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A&M System agreement opens doors for Tarleton students



STEPHENVILLE, TEXAS—The higher education admission process just got a lot easier for students thanks to a new union between Tarleton State University and several other institutions within the Texas A&M University System.

On Jan. 21, Tarleton President F. Dominic Dottavio, Ph.D., signed a formal agreement with the A&M System that will allow seamless transfer into certain programs at Texas A&M University in College Station.

“This is supportive of Tarleton’s strategic plan,” said a pleased President Dottavio. “Our goals include continuing enrollment growth, increasing access to Tarleton from a broader array of geographic areas and developing partnerships that enhance the quality the student experience.”

In addition to the agreement extending the university’s reach, it will also help simplify the admissions process.

“This is a win-win situation for Tarleton and its students,” said Denise Groves, dean of enrollment management. “We will be able to offer an exceptional educational experience to a group of quality students. By partnering with A&M, Tarleton can streamline the admissions process so that students won’t have to complete multiple applications. This keeps the students in the A&M System and saves valuable resources.”

To qualify under the provisions of the Program for System Admission, students must complete at least 24 credits in transferrable classes at Tarleton that satisfy their chosen degree program at Texas A&M. Students must also have a minimum 3.0 grade-point average overall in the courses listed in the chosen program, among other stipulations.

“Our hope is that these students come to Tarleton and choose to stay,” said Groves. “Like A&M, Tarleton is rich in tradition, provides a quality education, and does so at about half the price.”

The agreement is a five-year pilot program that includes a provision to extend the program for another period not to exceed five years, subject to approval by officials at participating universities.

Texas A&M System Chancellor Michael D. McKinney applauded the agreement, citing it as an “excellent example of cooperation and collaboration between our universities. I thank and congratulate the leadership at Texas A&M and our A&M System universities for taking the initiative to make this proposal a reality for the benefit of numerous current and future students.”

Other A&M System universities participating in the project include Prairie View A&M University, Texas A&M International University, Texas A&M University-Commerce, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, Texas A&M University-Kingsville, West Texas A&M University and Texas A&M University-Texarkana.

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