

STOCKTON UNIVERSITY
MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

Between

Stockton University
101 Vera King Farris Drive Galloway, New Jersey 08205-9441

and

Notre Dame High School
601 Lawrence Road, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648

This **Memorandum of Agreement** ("MOA") is made and entered into as of March 3, 2025 by and between **Stockton University** (hereinafter referred to as "University") and **Notre Dame High School** (hereinafter referred to as "High School").

Stockton University is a New Jersey public institution of higher education that offers academic programs at locations in southern New Jersey, including on the Galloway campus and the Atlantic City campus.

Notre Dame High School is a New Jersey private high school that offers a college preparatory program, extensive co-curricular activities and a commitment to citizenship and service in the community.

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this MOA is to establish a Direct Admissions Program to provide High School students with the opportunity to be guaranteed admission to the University to pursue a Bachelor's degree as a pathway to career or graduate/professional school. This program aims to increase access to higher education, streamline the admissions process, and provide academic and career preparatory support for participating students. In recognition of the High School's academically rigorous college preparatory curriculum that exceeds the minimum core requirements of a high school education and earns high college placement of its graduates, the University and the High School hereby enter into this MOA to facilitate the enrollment of High School students into the University.

II. OBJECTIVES

Under this MOA, the parties agree to implement a Direct Admissions Program that will provide the following benefits to High School students:

1. Students will be guaranteed admission into the University as full-time matriculated students if they meet the following conditions:
 - a) graduate from the High School with a high school diploma;
 - b) earn a minimum GPA of 3.0 or better; and
 - c) satisfy all other admissions application requirements as set forth herein.

2. Support participating students through targeted advising, workshops, and informational sessions to help students identify a major or program of study at Stockton.
3. Students who do not meet the eligibility requirements for the Direct Admissions Program will still be considered on an individual basis for admission to the University under the standard admission application process.

III. RESPONSIBILITIES OF STOCKTON UNIVERSITY

Stockton University agrees to the following responsibilities:

1. **Criteria for Direct Admissions Program**
 - o Students must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better at the end of their junior year.
 - o Students must graduate from the High School with a high school diploma.
 - o Students must complete and submit the University's Direct Admit Application which is available at the following website (admissions.stockton.edu/apply).
 - o Students who qualify for the Direct Admissions Program will not be required to provide letters of recommendation or an application essay.
 - o Students are not required to submit standardized test scores (SAT and/or ACT) for the Direct Admissions Program. However, a student may need to submit test scores to be selected for course placement. In addition, certain academic programs have additional admissions criteria and may require the submission of standardized test scores.
 - o Direct admission to the University does not necessarily constitute admission to certain academic programs within the University. Some majors or programs such as nursing, accelerated nursing, dual-degree pharmacy, accelerated pre-medical, and studies in the arts, may require additional information or application materials. A list of applicable programs and requisite eligibility requirements are on the University's website at <https://www.stockton.edu/academics>.
 - o To confirm admission and hold their space in the University's incoming class, students must submit the \$250 Enrollment Confirmation Deposit by the University's Enrollment Confirmation Priority Date of May 1 of their senior year. Students who cannot submit the deposit may request consideration for a waiver at: <https://stockton.edu/admissions/accepted.html>
2. **Program Promotion**
 - o The University will provide promotional materials and conduct informational sessions on the Direct Admissions Program for High School students, parents, and staff.
3. **Application Fee Waiver**
 - o If students apply before December 1st in their senior year, the University will waive the application fee.
4. **Dedicated Support**
 - o The University will assign a liaison to coordinate activities and communications with the High School.
 - o Student applications will be prioritized for immediate admission decisions and students will have the opportunity to meet at the High School with a University admissions counselor to review their acceptance packet.
 - o The University will offer on-campus events and virtual resources to prepare students for enrollment.

- The University will schedule regular meetings at the High School for University admissions and financial aid counselors to meet with students and/or family members interested in the University and the Direct Admissions Program.
- 5. Scholarship Consideration**
 - The University will provide priority consideration for institutional scholarships to students who meet eligibility requirements for the Direct Admissions Program. These scholarships are renewable for up to 4 years of undergraduate coursework, provided the student remains a full-time student and maintains at least a Stockton GPA of 3.0 as defined by the University. Students are not required to submit SAT or ACT scores as part of the scholarship review process. The University will use both academic and extracurricular achievement to determine scholarship eligibility. For scholarship consideration, students must complete the activity section within the Common Application or submit the Stockton University Scholarship Activity Survey. Students may enter up to ten (10) activities to be considered for scholarship consideration.
- 6. Standard Admission Criteria**
 - Students who do not meet the eligibility requirements for the Direct Admissions Program will still be considered by the University for admission under the standard admission application process.

IV. RESPONSIBILITIES OF NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL

The High School agrees to the following responsibilities:

- 1. Student Identification**
 - High School will identify and recommend the Direct Admissions Program to eligible students.
- 2. Advising and Support**
 - High School will collaborate with the University to provide advising sessions and to assist students with the application process and the Direct Admissions Program.
- 3. Promotion of Program**
 - High School will promote the Direct Admissions Program to High School students, parents, and staff.
- 4. Data Sharing**
 - High School will provide necessary academic records (e.g., transcripts) to the University for participating students in accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (“FERPA”) regulations.
- 5. Point of Contact**
 - High School will designate a staff member to serve as the primary point of contact with the University.

V. Annual Partnership Review

To ensure the continued success of the Direct Admissions Program, representatives from the High School and the University will meet annually to review student participation and discuss opportunities for improvement. This annual meeting will include a review of:

- The total number of students applying for direct admission through the Direct Admissions Program and those matriculating to Stockton University.
- The total number of students applying through the standard admissions process.

- o Enrollment trends by academic program, including areas of student interest and emerging program trends.
- o New academic program offerings that may align with student demand.
- o Strategies to enhance partnership and increase student participation in the Direct Admissions Program.

These discussions will support ongoing collaboration, identify opportunities for growth, and strengthen the academic pathways available to students.

V1. TERM AND TERMINATION

This MOA shall commence on [start date] and remain in effect for five years, unless terminated earlier by mutual agreement of the parties or by either party upon 90 days' prior written notice to the other party.

VII. DATA SHARING AND PRIVACY

Each party agrees to comply with FERPA and any other applicable federal and state laws and regulations governing student privacy. Any student data shared by the parties under this MOA shall be subject to compliance with FERPA and any other applicable federal and state laws.

VIII. AMENDMENTS

This MOA may be amended by mutual written consent of both parties.

IX. NOTICES

Each Party will appoint a person to serve as the official contact and coordinate the activities of each organization in carrying out this MOA. All notices required or permitted under this MOA shall be (i) personally delivered; (ii) sent by registered or certified mail; (iii) sent by a nationally recognized overnight delivery service; or (iv) sent by facsimile or electronic mail with confirmation. The initial appointees for each organization are as follows:

To University:

Stockton University
 101 Vera King Farris Drive
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 Attention:
 Telephone:
 Email:


To Higher School:

Notre Dame High School
 601 Lawrence Road
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X. SIGNATURES

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this MOA effective as of the day first written above.

For Stockton University

Signature: 
Name: Michael Palladino
Title: Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

For Notre Dame High School

Signature: 
Name: Michele Martinez
Title: Principal