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MAYOR EMANUEL AND CITY COLLEGES OF CHICAGO ANNOUNCE PARTNERSHIP WITH ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY TO SIMPLIFY COLLEGE TRANSFER FOR FOUR-YEAR DEGREE

Chicago and Arizona State University launch new guaranteed admission program to provide students with clear pathway to a quality four-year degree program upon completion at CCC

Mayor Rahm Emanuel and City Colleges of Chicago (CCC) Chancellor Cheryl Hyman today announced a new transfer partnership with Arizona State University (ASU) that will provide students another viable opportunity to transition to a four-year university. ASU's Guaranteed Program for Admission, available to all CCC students, maps community college coursework that puts students on track and prepares them to enroll at ASU. The program is designed for college students who plan to pursue an online or in-person undergraduate degree from ASU.

"Whether it's here in Chicago, or 1,700 miles away in Tempe, opportunities for a four-year degree provide our students with the important tools they need to succeed in today's global economy," said Mayor Emanuel. "Building a better Chicago is about building a stronger Chicago, which means working to ensure that every resident can access quality education today that unlocks the jobs of tomorrow."

The program accepts either a completed associate's degree or the completed the Illinois Articulation Initiative General Education Core Curriculum, which satisfies ASU's lower-division general studies requirements. CCC students will receive course guidance while attending community college, ensuring students are taking transferable and applicable courses for their majors.

City Colleges of Chicago is the largest community college system in Illinois and one of the largest in the nation, serving more than 100,000 students annually at seven colleges and six satellite sites. CCC ensures students graduate college-ready, career-ready and prepared to pursue their life goals. Students can save up to \$40,000 by attending City Colleges of Chicago for their first two years before transferring to earn a bachelor's degree. City Colleges has more than 60 transfer agreements

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with four-year colleges and universities and City Colleges' transfer rate has increased 9 percent since Chancellor Hyman launched a Reinvention in 2010. CCC was also the first community college system in the nation to provide a two-year degree pathway for hardworking high school students at no cost.

“At City Colleges, it is our commitment to ensure our students can transfer seamlessly to the four-year college of their choice as full juniors, maximizing both the time spent and credits earned with us,” said Chancellor Cheryl L. Hyman. “This partnership with ASU further demonstrates that universities across our country increasingly recognize the value of a City Colleges degree and that our students are not only ready to transfer but they are sought after as transfer prospects.”

The new Guaranteed Program for Admission with ASU ensures that City Colleges students seeking to further their educational journey to ASU are prepared for success as they transition. With this partnership, ASU—one of the top 100 research universities in the nation—becomes City Colleges' second out-of-state guaranteed admissions program, along with Fisk University, and joins six other guaranteed admissions programs that City Colleges has established with Illinois four-year colleges and universities.

Starting next year in collaboration with CCC, students can transition to ASU, obtaining access to more than 300 undergraduate programs and multiple student support programs that will ensure students have the tools necessary to succeed through graduation.

“We are excited to partner with the City Colleges of Chicago,” said ASU President Michael M. Crow, “and grateful to the Chicago Mayor’s Office for helping provide Illinois college students the opportunity to continue their education at ASU, whether that be online or in person at one of our five metro Phoenix campuses. A post-secondary education is the single greatest determining factor in a person’s ability to raise their socioeconomic status, and the jobs of tomorrow increasingly require a college education. Partnerships, such as the one we are announcing, increase community college completion rates, ease the transition into the university and pave the way for more of what we at ASU call master learners, people with the capability to adapt in an ever-evolving economy.”

This partnership builds on a series of investments by Mayor Emanuel and Chancellor Hyman to ensure programs and facilities across the seven CCC locations will prepare students for careers in the fastest-growing fields--including new state-of-the-art healthcare, manufacturing, transportation, distribution and logistics, and early childhood development pathways and facilities. Since the launch of its Reinvention, CCC has more than doubled its graduation rate and now graduates more students each year than ever before.

For more information on the Guaranteed Program for Admission at ASU visit, <http://transfer.asu.edu/illinois>

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