



Wilkes University

**RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH
THE PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIP AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
LUZERNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND WILKES UNIVERSITY**

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of both Luzerne County Community College and Wilkes University to maintain a strong academic connection between the public college and private university of Luzerne County, and to provide students in our local community the best possible education; and

WHEREAS, both institutions of higher education have agreed to provide to Luzerne Presidential Scholars in good standing guaranteed admission to matriculate at Wilkes University; to provide that these individuals receive the Presidential Scholarship—currently valued at a minimum of \$21,000 per year—for up to two years of full-time study at Wilkes University; and allow them to transfer course credits from Luzerne County Community College to Wilkes to the greatest possible extent, as outlined in the dual admission and articulation agreements; and

WHEREAS, this admission of Luzerne students to Wilkes University is available to currently enrolled Luzerne Presidential Scholars who possess a minimum grade point average of 3.5, who have completed an Associate's Degree at Luzerne County Community College, and who have followed the proper process in submitting application materials to Wilkes University; and

WHEREAS, this Presidential Scholars transfer agreement builds upon the already-established undergraduate dual admission agreement, which was renewed by both institutions on August 1, 2020, and which allows Luzerne students to enroll in up to four courses at Wilkes University prior to full matriculation at Wilkes; and is made with the mutual understanding that both institutions will make it a priority to market and promote this program to current and prospective students through events on and off both campuses, through traditional media and social media, and through all other available means; and

WHEREAS, this agreement—as with the undergraduate dual admission agreement—shall be reviewed by both colleges every five (5) years, at which point the agreement may then be abrogated by either party or renewed by mutual agreement; and that modification to the original agreement may occur at any time if both Luzerne County Community College and Wilkes University agree; and

WHEREAS, this agreement shall be made in full accordance with the mission of Luzerne County Community College to provide excellence in education, foster student success in achievement of goals, and positively impact Luzerne County and the surrounding Northeastern Pennsylvania region, and with the mission of Wilkes University of liberally educating students for lifelong learning and success in a constantly evolving and multicultural world through a commitment to individualized attention, exceptional teaching, scholarship and academic excellence, while continuing the university’s commitment to community engagement.

BE IT RESOLVED that, effective this ____ day of _____, in the year two thousand and twenty, that the presidents of Luzerne County Community College and Wilkes University hereby approve the establishment of and commitment to this mutually beneficial agreement.

Signed by:

Thomas P. Leary
President, Luzerne County Community College

Greg Cant, Ph.D.
President, Wilkes University