



OFFICE OF UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS

## The University of Scranton and Diocese of Scranton Memorandum of Understanding

The University of Scranton and the Diocese of Scranton high schools, Holy Cross High School, Holy Redeemer High School, Notre Dame Jr./Sr. High School and St. John Neumann Jr./Sr. High School, share a common mission to educate young men and women in the Catholic tradition through rigorous academics and a focus on holistic learning. Our vision is to prepare students who, in the words of Jesuit founder St. Ignatius, will “set the world on fire.”

The University of Scranton and the Diocese of Scranton hereby establish a Memorandum of Understanding. Through this memorandum, we articulate and codify the ways this partnership can advance our mutual goal of enhancing access to high quality Catholic education at the high school and post-secondary levels. The components of our partnership include, but are not limited to:

1. The University of Scranton will guarantee admission for bachelor’s-level programs (with the exception of programs listed in item 2, below) to graduates of the Diocese of Scranton high schools who have a 3.00 GPA and either a 1080 SAT (EBRW & Math) or a 22 ACT Composite score. Students who meet the above criteria will receive, at minimum, an annual \$15,000 scholarship with a total value of \$60,000.
2. The University of Scranton will guarantee admission to graduates of the Diocese of Scranton high schools for the following entry-level programs according the criteria listed below: Occupational Therapy (5-year Master’s Program), Nursing (bachelor’s degree) and Doctor of Physical Therapy (guaranteed seat for 7-year program). Students must have a minimum GPA of 3.50 and either a 1270 SAT (EBRW & Math) or a 27 ACT Composite score. Students who meet the above criteria will receive, at minimum, an annual \$18,000 scholarship with a total value of \$72,000. In order to qualify for guaranteed admission, students applying to these programs must apply Early Action to The University of Scranton and complete all application requirements by November 15 of their senior year.
3. Please refer to the Comprehensive Guide to Financial Aid Programs, published annually by The University of Scranton, for details on receipt of financial assistance. The scholarship awards referenced in items 1 and 2 above can only be received for a total of four undergraduate years, and are not transferable to other institutions.
4. Application and supporting documentation (transcript from the high school through the end of junior year and standardized test scores) must be submitted prior to admission. The University of Scranton does not charge an application fee for applicants from the Diocese of Scranton high schools. The University of Scranton takes a holistic approach to reviewing its applicants, valuing many factors in the admissions decision, including coursework, standardized test scores, letters of recommendation, leadership, community service and extracurricular activities. The University of Scranton’s offer of admission is contingent upon the applicant maintaining good academic and disciplinary standing. Further details regarding University scholarship policies can be found in the Comprehensive Guide to Financial Aid Programs at [scranton.edu/finaidguide](http://scranton.edu/finaidguide).



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5. The Diocese of Scranton high schools will permit a University of Scranton admissions representative to visit with their students as many as three times a year for the purposes of sharing information about The University of Scranton's academic programs, admissions application, financial aid and related processes. Visits will be arranged by The University of Scranton's Office of Admissions through the individual guidance offices.
  
6. The Diocese of Scranton high schools will display The University of Scranton's information, including posters, pennant and brochures, in the Guidance Office or another relevant location at the high school. In addition, the agreement with The University of Scranton's wordmark and profile will be displayed on the schools' web sites.

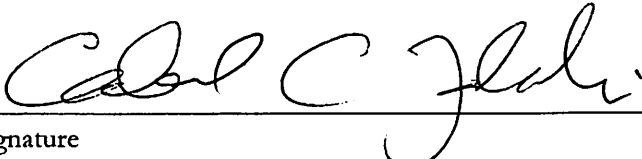
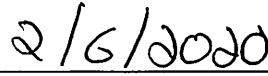
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This agreement may be reviewed and revised at any time at the request of the Diocesan Secretary of Catholic Education/Chief Executive Officer or the Vice President of Enrollment Management and External Affairs at The University of Scranton. The Diocese of Scranton high schools and The University of Scranton agree not to unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, nationality, ethnicity, religion, gender, age or non-disqualifying disability in any undertaking pursuant to this agreement. This agreement is signed by the parties' duly authorized representatives on the dates entered below.

  
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Date

Jason W.S. Morrison  
Diocesan Secretary of Catholic Education/Chief Executive Officer  
Diocese of Scranton

  
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Date

Gerald C. Zaboski  
Vice President for Enrollment Management & External Affairs  
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