

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

ODESSA COLLEGE

&

ANGELO STATE UNIVERSITY

Regarding

WRANGLER PROMISE

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) formally recognizes that Odessa College and Angelo State University are active educational partners, committed to providing greater educational opportunities and services for students.

Purpose of the MOU

The purpose of this MOU is to formalize an agreement to promote and foster a deeper level of collaboration to serve students through the Wrangler Promise to more effectively increase educational attainment and gainful employment of our residents, particularly students that are economically disadvantaged and students from rural settings where there are gaps in educational attainment. Through this agreement, we can better leverage resources to help rural school districts build college going cultures, reduce the cost of college, add enhanced student supports, and develop the data capabilities to support the seamless transition of students in high school through our collective institutions and into the workforce.

Duration of the MOU

This MOU will commence as of the date signed by executives from Odessa College and Angelo State University and will be updated every five years from the signed date of this MOU based on mutually agreed upon goals and the review of the metrics aligned to the goals.

Mutual Understanding

Odessa College and Angelo State University agree to work together to support the following common objectives of the Wrangler Promise:

1. Reduce the cost of college to students and families in rural communities served by Odessa College
2. Support Odessa College in partnering with rural high schools to measurably help more students prepare for college, enroll, persist, seamlessly transfer, and prepare to and effectively enter the workforce focused on equity in living wage attainment
3. Measurably increase college enrollment and completion aligned to the West Texas job market with an emphasis on helping to close educational gaps that exist for economically disadvantaged students and students from rural school districts.

Commitments

Whereas Odessa College in partnership with Angelo State University commits to last dollar scholarships for all qualifying students, marketing, data sharing, and enhanced student supports.

Angelo State University will commit to:

1. **Brand**: lending the use of the Angelo State University logo and brand to be used as a lead partner in the Wrangler Promise. A marketing plan will be approved by Angelo State University using the brand guidelines provided by Angelo State University.
2. **Scholarships**: Wrangler Promise students are encouraged to complete their application for admission to the university and submit official transcripts as early as possible to be considered for the ASU Distinguished Transfer scholarships. If funds are available, scholarship amounts are based on the number of transferable hours and grade point average earned and are renewable based on award criteria.
3. **Financial Aid**: To be fully considered for financial aid, students should submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and include Angelo State (FAFSA Code 003541) as a school to receive the application. Admitted students that have provided their FAFSA are considered for federal, state, and institutional financial aid—including grants, loans, and work-study opportunities.

The Blue and Gold Guarantee assures that your tuition and mandatory fees are covered by gift aid (grants, scholarships, exemptions and/or waivers).

- Be a Texas resident admitted to Angelo State by the May 1 priority review date.
 - Graduate from Odessa College with an associate degree under the Wrangler Promise partnership.
 - Submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by the May 1 priority review date.
 - Must be Federal Pell Grant eligible.
 - Have a combined family income of \$70,000 or less as reported on the FAFSA.
4. **Student Support and Data Sharing**: Angelo State University and Odessa College will mutually agree on the data Angelo State University will share back to Odessa College on student persistence and completion,

Odessa College will commit to:

§ **Marketing:** Promoting Angelo State University in the Wrangler Promise following the brand guidelines and scholarship language provided by Angelo State University.

§ **Data Sharing:** providing Angelo State University with directory information of students that selected Angelo State University on the Wrangler Promise pledge form.

In witness whereof, the authorized representatives of the parties have executed this agreement:

ODESSA COLLEGE

ANGELO STATE UNIVERSITY

Ronnie D. Hawkins, Jr.

Signature

Signature

Gregory D. Wilhite

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