

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
AMONG  
STOCKTON UNIVERSITY AND OCEAN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") is made as of June 8, 2021 (the "Effective Date") by and between Ocean City School District ("Ocean City School District"), a public school system in Ocean City, New Jersey and Stockton University ("Stockton"), a New Jersey public institution of higher education.

**Purpose**

WHEREAS, Ocean City School District operates a high school known as Ocean City High School ("Ocean City High School"). Ocean City High School is a comprehensive high school serving the communities of Ocean City, Upper Township, Sea Isle City, Corbin City, Longport and School Choice with an enrollment of over 1,250 students. Students can choose from over 200 courses, including 24 Advanced Placement courses. OCHS's program also offers a complete honors program in the four core subjects and world language. Unique to the study of world languages, Ocean City High School has a computer lab dedicated to speaking and listening and offers courses in American Sign Language.

Ocean City's broad curriculum, athletic program including 24 varsity sports, and emphasis on the arts foster a family atmosphere and promote unity. The Ocean City High School community strives to ensure that a positive learning environment and robust educational program are afforded to each student every day.; and

WHEREAS, Stockton is dedicated to providing students with the knowledge and experience to tackle the most important issues of our time; 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 institutions strive to offer educational opportunities that provide intellectual and personal growth.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and the agreements below, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, Stockton and Ocean City High School agree to enter into this Memorandum of Understanding so that all institutions can continue to advance their shared institutional mission.

**Guaranteed Admission**

In recognition of Ocean City 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, Stockton and Ocean City High School hereby enter into this MOU to facilitate the seamless enrollment of Ocean City High School students into Stockton upon earning their high school diploma after three years of enrollment at Ocean City High School

Under this agreement, Ocean City High School students will be guaranteed admission into Stockton as a full-time matriculated student under the following conditions:

- graduate from Ocean City High School with an earned high school diploma;
- earn a minimum GPA of 3.0 or better (students with GPAs below 3.0 will be reviewed on an individual basis); and
- satisfy all other admissions application requirements.

Or

- If a student does not meet the above minimum admissions requirements, the student will be conditionally accepted to Stockton and encouraged to initially matriculate at Atlantic Cape under the existing Stockton Transfer Pathways partnership.

In accordance with the terms and condition of this MOU, Stockton will:

- waive the undergraduate admission application fee;
- provide on-site personal admissions advisement at the Ocean City School District for prospective students and parents;
- provide on-site general college search and financial aid workshops and presentations at the Ocean City High School; and
- award competitive academic and partnership scholarships to qualified Ocean City High School students.

In accordance with the terms and conditions of this MOU, Ocean City High School will:

- publicize the agreement to students and parents;
- provide regular arrangements for Stockton admissions and financial aid counselors to visit Ocean City High School and meet with Ocean City High School students; and
- develop a mutually agreed-upon process for mailing information about the Memorandum of Understanding to incoming Ocean City High School students with the costs to be incurred by Stockton.

### **Partnership Scholarships**

Stockton will provide institutional academic and merit scholarships to qualified Ocean City High School graduates. 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 Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 as defined by the Stockton. When a scholarship is awarded, Stockton will inform the student of the GPA requirements to ensure renewal of the scholarship. In accordance with the terms and condition of this MOU, Stockton will award a combination of academic and merit scholarships for the (2021- 2022) academic year. Students are not required to submit SAT or ACT scores as part of the scholarship review process. Stockton will be utilizing both academic and extracurricular achievement to determine scholarship eligibility.

#### Academic:

- Official High School Transcript

Extracurricular:

- Work (part-time or summer jobs)
- Volunteerism or Community Engagement
- Family responsibilities
- School/Community clubs/organizations
- Arts/Music/Sports
- Other experiences that have been meaningful to the student

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.

**Dual Credit College Courses**

Stockton agrees to work collectively with the administration at Ocean City High School to increase the number of dual credit course offerings so that Ocean City High School students can complete 32 credits during their first three years of high school. Stockton will accept college credits earned by Ocean City High School students enrolled in the Ocean City High School's dual credit programs, provided that:

- the course(s) are taught by colleges and universities that are regionally accredited by organizations recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation;
- the course(s) are recorded on the regionally accredited college or university's official academic transcript;
- the student earns a grade of C or better; and
- the student enrolls at Stockton as a degree-seeking matriculated student.

**Additional Opportunities for Collaboration**

Additionally, Ocean City High School and Stockton will agree to explore other appropriate ways the institutions might 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 Memorandum of Understanding shall have an initial term of five (5) years from the Effective Date, and the parties shall meet and review annually the status, assessments and any changes to support the educational opportunities set forth herein and as agreed to by the institutions.

B. This MOU may be terminated by Stockton or Ocean City High School by written notice to the other institutions if:

1. There shall have been a material breach of any of the agreements set forth in this MOU on the part of any institution, which breach (if susceptible to cure) is not cured within one hundred twenty (120) days following written notice to the institution committing the breach, or;

2. An institution shall cease to maintain its accreditation or licensure, or;

3. An institution or any of its employees or agents shall engage in any conduct that could reasonably be expected to adversely affect the reputation of the institution seeking termination.

C. After the initial five (5) year term, any institution may terminate this MOU for any reason or no reason upon one year's prior written notice to the other institutions.

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 to Stockton and Ocean City School District under the terms of this MOU.

#### **Compliance with Applicable Laws**

A. Each institution agrees to abide by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act ("FERPA") and any other applicable federal and state laws/regulations addressing student privacy. Any student data proposed to be 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.

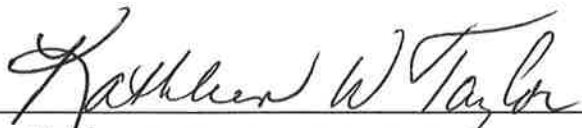
B. Stockton and Ocean City High School, in their programs and services, shall adhere to New Jersey's non-discrimination policy for Affirmative Action and Equal Employment Opportunity. In accordance with that policy, all institutions participating in this MOU will not discriminate based upon race; creed; 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. To the extent permitted by law, a signature delivered via facsimile or email will be considered as an original for the purposes of acknowledging and agreeing to the terms of this MOU.


**Ocean City School District**

**Date** 6/8/2021

By:   
Dr. Kathleen Taylor, Superintendent

**STOCKTON UNIVERSITY**

**Date** 6/8/2021

By:   
Dr. Harvey Kesselman, President