regarding participation in the BU ACE program.
- 3. To send a Bloomsburg University letter of acceptance to all Central students who achieve the conditions outlined in this agreement for the appropriate major at BU no later than February 15, for the fall semester.

# **Obligations of Central Columbia**

- 1. To publicize this agreement to Central students in its promotional literature, and to make special arrangements for BU recruiters and advisors to visit Central to meet with prospective Guaranteed Admissions students.
- 2. To provide BU with copies of student transcripts and other student information that is necessary to verify guaranteed admission to the appropriate major at BU.
- 3. To promote BU's ACE program for Central juniors and seniors.

## **Joint Obligations**

- 1. To consult with each other through appropriate channels prior to implementing major changes in policy or curricula that directly affect students applying to BU under the terms of this agreement, and to keep each other informed of any other changes of policy or curricula that affect those students. Both BU and Central will review this agreement annually and make any changes upon mutual agreement, as needed. Such changes will become effective when both Central and BU sign the revised document.
- 2. To collaborate in providing students with academic advising and information about this agreement, BU academic requirements, and the process of applying to BU.
- 3. To develop and implement advertising and promotional efforts to communicate the benefits of a Guaranteed Admissions program.
- 4. Each institution will designate a representative or representatives who will coordinate the Guaranteed Admission Agreement between the two institutions.

### Revisions, Renewal and Termination of this Agreement

BU and Central are responsible for identifying, and communicating to each other changes in the policies or requirements of their respective institutions that affect this agreement.

This agreement will be in effect as of August 24, 2009 or upon approval of all required representatives of all parties as indicated on the signature page, whichever is later, for students entering BU on or after May 1, 2013. The agreement will remain in effect, unless terminated, for a period not to exceed ten (10) years from the effective date. Either institution may terminate this Agreement at any time by written notice at least one year in advance of the effective date of termination. Should this agreement be terminated, it is understood that the termination will not apply to students already accepted to BU under the terms of this agreement.

The willingness of both institutions to enter this agreement in order to facilitate the admission of students from Central Columbia School District into Bloomsburg University, and to expand their opportunities for academic success there, is indicated by the following signatures.

This agreement constitutes the entire agreement between BU and Central regarding the subject matter herein and supercedes any prior written agreement, oral understanding or any other representation or statement between the parties regarding this subject matter. No modifications, alterations, changes, or waiver to this agreement shall be valid unless accomplished by a written amendment signed by both parties.

The undersigned representatives of the parties, Central Columbia School District and Bloomsburg University have executed this agreement on the dates indicated:

For Central Columbia School District:

Harry Mathias Superintendent

For Bloomsburg University:

David Soltz President

Approved as to Form and Legality:

Solicitor, Central Columbia School District **Approved as to Form and Legality:** 

University Legal Counsel

Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education

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