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**Memorandum of Agreement
Between
Copper Mountain College and Ohio University**

Preamble

Copper Mountain College (CMC) and Ohio University (OHIO) agree to enter into a new dialogue to consider regional opportunities for collaboration in the delivery of programs that can expand access and opportunity for area students, especially when such collaboration could measurably improve the economic future of a large number of local community residents. The goal of this new inter-institutional dialogue will be to identify additional ways to jointly support the development of a more highly educated and competitive regional workforce, which is capable of meeting the needs of both new and existing enterprises across the region.

Shared Vision

The shared vision that supports this new initiative is an interest in expanding access to academic programs and courses, as well as the pursuit of lifelong work-related learning. CMC and OHIO acknowledge the following common environment in which they now operate:

- The States of Ohio and California and its employees need a workforce that is well prepared, at various educational levels, in order to compete in a highly competitive, global economy;
- The aspirations and needs of learners in the workforce have changed profoundly in the last decade, requiring new responses from higher education institutions;
- Place-bound working adults, and others with limited options, need more opportunities to pursue different higher education options, near their homes and employers, that will allow them to take advantage of programs and other resources in a cost effective, flexible manner;
- For higher education institutions, the time has come to try to identify more ways to: (1) more seamlessly transfer/move students between different higher education institutions, *and* (2) to provide access to needed programs to students, where they already live and work, rather than to require or expect students to relocate in order to pursue their educational goals.

Therefore, the overarching objective of this dialogue will be to develop a successful new higher education model for collaboration and cooperation that can support increased regional economic development, through effective lifelong and comprehensive workforce development services, and that can encourage more residents to pursue additional higher education.

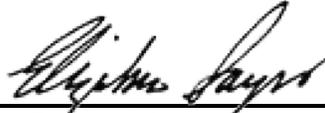
Scope and Nature of the Dialogue

CMC and OHIO desire to explore various reciprocal options that will lead to the development of a new strategic partnership that focuses on expanding learning opportunities for students, through collaborative use of mutually selected curricula, learning programs, and courses. The best discussions will be those that reveal value-adding capabilities meaningful to each institution's existing constituent base, as well as to discover new and common constituents with education needs to which both institutions can contribute solutions.

Each institution agrees to communicate frequently during the dialogue to build a complementary and meaningful relationship and to seriously consider suggested options. Discussions will include a wide range of stakeholder individuals from both inside and outside of the institutions in order to assure an effective regional assessment of needs and possible responses.

We recognize that, although both institutions are subject to California Public Records Act and Ohio Revised Code open records statutes, we agree to exercise prudent caution with respect to disseminating information internally or externally, which may lead to incorrect public perceptions about program service options that are being considered.

My signature below indicates that I concur with the provisions of this Memorandum of Agreement.

 11/13/2020

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