MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN DREW UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND COUNTY COLLEGE OF MORRIS

Drew University and the County College of Morris (CCM) enter into this collaborative relationship specifically to facilitate the transfer of students from CCM who have taken honors and/or select upper level mathematics and science courses into a baccalaureate program at Drew.

This collaborative Agreement will enable honors students with an associate's degree from CCM to complete a Bachelor of Arts degree at Drew. For the purposes of this Agreement, an "honors student" is a CCM student who has successfully completed a minimum of four honors courses at CCM prior to graduation. In addition to honors courses at CCM, students may have completed any of the following upper level mathematics or science courses with a grade of B or better: Analytical Geometry & Calculus I, Analytical Geometry & Calculus II, Analytical Geometry & Calculus III, Differential Equations, Engineering Physics, or Organic Chemistry. To be eligible to participate in this Agreement, CCM honors students should apply to Drew at the beginning of the semester in which their associate's degree will be completed. Subsequently, students must graduate from CCM with an associate's degree, with a minimum cumulative GPA of at least 3.25.

I. ACADEMIC and ADMISSION

Obligations of Drew University:

- Qualified students who have successfully completed at least four honors and/or upper level mathematics or science courses at CCM, who have earned an Associate's degree with at least a 3.25 GPA, and who are admitted to Drew will be granted junior (5th semester) status.
- 2. A course-by-course articulation will be completed for all CCM General Education courses, in addition to electives that round out an applicant's honors program at CCM.
- 3. Beginning in a student's first semester in an honors and/or upper level mathematics or science course at CCM, an admission counselor and an academic advisor or faculty member from Drew will visit CCM to meet with interested students in a group and individually along with CCM staff in order to review curricular choices that will maximize the transferable credits to Drew. These meetings will assure that interested students pursue courses that will transfer to Drew and enable the student to graduate with a bachelor's degree after two years of full-time study. This will occur once a semester while the students are enrolled at CCM (more as needed).
- 4. During the spring semester of the first year, interested students who have taken honors and/or upper level mathematics or science courses at CCM will visit the Drew campus as a group, will attend classes of interest and will meet with Drew faculty and staff to discuss their academic interests and their progress toward transfer.
- 5. Beginning in the second year, qualified students may take a course at Drew at no charge in the fall semester and, upon application to transfer, may take a second course in the spring semester.
- 6. Admission applications will be due by February 1st of the student's second year at CCM and candidates will be notified of admission, financial aid and scholarship decisions by

- April 1st. Candidates must notify Drew of their intention to accept or decline the offer by May 1st. (For students receiving their Associates degree in December, an October 1st application deadline and a November 1st notification date would be required.)
- 7. The application fee for students who apply pursuant to this Agreement will be waived.
- 8. A cohort of qualified students (target=5) will be admitted to Drew each year, assuming interest and qualified applicants. The actual number may vary from year to year depending on available space.
- 9. Qualified students will be admitted under this Agreement beginning Fall 2016.
- 10. Drew will conduct a special orientation session for new transfer students. It will also arrange for CCM students admitted under this agreement to form a cohort with honors transfers from other community colleges. This cohort will be guided by a faculty or staff mentor during the first transitional semester at Drew.

Obligations of County College of Morris

- 1. To continue the tradition of academic rigor and excellence for which their honors and upper level mathematics and science courses is known.
- 2. To dedicate an advisor to work with the students taking honors and/or upper level mathematics or science courses while at CCM and in preparation for transfer.
- 3. To facilitate Drew faculty and staff visits to campus, and to publicize this to prospective students.
- 4. To facilitate a trip to Drew during the spring semester of the first year.

Joint Obligations

- Agree to develop and implement advertising and promotional efforts to communicate the benefits of this Agreement, including posting information on this Agreement on each institution's website.
- 2. Designate a representative or representatives who will coordinate the Agreement between the two institutions.
- 3. Collaborate in providing students with information and academic advising about this Agreement, academic requirements, and the process of transferring.
- 4. Work together to coordinate the application process and the tracking of students in the cohort.
- 5. Exchange data and documents that will contribute to the maintenance and improvement of this Agreement, enhance the transfer process, and promote effective cooperation between institutions. These will consist of data about individual transfer students, including admissions information and grades. The institutions will exchange data only after obtaining appropriate permission from the students.
- Consult with each other through appropriate channels prior to implementing major changes in policy or curricula that directly affect students transferring under the terms of this Agreement, and keep each other informed of any other changes of policy or curricula that affect those students.
- 7. Facilitate and support consultation and collaboration between the institutions as it relates to this Agreement, degree requirements, and other academic matters.

II. FINANCIAL AID

Obligations of Drew University:

- 1. Each admitted honors student with a GPA of 3.75 or higher will receive a \$25,000 annual Honors Scholarship from Drew.
- 2. Admitted honors students with a GPA of a 3.5 or higher will receive a \$20,000 Presidential Scholarship.

- 3. A Deans Scholarship of \$15,000 will be awarded to honors students achieving a 3.25 GPA or higher.
- 4. Students who are members of Phi Theta Kappa will receive an additional \$2500 scholarship per vear.
- 5. All students admitted under this Agreement, including those awarded the academic scholarships above, will be eligible to receive need-based grants, loans and work-study to meet their demonstrated financial need according to Drew's analysis of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, minus an expected student summer earnings contribution. Academic scholarship recipients who also demonstrate financial need according to the college's aid policies will hold the scholarship as a part of their need-based financial aid package.
- 6. Each honors student admitted under this Agreement who qualifies for academic and/or need-based aid will be eliaible to receive up to four semesters of financial aid and scholarships for full-time study.

Revision, Renewal and Termination of this Memorandum of Understanding

Drew University and the County College of Morris are responsible for identifying and communicating to each other any change in the policies or requirements of their respective institutions that affect this Agreement.

This Agreement will be in effect as of the date of its signing. The appropriate individuals at each institution will review it upon request. 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 all honors students who have been accepted to Drew, as a part of this Agreement, will be provided all of the obligations as stated.

The willingness of both institutions to enter into this Agreement in order to facilitate the transfer of honors students from the County College of Morris into Drew University, and to expand their opportunities for academic success there, is indicated by the following signatures.

The undersigned representatives of the parties, the County College of Morris and Drew University have executed this Agreement on the dates indicated:

For County College of Morris:

For Drew University:

Vice President,

Academic Affairs

Dean of the College