

# Memorandum of Understanding

between

**Montgomery College**



**Minister of Education, Government of Aruba**



**Educacion Profesional Intermedio**



## **Spring 2021**

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to define a working relationship between Montgomery College (hereafter referred to as MC) and Educacion Profesional Intermedio (hereafter referred to as EPI) established at Venusstraat # 3, Oranjestad, Aruba whereby the two institutions agree to examine possible faculty and student exchanges within the academic area of cybersecurity.

### **Participants**

#### **Montgomery College**

- Largest community college in the state of Maryland
- Serves 50,000 students on three campuses (Germantown, Rockville, Takoma Park/Silver Spring)
- Is highly diverse, ethnically and culturally, with students from 170 countries
- Offers over 100 degree and certificate programs, across many areas which include biosciences, health sciences, engineering, information technology, hospitality management and technical trades
- Prepares students to successfully transfer to four-year colleges/universities or enter the workforce

#### **Educacion Profesional Intermedio**

- Public institution offering post-secondary education on Aruba.
- Serving 1,900 students from Aruba and internationally
- Organized in 4 units (schools) – Economic, Science and Technology, Hospitality & Tourism, Healthcare.
- Offers 14 programs at levels 3, 4 and 5 in accordance with the European Qualifications Framework.
- Prepares student for the local and international workforce as well as successful transfer to higher education in the Netherlands, U.S.A. and Canada

### **Goal and Focus**

The goal of the relationship between MC and EPI is to create new collaborations which:

- Are mutually beneficial for MC and EPI
- Create opportunities for students and faculty at both institutions to learn from counterparts
- Enhance MC's and Montgomery County's international presence and reputation
- Provide EPI with consulting on increasing the availability of online content
- Create opportunities for EPI to learn about the curriculum development process at MC
- Evaluate curriculum content, methods of delivery, instructor qualifications, hardware and software requirements.

Initial academic areas of focus will include, but not be limited to:

- *Subject areas:* Cybersecurity, Hospitality, Business

Partnership opportunities for MC and EPI to be pursued will include, but not be limited to:

- Provide exchange and semester abroad programs for students, faculty and/or administrators of both MC and EPI
- Other collaboration opportunities as defined and agreed to by MC and EPI

### **Roles and Commitments**

Montgomery College and EPI will:

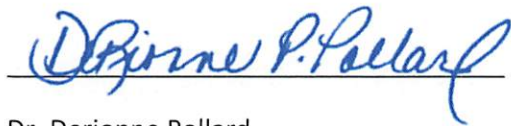
- Devote the resources necessary to ensure the success of resulting collaborations
- Assist with relationship development/enhancement with new collaborators, as requested
- Shall not enter into any commitment or incur any debt on behalf of the other.

This MOU is:

- Effective when signed by the parties, shall remain in effect for five years, and may be extended by mutual written agreement
- Cancellable by either party by informing the other party in writing
- Without obligation and not binding or legally enforceable, imposes no enforceable obligations upon the parties, and does not grant any rights
- Nonexclusive and both parties are free to have other arrangements and collaboration with other parties in the academic area of cybersecurity.

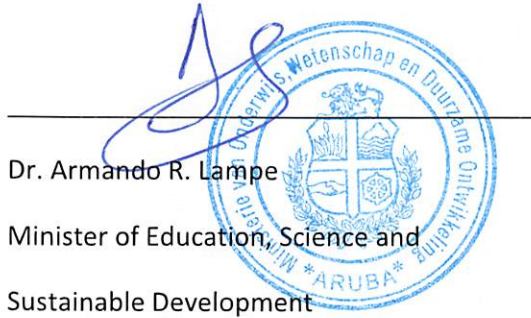
Entered into this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021

For, and on behalf of,  
Montgomery College



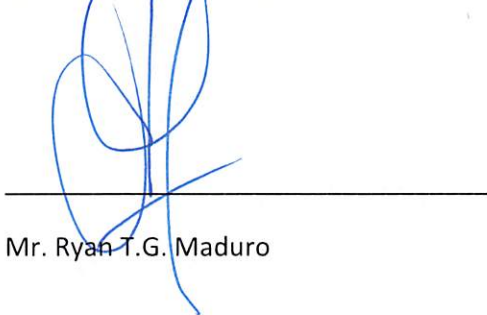
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