

# CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY SACRAMENTO

## **Memorandum of Agreement** **Between** **Merritt College** **and** **California State University, Sacramento**

This Memorandum of Agreement hereinafter referred to as “MOA” is entered into April 22, 2024 by and between California State University, Sacramento and Merritt College. Each individual entity shall be referred to as a “Party” and collectively they shall be referred to as the “Parties”.

Whereas, California State University, Sacramento offers the Black Honors College aimed at providing advanced academic opportunities for high-achieving students; and

Whereas, Merritt College seeks to foster academic excellence and provide pathways for students to access higher education opportunities;

Therefore, the parties agree as follows:

### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this MOA is to foster improvement of completion rates and showcase the excellence of Black history, life, culture, and contributions, by providing support for a group of select, motivated students who seek to join the community of scholars at the Sac State Black Honors College of California (BHC).

### **PROGRAM OUTLINE**


For the period beginning January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2030, students attending Merritt College will be provided guaranteed admission into the Black Honors College at California State University, Sacramento if they satisfy the following requirements: 1) have a 3.8 GPA; 2) be academically eligible to attend California State University, Sacramento; and 3) demonstrate a commitment to learning about Black history, life, culture, and contributions.

Students meeting the criteria outlined in requirements 2 and 3 hereabove, and maintaining a GPA within the range of 3.5 to 3.79, will be provided with priority admission into the Black Honors College. Merritt College will regularly provide information to students on the Black Honors College, will distribute a press release announcing the partnership (in coordination with California State University, Sacramento), and will provide periodic opportunities for students to visit the BHC at California State University, Sacramento.

### **SCOPE OF COOPERATION**

The Parties agree to establish a framework for collaboration and partnership that ensures a robust academic alliance that results in guaranteed admission of eligible students into the Black Honors College program. Partnership Goals include:

- Serving the academic, co-curricular, mental health, and career development needs of students.
- Increasing the success and completion rates of students interested in Black history, life, culture, and contributions.
- Strengthening ties with the California State University, Sacramento Black Honors College.
- Providing joint programming that supports students in academic, personal, and professional success.
- Encouraging faculty, counselors, and students to become familiar with the opportunities afforded by BHC, including but not limited to, participating in on-campus events at Sac State and the Black Honors College.



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