Honors Program Acknowledgment – 2018 High School Graduates

The Honors Program (the "Program") is open to 2018 high school graduates enrolled in one of Berkeley College's Associate's or Bachelor's degree programs. Students must meet the requirements below in order to participate in the Program. Students who successfully complete the Program will receive the Honors Scholar distinction on their Berkeley College transcripts and diplomas. The distinction will be noted next to each student's name in the Commencement booklets. Each student will also receive an Honors Scholar cord to be worn over his or her gown at Commencement.

Honors seminars are held at select New York and New Jersey campuses. Each student will be assigned to a particular location and learning community. Learning communities will meet approximately once a week. Students must register for Honors seminars through their academic advisor.

The Honors Program requires continuous semester-to-semester enrollment (fall semester, winter semester, and spring semester).

I. Associate's Degree Requirements

1. Meet with academic advisor each semester and discuss the Program standards and responsibilities.

2. Maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 both during and after completion of the Program. If a student's GPA falls below 3.0, then he or she will be placed on academic probation for one semester. A student will be dismissed from the Program if the student's GPA remains below 3.0 after completion of the probationary semester.

3. Complete the three Honors seminars: HON1105, HON2205, and HON2210. Honors seminars must be completed in consecutive order, beginning with the fall semester through the spring semester, unless an exception is granted by the Honors Program Director ("Director"). Failure to consecutively complete the Honors seminars may result in dismissal from the Program.

4. Complete and document a minimum of ten (10) hours of community service during each of the first two years of the Program. All community service activities must be unpaid. Such activities may be provided at any Berkeley College campus, local organization, community agency, or special event approved by the Director.

5. Successfully present a Freshman Honors poster under the supervision of the Pre-Honors HON2210 faculty member at the annual Pre-Honors Freshman Poster Presentation at the end of the spring semester.

II. Bachelor's Degree Requirements

1. Meet with academic advisor each semester and discuss the Program standards and responsibilities.

2. Maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 both during and after completion of the Program. If a student's GPA falls below 3.0, then he or she will be placed on academic probation for one semester. Students will be dismissed from the Program if their GPA remains below 3.0 after completion of the probationary semester.

3. Complete and document a minimum of ten (10) hours of community service during the first two years of the Program. All community service activities must be unpaid. Such activities may be provided at any Berkeley College campus, local organization, community agency, or special event approved by the Director. Community service must be completed prior to enrolling in HON 4410 Directed Research.

4. In the first year of the Program, successfully present a Freshman Honors poster under the supervision of the Pre-Honors HON2210 faculty member at the annual Pre-Honors Freshman Poster Presentation at the end of the spring semester.

5. In the second year of the Program, successfully write and present an Honors thesis under supervision of a faculty member in connection with HON 4410 Directed Research. Students who fail to write and/or present their Honors thesis papers will be dismissed from the Program.

6. Complete all Honors seminars: HON1105, HON2205, HON2210, HON3310, HON4400, and HON4410. Honors seminars must be completed in consecutive order, beginning with the fall semester through the spring semester, unless an exception is granted by the Director. Failure to consecutively complete the Honors seminars may result in dismissal from the Program.

III. Program Participation Letters. The Director may provide participation letters upon request to students who are dismissed from the Program for failure to meet one or more of the requirements. Such letters shall state that the student participated in the Program but did not complete it in its entirety.

IV. Honors Scholarship. Eligible students may receive up to full-tuition scholarships. Award amounts are based on high school GPA. Scholarships are renewable until the recipient receives an Associate's degree or Bachelor's degree based upon the recipient maintaining (i) a cumulative GPA of 3.0 at the end of each award period; and (ii) consecutive term enrollment as a full-time student. Students who complete an Associate's degree, immediately enroll in a Bachelor's degree program, and continue participation in the Honors Program are eligible to continue receiving the Honors Scholarship so long as they satisfy the GPA and enrollment requirements

Students are responsible for meeting all federal and state grant application deadlines. If these grants are not awarded due to incomplete applications, the scholarship will be calculated based on the maximum grant eligibility. The College will not extend credit or other aid to replace the lost grant(s). Berkeley College reserves the right to revoke the scholarship awarded to any student who has not met the eligibility requirements. Unusual circumstances or hardship may occur. Upon written demonstration of such hardship, Berkeley College, in its sole discretion, will determine whether a leave of absence will (i) result in loss of the scholarship; and/or (ii) result in disqualification from further participation in the Honors Program.

I acknowledge that I have read and understand the requirements for the Honors Program and Honors Scholarship.

_____ Date: _____   _____
Student Signature   Print Name

_____ Date: _____   _____
Parent Signature (if student is under 18)   Print Name