

MARCH 9, 2006

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN MARIST COLLEGE AND FAIRVIEW FIRE DISTRICT

RE: ANNUAL GIFT TO FAIRVIEW FIRE DISTRICT

Marist College and the Fairview Fire District have had a longstanding and positive relationship. Throughout the years, the District has provided excellent service to the College and Marist has tried to reciprocate by providing support to the District in a variety of ways. Over the past ten years, the College has provided a total of \$377,000 in direct financial contributions to the District. The College has also provided technology hardware and network maintenance services as well as assistance in the preparation of grant proposals designed to generate external support for the District. The College also encourages and recruits its students to serve as volunteer workers for the District.

It should be noted that other private and public colleges and universities in New York State do not normally support their local fire Districts through direct financial contributions. Larger districts that have a number of non-profit organizations similar to the total in the Fairview District do not generally expect those organizations to make gifts or provide substantial financial support to the districts. However, Marist recognizes that the Fairview Fire District situation is a very unique one because the District is small in size. It is because of this unique situation that the College is willing to make a substantial gift allocation to the District.

Marist's annual gift to the Fairview Fire District totaled \$55,000 for the 2004-2005 academic year. The College will increase this amount annually over the next three years until a total of \$120,000 is reached in the 2008-2009 academic year.

The specific annual gift payment schedule will be as indicated below:

2004-2005	55,000
2005-2006	75,000
2006-2007	100,000
2007-2008	110,000
2008-2009	120,000

In making an annual gift contribution as outlined above, it is understood by all parties that:

(1) The granting of the yearly gift is subject to the annual approval of the Marist College Board of Trustees as is customary with all major expenditures from the College's annual operating budget.

(2) The annual gift payment will be made on or about April 15 as per the above schedule.

(3) Marist College will implement a comprehensive campus-wide program designed to reduce the number of response calls to Marist by Fairview Fire District.

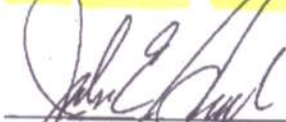
(4) Should Marist College purchase any privately owned property within the boundaries of the Fairview Fire District, the College will discuss with Fairview Fire District a possible increase in its annual gift allocation to help offset the loss of tax revenue to the District.

(5) The Fairview Fire District will not oppose future development at Marist. It is understood that in responding to a SEQR request from the Town for a construction project at Marist, the Fairview Fire District will continue to indicate the District's support requirements, according to applicable state and local standards.

(6) This arrangement will be jointly reviewed by the College and Town during the 2008-2009 year to determine the necessity of the College continuing the same level of the annual gift, assuming the District tax base is expanded through the anticipated growth in commercial and/or residential properties.

The College looks forward to working with the Fairview Fire District to support the mutual interests of all parties. Both parties agree to continue to meet yearly to discuss mutual concerns and issues. The entire Marist College community is grateful for the excellent service provided by the men and women of the Fairview Fire District.

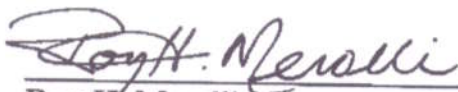
For Fairview Fire District



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Chairman Board of Commissioners

Date 3/9/06

For Marist College



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