



## **PLU Automatic Admission Partnership with Mount Vernon High School**

### **Program Overview**

#### **2022-2023**

The partnership was created out of a call the Washington Student Achievement Council (WSAC) issued for universities across the state to be innovative and think about post-secondary attainment a little differently – particularly as challenges with college going rates in Washington were exacerbated by the pandemic. Pacific Lutheran University (PLU) responded and became the first university in the state to offer an **Automatic Admission Partnership ([plu.edu/admission/aap](http://plu.edu/admission/aap))**. We were lucky enough to find an eager and willing partner to launch a late spring 2021 pilot program.

This document outlines the automatic admission criteria and the proposed process and requirements for districts and schools to participate in the Automatic Admission Partnership for the 2022-2023 school year.

#### **Admission Criteria**

The Automatic Admission Partnership requires two main criteria to be met for a student to be eligible: (1) a minimum GPA of a 3.3 and (2) completion of 2nd year algebra or an agreed upon equivalent (if in progress, we can look at past grades in math courses and likelihood to complete). We will also work with the districts and schools to make decisions related to students enrolled in ELL courses, on IEP/504 Plans, International students, and other special populations.

#### **Student Expectations**

If a student meets the criteria or is on track to meet the criteria by high school completion, they are guaranteed admission to PLU. Upon receiving the automatic admission offer, a student will need to complete:

- An Acceptance Form to let us know they are interested - this is NOT the university application and will not require an essay or letters of recommendation. It takes most students around 5 minutes to complete.
- A FAFSA or WASFA for full financial aid consideration.

Students will also need to maintain their high school GPA during their senior year and are encouraged to be engaged and active within their high school environment.