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PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

February 8, 2008

Ms. Betty McCrohan  
President  
Wharton County Junior College  
911 Boling Highway  
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Dear President McCrohan:

I want to thank you for agreeing to join our extended UT Dallas family by becoming a part of our exciting new Comet Connection program. As you are aware, The Comet Connection was designed with your students in mind. Community College students now have the opportunity to begin their higher education journey at your institution while at the same time enjoy many of the benefits and experiences of campus life at UT Dallas.

By becoming members of The Comet Connection, your students may enroll in our Guaranteed Tuition Program and lock-in the current year's tuition for four years. In addition to various UT Dallas on-campus events, participants will also receive other special privileges, including a Comet Connection student ID card which gains them access to campus facilities, use of our nationally recognized McDermott Library and one-on-one meetings with our academic advisors.

Community College students and their experience at UT Dallas are very important to us. We are very excited that you have chosen to be a part of this program. We look forward to working with you to serve your students as they progress through higher education.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David E. Daniel'.

David E. Daniel  
President

**The University of Texas at Dallas  
Pre- Admissions Agreement  
Comet Connection Program**

In order to facilitate the process of student transfer, the University of Texas at Dallas (UTD) and Wharton County Junior College (WCJC) have agreed to the following Pre-Admissions Agreement. Students who sign the pre-admissions agreement and meet the criteria will be considered part of the Comet Connection program.

Wharton County Junior College students, who meet the University of Texas at Dallas admission requirements or complete the Associate of Arts/~~Science~~/AAT degree with at least a 2.5 cumulative GPA, will receive automatic admission to the University of Texas at Dallas.

A student may apply for pre-admission status at the time of first enrollment at Wharton County Junior College, or at any time thereafter when enrolled at WCJC, by completing a UTD Pre-Admissions Application. After completing a minimum 30 hours and by the deadline date associated with the term in which this agreement was signed, participants must complete the Transfer Texas Common Application (electronic version) and submit official transcripts of all college work attempted in order to initiate the formal admission process at UTD. To apply electronically, go to [www.applytexas.org](http://www.applytexas.org) and follow the online instructions, selecting the Transfer application and UTD as the target institution. Admitted students have 12 months from the semester of admission to enroll at UTD.

The institutions will work together to provide appropriate transfer guides utilizing the Texas Common Course Numbering System to identify the courses to be completed at Wharton County Junior College that will transfer to UTD. Special attention will be given to courses that will apply toward pre-requisites or requirements for a major at UTD.

Students participating in the Comet Connection will have access to the Pre-health Resource Center at UTD and be invited to participate in both Pre-Health and Pre-Law activities and sponsored events. Pre-health and Pre-law advisors will meet with students participating in the Comet Connection on a Wharton County Junior College campus each semester.

Students participating in the Comet Connection will have access to UTD libraries through TexShare and public terminals.

Students participating in the Comet Connection may purchase tickets to athletic and other selected events on UTD campus at the Comet Connection rate.

Students participating in the Comet Connection may participate in UTD's Guaranteed Tuition Program.

UTD will provide the opportunity for WCJC transfer students who attend UTD and meet UTD transfer scholarship criteria to apply for designated scholarships. Information about applying for these scholarships is on the UTD Web site.

The two institutions will provide a smooth transition for qualified students wishing to enter the Honors program at UTD. Acceptance to the Honors program requires a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or better on all college work. The Honors program will accept up to 12 semester hours of honors credit with a grade of 3.5 or better earned at WCJC toward the 24 honors hours required for Honor program recognition upon graduation from UTD.

UTD will provide Wharton County Junior College with the annual data report (SRS250) consisting of official transcripts of permanent records of former Wharton County Junior College students enrolled at University of Texas at Dallas as permitted under the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

The Office of the Registrar at UTD agrees to the following:



1. Through the electronic transfer admissions applications, request transfer students' permission for UTD to send transcripts and student contact information to WCJC.
2. Forward WCJC student transcripts to The Admissions and Records Office at WCJC when individual students have earned a total of sixty (60) or more credit hours. Transcripts will be forwarded electronically via SPEEDE (aka EDI)

The Admissions and Records Office at Wharton County Junior College agrees to the following:

1. Provide the Office of the Registrar at the University of Texas at Dallas with an electronic file reflecting the awarded associate degrees.

Administrators for Wharton County Junior College and the University of Texas at Dallas will meet annually to assess the program and develop additional possible options to this agreement.

UTD officials will work with Wharton County Junior College officials to find ways to share information about students enrolled at UTD who could have sufficient hours to receive an associate's degree from WCJC.

This agreement shall become effective 2/4/08 and shall remain in effect until terminated by either party. Termination can be processed when either UTD or WCJC give written notice to the other institution 180 days prior to the requested termination date.

In witness whereof, the authorized representatives of the parties have executed this agreement on this the \_\_\_\_\_.

**Wharton County Junior College**

By Betty McCrohan  
Ms. Betty McCrohan, President

Date 1-24-08

**University of Texas at Dallas**

By Dr. David Daniel  
Dr. David Daniel, President

Date 2.4.08