

**PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT**

**ADDISON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
&  
SIENA HEIGHTS UNIVERSITY**



***The identities of Siena Heights University and Addison Community Schools are steeped in the rich tradition of ethical education. This tradition evokes a compelling set of beliefs and values that students, faculty, and staff of both institutions have come to know and, ultimately, live.***

***We invite you to a partnership that builds on that tradition.***

#### **ABOUT SIENA HEIGHTS UNIVERSITY**

Founded in 1919 by the Adrian Dominican Sisters, Siena Heights University is one of the largest Catholic Dominican independent universities in the country, awarding certificates, associate's degrees, bachelor's degrees, and master's degrees. The University enrolls approximately 2,200 men and women in programs leading to undergraduate majors in over 40 areas, including such distinctive programs as environmental science, public services administration, musical theatre, social work, and sport management. Master's programs are offered in over 10 fields in the areas of organizational leadership, community counseling, public service leadership, teacher education, health care leadership, to meet the needs of the University's diverse student body. Regionally accredited by The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association, the University has also earned professional accreditations from the National Association of Schools of Art & Design, the Council on Social Work Education, and the Council for Opportunity in Education.

#### **WHAT IS THE SCHOOL-UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM?**

Siena Heights University invites selected school districts to become privileged partners in offering a range of educational opportunities to their students, staff, and faculty members in an effort to meet the needs of both institutions. This includes early enrollment for students who want to get a jumpstart on their college education, designated scholarships for graduates who enroll at Siena Heights University, and professional development options for teachers and staff, drawing on the extensive faculty resources of the University.

#### **SPECIFIC BENEFITS & OPPORTUNITIES**

***Our partnership shall produce numerous benefits for and establish an ongoing dialogue between Siena Heights University and Addison Community Schools:***

- A continued tradition of ethical, quality education for Addison Community School students.
- A well-respected University education that equips graduates with strong ethical values and practical skills and competencies to compete in a global economy.
- Graduates who are assets to both institutions as loyal alumni and supporters of our respective missions.
- A special admission consideration for qualified Addison High School students who wish to attend Siena Heights University as part of a concurrent/dual enrollment agreement.

- A commitment by Siena Heights University to keep costs affordable and to provide, especially for Addison Community Schools students. The following scholarships are available to those who attend Siena Heights on a full-time basis immediately following their high school graduation, specifically to include: the designation of five Trustee Scholarships (\$10,000 per academic year), five Presidential Scholarships (\$8,500 per student per academic year), five Dean's Scholarships (\$6,000 per student, per academic year), per year for qualified students attending directly from Addison Community Schools High School. A financial commitment of \$122,500 for each entering class and a total financial commitment of over \$500,000 (see special scholarships below) in combined offerings over a four year time specifically for Addison Community Schools students.
- For students who do not qualify for an above listed Merit Scholarship, a guaranteed minimum amount of \$5,000 in Siena Heights University institutional financial aid for any qualified (regular admission criteria) graduate of Addison Community Schools. The amount is inclusive of athletic grants.
  - *Monetary amounts associated with scholarships may be adjusted (increased or decreased) to recognize significant adjustments to future tuition costs.*
  - *The above listed scholarships are available only to those students who attend Siena Heights University on a full-time basis immediately following their high school graduation.*
  - *In recognition of Addison Community Schools' commitment to excellence and mission to prepare lifelong learners, four additional, one-year scholarships of \$2,000 will be awarded to students (above the \$5,000 general commitment) in the areas of Special Education, Mathematics / Science, Teacher Certification, and Health Care professions to students who qualify for regular admission to the University and do not receive a University Merit Scholarship listed above.*
- Opportunities for professional development of your faculty and staff, such as on-site continuing educational courses, workshops, and/or presentations covering a wide variety of academic and other educational interests.
- Presentations for students and parents about options for higher education, the college selection process, financial aid, and programs offered at Siena Heights University provided on-site at Addison Community Schools.
- Priority response for Addison Community Schools students with regard to admissions decisions, residence hall accommodations, financial aid, and other student support services.
- Special visits, receptions, and invitations to programs offered on the Siena Heights University campus for the professional and personal development of Addison Community Schools faculty, staff, and students.

*We approve this partnership between Siena Heights University and Addison Community Schools which will build a relationship of mutual support and benefit our respective schools, our surrounding communities, and, most importantly, our students.*

*The Partnership Agreement is valid until September 1, 2014.*

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