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A.W. Beattie Career Center, Waynesburg University enable high school students to jumpstart college degree

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WAYNESBURG, PA—A.W. Beattie Career Center and Waynesburg University are partnering to provide the opportunity for A.W. Beattie students to earn Waynesburg University credits while in high school, enabling them to get a head start on their bachelor's degree in early childhood education.

Today, officials of the two institutions signed an articulation agreement, which will provide a pathway for qualified A.W. Beattie students to enroll in the Early Childhood Education Program at Waynesburg University. Upon enrollment at Waynesburg, eligible students will be awarded six academic credits.

“Waynesburg values the educational experience that A.W. Beattie provides for its students,” said Dr. Shari Payne, vice president for enrollment at Waynesburg University. “This agreement is a way for us to help their students build on that experience so they can achieve their career goals in the most efficient way possible.”

The agreement was signed by Dr. Dana Cook Baer, provost at Waynesburg University, and Eric Heasley, executive director of A.W. Beattie, on the campus of Waynesburg University.

“A.W. Beattie Career Center is focused on the development of multiple college and career pathways for student success. Post-secondary and Employer partnerships are the back bone of providing students access to the skills needed within the workforce,” commented Eric Heasley, Executive Director of A.W. Beattie Career Center.

The primary objective of the agreement is to maximize credit transferability while retaining all Waynesburg University academic requirements and providing a rigorous program of study. Only those students who matriculate to Waynesburg will be granted Waynesburg credit.

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To be eligible, A.W. Beattie students must have completed the curriculum as outlined in the A.W. Beattie Career Center Program of Studies catalog, have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 and have a test score of at least 75 percent on the respective written and performance sections of the NOCTI Exam.

For more information, contact Waynesburg's Undergraduate Admissions Office at admissions@waynesburg.edu or 800-225-7393.

A.W. Beattie Career Center is consistently rated by the Pennsylvania Department of Education as one of the top performing career centers for high school students who are enrolled in post-secondary education, employed in their field of study or engaged in military services one year after graduation.

Founded in 1849 by the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Waynesburg University is located on a traditional campus in the hills of southwestern Pennsylvania, with three additional sites located in the Pittsburgh region. The University is one of only 21 Bonner Scholar schools in the country, offering local, regional and international opportunities to touch the lives of others through service.

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