

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
STOCKTON UNIVERSITY AND THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF ATLANTIC CITY**

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") is made as of October 11, 2021 (the "Effective Date") between the Boys & Girls Club of Atlantic City ("BGCAC"), a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization located within Atlantic City, New Jersey, and Stockton University ("STOCKTON"), a New Jersey public institution of higher education.

Purpose

WHEREAS, BGCAC operates three centers within the City of Atlantic City that serve as a safe haven for children from ages 6 to 18 after school and during the summer months, create an environment for youth to learn and grow, and provide opportunities for young people to explore new careers, industries, culture and ideas;

WHEREAS, STOCKTON's mission is to develop engaged and effective citizens with a commitment to life-long learning and the capacity to adapt to change in a multi-cultural, interdependent world. As a public university, Stockton provides an environment for excellence to a diverse student body, including those from underrepresented populations, through an interdisciplinary approach to liberal arts, sciences and professional education; and

WHEREAS, Stockton has successfully provided dual credit/enrollment courses in many topic areas to more than thirty high schools in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, both BGCAC and STOCKTON strive to offer educational opportunities that provide intellectual and personal growth; now

THEREFORE, in consideration of their shared goals to support the personal and educational growth of students in Atlantic City and foster pathways to professional success, STOCKTON and BGCAC agree to enter this Memorandum of Understanding so that both organizations can continue to advance their shared institutional missions.

Dual Enrollment Course Offering

Under this MOU, identified scholars currently enrolled at either the BGCAC or STOCKTON's GOALS GEAR UP program will have the opportunity to jointly participate in Dual Enrollment Course offerings through STOCKTON.

In accordance with the terms and conditions of this MOU, STOCKTON will:

- Waive the undergraduate non-matriculated admission application fee;
- Cover the tuition expense of GOALS scholars who are actively enrolled in the GOALS program at a discounted credit rate, if funding permits;

- Provide on-site personal advisement at BGCAC for prospective students and parents; and
- Split the cost of the faculty with BGCAC for each Dual Enrollment Course offered, which will not exceed \$1600 per credit.

In accordance with the terms and conditions of this MOU, BGCAC will:

- Publicize the agreement to BGCAC students and parents to encourage participation in GOALS GEAR UP;
- Split the cost of the faculty with STOCKTON for each Dual Enrollment Course offered, which will not exceed \$1600 per credit;
- Promote the opportunity to BGCAC scholars who attend partner schools of the GOALS GEAR UP Program;
- Provide college access services to students for recruitment into the GOALS GEAR UP Program;
- Provide facility usage at the Teen Center for GOALS GEAR UP staff to meet with students for career workshops, mentoring and educational programs during the academic year; and
- Provide assistance with disseminating information about college/financial aid to students and parents.

Dual Credit College Courses

STOCKTON agrees to work collectively with the BCGAC to increase the number of Dual Enrollment Course offerings so that ACBGC and GOALS GEAR UP scholars have additional opportunities. In order to facilitate prompt and clear communications between the STOCKTON's GOALS GEAR UP Program and the BGCAC, the Parties agree to identify individuals on their respective staffs who shall function as the primary contact persons with respect to matters contained in this MOU.

Additional Opportunities for Collaboration

Additionally, ACBGC and STOCKTON agree to explore other appropriate ways for the organizations to collaborate including:

- Joint public relations, student recruiting, marketing, and promotion opportunities;
- Joint grant-funding opportunities;
- Visiting faculty lectures and professional presentation exchanges;
- Student collaboration and peer mentoring;
- Facility and other resource sharing opportunities;
- Internship and cooperative education opportunities.

Term, Renewal, and Termination

- A. This MOU shall have an initial term of three (3) years from the Effective Date, and the parties shall meet annually to review the status, assessments, and any changes to support the educational opportunities and goals set forth herein and as agreed to by the organizations.
- B. This MOU may be terminated by STOCKTON or BGCAC by written notice to the other organization if:
 - 1. There shall have been a material breach of any of the agreements set forth in this MOU on the part of either organization, which breach (if susceptible to cure) is not cured within thirty (30) days following written notice to the organization committing the breach, or;
 - 2. An organization or any of its employees or agents shall engage in any conduct that could reasonably be expected to adversely affect the reputation of the organization seeking termination.
- C. After the initial three (3) year term, either organization may terminate this MOU for any reason or no reason upon 90 days' notice to the other organization.
- D. In the event that this MOU is terminated, it is understood and agreed that the termination will not apply to those students already accepted into the GOALS GEAR UP Program under the terms of this MOU.

Compliance with Applicable Laws

- A. Each organization agrees to abide by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act ("FERPA") and any other applicable federal and state laws and regulations addressing student privacy. Any student data that is shared (whether before or after the execution of this MOU) will be shared only in compliance with FERPA or any other applicable federal and state laws.
- B. STOCKTON and ACBGC, in their programs and services, shall adhere to New Jersey's non-discrimination policy for Affirmative Action and Equal Employment Opportunity. In accordance with that policy, all institutions participating in this MOU will not discriminate based upon race; creed; color; national origin; ancestry; age; sex; marital status; familial status; affectional or sexual orientation; atypical heredity, cellular, or blood trait; genetic information; liability for training and service in the Armed Forces of the United States; or disability.



- C. This MOU will be governed by, and construed under, the laws of the State of New Jersey without regard to conflicts-of-laws principles.
- D. This MOU may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which will be deemed an original of this MOU and all of which will be deemed to constitute the same letter. A signature delivered via facsimile or email will be considered an original for the purposes of acknowledging and agreeing to the terms of this MOU.


Boys and Girls Club of Atlantic City

Date 10-11-21

By: 
Ms. Stephanie Koch, Chief Executive Officer

STOCKTON UNIVERSITY

Date 10-12-2021

By: 
Dr. Harvey Kesselman, President