

GUARANTEED ADMISSION PROGRAM

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AGREEMENT

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AGREEMENT (hereinafter "Agreement") is entered into on the latest date set forth below (the "Effective Date") by and between California Baptist University, a California nonprofit religious corporation ("CBU") and Alvord Unified School District ("District"). CBU and District may be referred to individually as "Party" or collectively as "Parties".

RECITALS

A. CBU operates a private Christian university with its primary campus in Riverside, California and is committed to educating and training students from throughout the Southern California region including communities served by the District;

B. District operates a school district that prepares students in its community for college entrance and/or work placement; many of which ultimately attend CBU;

C. CBU and District each perceive the benefits that may accrue from a formal relationship between them and the creation of a college preparation program and guaranteed admission program (the "Guaranteed Admission Program") to increase the number of District students qualifying for admission at CBU; and

D. The Parties desire to formalize their commitments to the creation and support of the Guaranteed Admission Program in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth herein.

OPERATIVE PROVISIONS

1. District Commitment. Beginning with the 2021-2022 academic year and continuing throughout the term of this Agreement, the District shall provide all incoming 9th grade students with a rigorous academic program of studies and support, which will afford them an opportunity to meet the admission requirements for entrance into CBU upon graduation from high school without need for remedial courses. The following benchmarks will be used by the District:

- Continuous enrollment in the Alvord Unified School District for four (4) years;
- Submission of CBU application during the application filing period; and
- Submission of final transcripts, admissions essay, and other required documents by the specified deadlines.

The District will support the attainment of these benchmarks with an enhanced academic program including without limitation the following:

- A clear statement of academic expectations to students, staff, parents, and the community for 9th grade and each year thereafter;
- Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) opportunities for high school students, if available at the District;
- Clear criteria for identifying and supporting incoming 9th grade at-risk students;
- A systematic program of parent communication and education;
- Annual reports on the progress of each participating class;

- Frequent notification to students and parents of academic progress;
- On-going teacher, counselor, and parent training regarding CBU's admission requirements and their role of facilitating students' application, admission, and enrollment at CBU; and
- Facilitation of the development and distribution of supplemental financial aid for participating students.

2. **CBU Commitment.** CBU agrees to guarantee admission to graduating District 12th grade students who:

- Meet the standard admission requirements of CBU;
- 2.5 cumulative weighted GPA;
- Submit final transcripts, and other required documents by the specified deadlines;
- Complete the online application process including the essay to demonstrate institutional fit; and
- Read and agree to the CBU standard of student conduct.

In addition, CBU will:

- Waive the required application fee for students from the District;
- Facilitate CBU and District faculty dialogue regarding course expectations;
- Provide materials and information regarding CBU's enrollment, attendance, and event data to be distributed by District;
- Work with District to communicate this Guaranteed Admission Program to all students, staff, and community members;
- Share freshman course expectations with District counselors and administrators;
- Provide on-going CBU admission and enrollment training for teachers, counselors and parents;
- Assist and support District graduates at CBU with structured programs designed to improve retention and completion rates;
- Facilitate financial aid and scholarship workshops for students and parents and distribute financial aid materials;
- Students (including citizens, DACA students and undocumented students) that are admitted, who complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FASFA) or California Dream Act, will receive a minimum of \$10,000 per year in total combined scholarships and grants from CBU; and
- Invite District, all families and communities served by the District to participate in functions, programs, and events put on by CBU that enrich and enhance the partnership and collaborative efforts of the Parties.

3. **Review; Amendment.** It is the intent of the Parties that the first cohort of students will be the graduating class of 2021 from Alvord Unified School District. This Agreement shall be reviewed annually and may be amended or extended with the mutual written consent of both Parties.

4. **Termination.** Either Party may terminate this Agreement upon a year's prior written notice to the other.

5. **No Financial Obligations.** Neither party is obligated to expend or commit any financial resources in furtherance of the Guaranteed Admission Program other than those obligations voluntarily assumed by a party.

6. Relationship of Parties. This Agreement shall not be construed to create a general partnership, joint venture or any other organizational combination of the parties, nor shall it authorize either party to act as an agent for, or bind the other party in any manner. CBU and District shall be and remain independent entities with respect to the performance of their respective duties and obligations hereunder.

7. Assignment. This Agreement or any obligations thereunder shall not be subcontracted or assigned except with the prior express written approval of the non-assigning party.

8. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which will be deemed original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same agreement. Scanned, photocopied and facsimile signatures shall be deemed original signatures.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Agreement effective as of the Effective Date.

CBU	DISTRICT
CALIFORNIA BAPTIST UNIVERSITY	ALVORD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
By: _____	By: _____
Name: <u>Taylor Neece</u>	Name: <u>Sherri Kemp, Ed.D</u>
Title: <u>Dean of Admissions</u>	Title: <u>Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services</u>
Date: _____	Date: _____

