

AGREEMENT

between

MIDDLESEX COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
Commonwealth Honors Program

and the

UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS LOWELL  
Honors College

This Agreement between the Middlesex Community College Commonwealth Honors Program (CHP) and the University of Massachusetts Lowell Honors College is designed to create a seamless transfer of Middlesex CHP students to the University of Massachusetts Lowell's Honors College. This Agreement does not supersede, it only strengthens the existing Massachusetts Department of Higher Education/Commonwealth Honors Program Council transfer agreement that guarantees transfer between CHP graduates from community colleges to the university system. For purposes of marketing and other external communications only, this agreement shall be known as the **University of Massachusetts Lowell - Middlesex Honors College Partnership**.

Specific terms of the Agreement include the following:

### **UMass Lowell Honors College Membership**

1. Middlesex Community College students who successfully complete the Middlesex Commonwealth Honors Program, graduating with an Associate's Degree and a minimum 3.25 GPA will be guaranteed membership into the Honors College at UMass Lowell provided they become an admitted UMass Lowell student.

### **Honors Course Requirements**

2. The Honors College at UMass Lowell has 8 honors course requirements named H1 through H8. Middlesex Commonwealth Honors Program students must complete a *minimum* of three honors courses with a B or better; while not required, a fourth honors course is strongly recommended for students transferring to UML's Honors College. All honors courses from the MCC Commonwealth Honors Program will satisfy the first two years of honors credit at UML.
3. The Honors College at UMass Lowell guarantees that Middlesex students who graduate from the Commonwealth Honors Program will have satisfied the H1, H2, and H4 UMass Lowell honors course requirements. If a Middlesex CHP student earned a B or better in a fourth Middlesex honors course, this course will satisfy the UMass Lowell H3 honors course requirement. The UML Honors College requirements – H1, H2, H3, and H4 – can be satisfied by MCC honors courses. This is summarized as follows:

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>UMass Lowell H1</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Middlesex Community College</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Any MCC Honors Course or Seminar</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>UMass Lowell H2</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Middlesex Community College</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Any MCC Interdisciplinary Team-Taught Seminar</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>UMass Lowell H3</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Middlesex Community College</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Any MCC Honors Seminar</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>UMass Lowell H4</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Middlesex Community College</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Any MCC Honors Course or Seminar</b></p>

### **Streamlining the Research Mentoring Process**

4. All Middlesex Commonwealth Honors Program graduates produce a substantial 12-15-page research paper as part of their mandatory honors seminar requirements. This research paper may be used as the foundation of their UMass Lowell Honors College Honors Project. As such, Middlesex CHP students who declare their intent to enroll in the UML Honors College can request the Middlesex CHP Director send the paper to the Dean of the UML Honors College who will share it with appropriate members of the UMass Lowell community with the intent of identifying an Honors Project Mentor. If an Honors Mentor is found, the student will be awarded a \$1,000 Honors College Fellowship. The student will continue working on the research topic for an additional 100 hours spread over their first year at UML. This activity would grow into the student's Honors Project.

### **\$1,000 Honors College Fellowship Guarantee**

5. Any student who graduates from Middlesex Community College with Commonwealth Honors distinction, can successfully apply for a \$1,000 Honors College Fellowship.

An Honors College Student Fellowship is a \$1,000 award given to an Honors College Student who will focus on a scholarly project for 100 hours. The student does not work in isolation but is voluntarily supported by a mentor. Projects vary and may be one of these seven types: research, creativity, theme-based reading, author-based reading, service-learning, curating, or entrepreneurial activity. At the end of the fellowship the student must give a public presentation. Awards are credited to the student's tuition and fee bill. The Middlesex CHP Director and faculty will be invited to the public presentation of the thesis.

**Access to UMass Lowell Honors College Programming of Events and Activities**

- 6. The UMass Lowell Honors College will invite Middlesex Commonwealth Honors Students to UMass Lowell Honors College programming activities over the course of the year. (note: Phase One, 2018-2019, will be the RPP students, Phase II, 2020-2021 will include all CHP students)

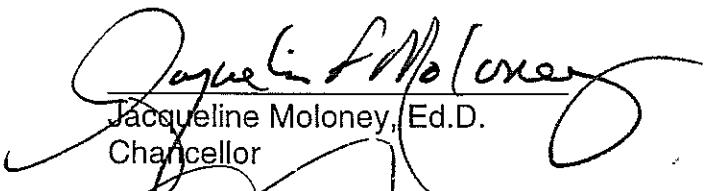
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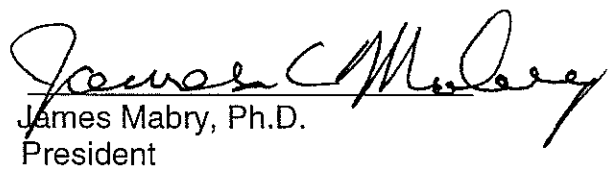
- 7. This agreement is not dependent upon housing. The details concerning ICC Housing for Middlesex RPP/CHP students will be articulated in a separate agreement between UML and Middlesex.

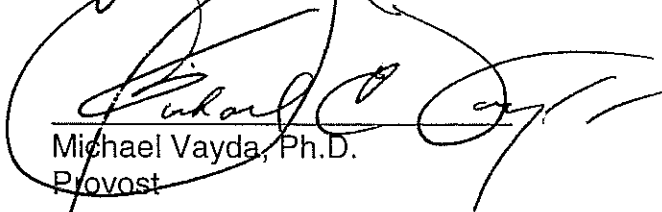
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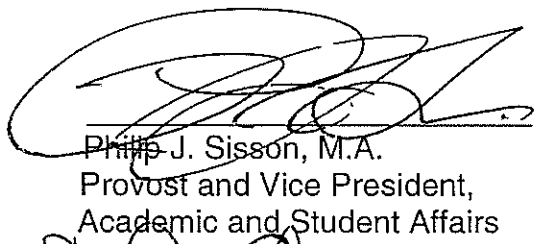
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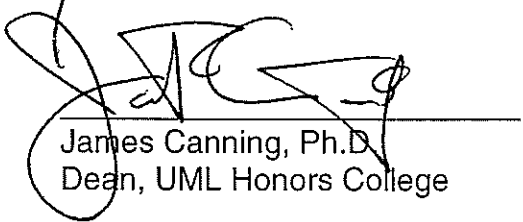
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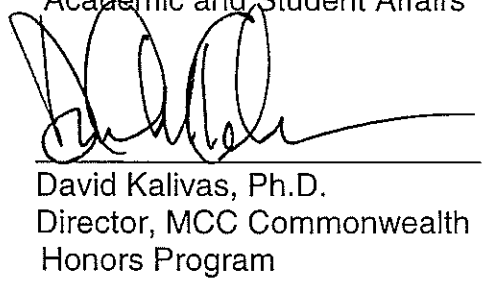
  
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