PRESS RELEASE

Citrus College Signs Transfer Agreement with Local University
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Glendora, CA—Citrus College recently signed a historical agreement that will ensure transfer student admission to the University of La Verne (ULV).

Dr. Geraldine Perri, Citrus College superintendent/president, and Dr. Devorah Lieberman, University of La Verne president, made the new Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG) agreement official during a special signing ceremony on April 5, 2016.

"Citrus College and the University of La Verne have a history of collaboration that has connected many of our students with their academic dreams and career aspirations," Dr. Perri said. "The creation of a TAG agreement is an exciting development in the relationship between our two institutions and an amazing opportunity for Citrus College students."

As part of this agreement, Citrus College students will receive guaranteed admission to the University of La Verne, provided they meet all of the eligibility requirements. They will also have access to academic and financial aid advisors at the university, receive an application fee waiver, and they will qualify for a one-time $1000 TAG scholarship from ULV.

The Transfer Admission Guarantee is the newest facet of a productive partnership that dates back several years.

In 2011, Citrus College and the University of La Verne jointly received a $3.8 million, five-year, Hispanic Serving Institution cooperative grant from the U.S. Department of Education. The purpose of the grant was to fund program initiatives to improve the completion and graduation rates of students who aspire to enter the teaching profession. In fact, the TAG agreement signing ceremony took place during an open house for the Citrus College Center for Teacher Excellence, which was made possible by grant money.

Citrus College is also a partner in the University of La Verne's College Cost Reduction and Access (CCRAA) STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) grant. This award has enabled the two institutions to work together to help students reach their educational goals in the STEM fields.

In addition to these grants, ULV has a regular presence in the Citrus College Transfer Center. University representatives have scheduled more than 20 separate visits to the college for the spring 2016 semester alone.

"Citrus College and the University of La Verne are both committed to helping guide students down the path to success. As a result, we have joined forces to create programs and services designed to do just this," Dr. Perri said. "Over the years, this partnership has proven to be extremely successful."

According to the ULV Fact Book, Citrus College sends more transfer students to the University of La Verne than any other community college. With the introduction of the TAG agreement, these numbers are sure to increase in the years ahead.

"By providing students with this clear and efficient pathway, Citrus College and the University of La Verne will empower students to reach their goals and achieve success," said Mrs. Susan M. Keith, president of the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees. "On behalf of the entire college community, I would like to thank the many individuals at both institutions who have devoted their time and effort to this worthy endeavor. This is definitely something to be celebrated!"

University of La Verne President Devorah Lieberman (seated, left) and Citrus College Superintendent/President Geraldine M. Perri (seated, right) are joined by former Citrus College students and Citrus Community College District Trustees (standing, fourth from left) Dr. Edward C. Ortell, Mrs. Joanne Montgomery, Clerk/Secretary Patricia A. Rasmussen, Vice President Barbara R. Dickerson, and President Susan M. Keith at the transfer agreement signing on April 5, 2016. The students pictured have transferred to the University of La Verne and are studying to become teachers.

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