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LORI G. RUFFIN
Records Manager

March 3, 2010

Mr. Todd Briggs
Manager of Partnership Development
Columbia Southern University
21982 University Lane
Orange Beach, Alabama 36561

RE: Memorandum of Understanding

Dear Mr. Briggs:

Enclosed is a **fully executed copy** of the *Memorandum of Understanding* approved during the February 16, 2010 Baldwin County Commission meeting, between the Commission and Columbia Southern University. This *Memorandum of Understanding* is for the provision of educational opportunities for Baldwin County employees and their spouses/children by becoming learning partners. This *Memorandum of Understanding* commenced on March 2, 2010 and will remain in force until terminated.

If you have any questions or need further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Susan Lovett, Personnel Director, at (251) 580-1663.

Sincerely,


LORI G. RUFFIN, Records Manager
Baldwin County Commission

LGR/met Item EPI

cc: Susan Lovett (Letter Only)
Deidra Hanak (Letter Only)
Scott Barnett (Letter Only)
Erich Bergdolt (Letter Only)

ENCLOSURE



COLUMBIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

LEARNING PARTNERSHIP MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

(This is not a legally binding contract and the MOU may be cancelled at any time without penalty or recourse)

Baldwin County Alabama (also BC) wishes to offer educational opportunities for its employees by becoming a Columbia Southern University (CSU) learning partner. The partnership is designed to help BALDWIN COUNTY ALABAMA employees/members/volunteers complete academic degree programs in career appropriate disciplines.

A. As a learning partner:

1. CSU may provide the designation of BALDWIN COUNTY ALABAMA as a learning partner on the CSU website.
2. CSU may display the BALDWIN COUNTY ALABAMA name on the CSU website and University materials.
3. CSU may link the BALDWIN COUNTY ALABAMA name (and/or logo if provided) to information about the CSU / BALDWIN COUNTY ALABAMA discount, CSU enrollment information and forms for the BALDWIN COUNTY ALABAMA employees/members on the CSU website.
4. CSU may evaluate training courses and programs recommended by BALDWIN COUNTY ALABAMA as possible academic transfer programs.
5. CSU may provide online forms specifically designed for BALDWIN COUNTY ALABAMA employees/members and their immediate family members. BALDWIN COUNTY ALABAMA employees/members and their immediate family members must meet admission requirements for the degree program to which they apply.
6. **CSU may provide BALDWIN COUNTY ALABAMA employees/ members, their spouses, and children with a 10% discount for all courses and programs taken at CSU. This includes textbooks at no cost and a waiver of the application fee.**
7. CSU may provide BALDWIN COUNTY ALABAMA with employee/member student "directory" information. To find out more about "directory" information please visit <http://www.columbiasouthern.edu/privacy/>.

B. As a learning partner:

1. BC may inform BALDWIN COUNTY ALABAMA employees of this learning partner relationship and education benefits as one of their options for continued education.
2. BC may keep CSU informational materials on site and make available to employees/members.

C. This MOU is intended to identify the cooperation between the two Parties. Each Party understands that there is no intent to bind the other and any attempt to do so is invalid. This MOU is understood to be nonexclusive in nature and in no way binds BC to lend its credit, or to grant public money or things of value in aid of, or to any individual, association, or corporation.

This Learning Partnership will be in effect from the date of signing, and will remain in effect unless terminated by one or both parties.

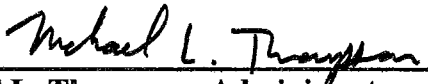
This Memorandum is signed on this 2nd day of March in the year 2010.

Baldwin County:

Attest:



Charles F. Gruber, Chairman

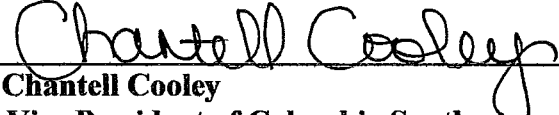


Michael L. Thompson, Administrator

CSU:



Todd Briggs
Manager of Partnership Development
University



Chantell Cooley
Vice President of Columbia Southern