Pathways to Georgia College Agreement between Georgia Highlands College and Georgia College & State University November 1, 2019

The following guidelines will govern the agreement between Georgia Highlands College (GHC) and Georgia College & State University (GC) as it pertains to the **Pathways to Georgia College** Program:

- The Transfer Admission Guarantee will be in effect starting Spring Semester 2020.
- 2. The program will be called **Pathways to Georgia College** and program participants will be identified as Georgia College students at Georgia Highlands College.
- 3. Georgia College will share demographic information on non-admitted freshmen in GHC's geographic target area. Specifically, Floyd, Bartow, Cobb (will be also shared with Gordon State College), Paulding, Douglas, Cherokee, Polk, Haralson following the GC admission decisions. Information shared will be those students who have not received current admission into GC. All information shared will be in accordance with and in keeping with regulations guiding such information by the USG.
- 4. Georgia College has identified \$5,000 as Provost Scholarships for transferring GHC students that are part of the program. Additionally, if they qualify, GHC students will be encouraged to apply for the following Georgia College scholarships which have particular criteria for students who live in specific north Georgia counties as part of their requirements:
 - Wansley Family Scholarship (\$1,410.00)
 - Dr. Bobbye Jo(an)Wilson Davidson, '57, Scholarship (\$2,500.00)
 - Kathryn Telford Scholarship (\$1,290.00)
 - Margaret Brewer Gayler Annual Scholarship (\$500.00)
 - The Wilson-Davidson Endowed Scholarship (\$500.00)
 - Mary Woodham Kicklighter Scholarship Cherokee or Pulaski (\$1,350.00)
 - Jarrett Boston Memorial Scholarship (\$770.00)
 - Steve and Ethel Boyle Endowed Scholarship (\$400.00)

Of course GHC students may also be eligible for a number of additional scholarships in their area of study or if they meet other criteria.

5. Georgia College will write a letter to non-admitted students whose files have been evaluated by GC and have potential to be considered for Transfer after 60 hours and encourage them to enroll at GHC and enter the Pathways to GC program. Following successful completion of their studies at GHC and the awarding of an AA/AS degree from GHC, a pathway back to Georgia College will be created to complete a bachelor's degree.

- 6. GHC will provide to GC a list of students that are graduating with an AA/AS degree (deadline of application for graduation).
- 7. The Provosts of GC and GHC will work with the deans and faculty to create collaborative academic experiences for students in the program (i.e., undergraduate research).
- 8. GHC will provide GC with branded space in GHC (Cartersville) for representatives to meet with prospective students and will coordinate with GC to advertise the visit on their campus.
- 9. GC and GHC will provide opportunities for students to experience the GC campus and /or culture (homecoming, athletic events, art and theater productions, etc...).
- 10. GHC students who fulfill the criteria listed below are guaranteed admission to Georgia College.
- 11. The guarantee assures general admission to Georgia College but not necessarily admission to a specific major that may have enrollment limitations. The GC advising center at GHC will work with students to encourage participation in majors where there are current openings at GC. Likewise, the GC advising center at GHC will work with students to discourage applications to programs where there are no spaces.
- 12. This agreement governs those students who apply to Georgia College and are encouraged to attend GHC for the AA/AS degree and meet the criteria for admission stated hereunto. This agreement does not prohibit other GHC students who meet admission requirements to transfer to GC.
- 13. The terms of this agreement will be reviewed each year and must be renewed by the participating institutions annually. Either party may revoke this agreement upon written declaration of such intent.

Conditions of the Guarantee

To qualify for the Transfer Admission Guarantee and the **Pathways to Georgia College** Program, students must:

- 1. Complete an Intent to Transfer Form and have it signed by a GHC advisor.
- 2. Submit the Undergraduate Application for Admission and application fee to Georgia College. The application fee is only applicable if they have not already completed the application process at GC. Applications should be completed during

the last semester at GHC prior to completion of the associate degree and before the end of Georgia College's application filing deadline.

- 3. Complete at least 60 semester credits which would be transferable to GC satisfying all areas of GHC's core curriculum and graduating with an AA/AS degree.
- 4. Complete the last 30 of their 60 or more GC transferable semester credits at GHC.
- 5. Earn a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 in transferable course work.

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