



THE PRESIDENTIAL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM AT MONROE

IMPROVING COLLEGE ACCESS AND AFFORDABILITY FOR STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES

For nearly 90 years, Monroe College has focused on improving access, affordability, and outcomes for New York students. As part of this commitment, we implemented an ambitious and innovative initiative in 2016 called the “Presidential Partnership Program,” which draws on our experience and proven outcomes educating local and first-generation students.

The Program, established by President Marc Jerome, offers deserving students from select high schools an opportunity to obtain a private college education – in most cases with zero debt – at an institution recognized for having some of the best outcomes in New York State for Black, Hispanic, and low-income students.

There are four core components to the Program:

- ▶ Generous scholarships that give the majority of recipients a chance to realize their college dreams without having to take on student debt to cover tuition and fees not covered by federal and state grant aid;
- ▶ A dedicated mentor who serves as the student’s advisor, advocate, cheerleader, and coach every step of their journey at Monroe, providing pre- and post-enrollment support services;
- ▶ Special “bridge to college” programming and events to help students form strong connections to the College and each other while making a successful transition to college-level studies and responsibilities, and
- ▶ Engagement with students and school administrators to effectuate the program’s goals and help inform local high schools’ own college-readiness programming.

If you think that your students would benefit from our Presidential Partnership Program, we would be happy to speak with you about it.

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