



AGREEMENT
of
PARTNERSHIP AND COLLABORATION
between
GLENVILLE STATE COLLEGE
Glenville, West Virginia, USA
and
MARBELLA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY CENTRE
Marbella, SPAIN

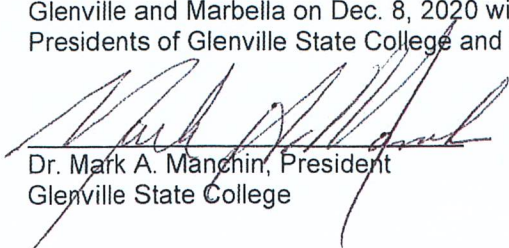
The two above-named institutions represented by their Presidents (Dr. Mark Manchin, Glenville State College and Mirjana Stefanovic, Marbella International University Center) agree to cooperate on a variety of academic endeavors which can offer opportunities for the students (and faculty) of both institutions to expand horizons and to meet the strategic goals of preparing global citizens through study abroad, overseas summer programs, semester options, one-year transfer opportunities or teaching or research opportunities.

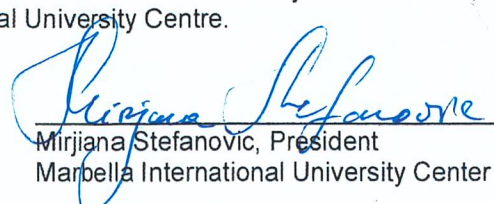
Marbella International is a small private institution in Spain providing instruction in English for students from 72 different countries in the setting of a medium-sized city on the "Costa del Sol" (southern Mediterranean coast of Spain). One of the principal characteristics of MIUC is individualized attention to each student. There is a very strong support system, which is important for students who are in a different culture and environment from their own. Glenville State College has always also distinguished itself as offering a very personalized environment for students.. Although larger than MIUC, the goals and procedures at Glenville provide a welcoming and supportive environment for all students. Both institutions have faculties with outstanding qualifications. Whereas Glenville was historically a college specializing in Teacher Education, and that remains a strong field of study, it has grown to be a Liberal Arts college offering a wide variety of programs and opportunities for students. Marbella International, a younger institution, has emphasized International Relations, International Business, Political Science, the Social Sciences and Languages, while recently increasing offerings in basic Liberal Arts courses such as Fine Arts, Comparative Literature, History and Popular Culture of Spain.

Both institutions agree to collaborate in different areas, facilitating exchange opportunities and study abroad possibilities for all members of both student bodies. It is likely that students from MIUC coming to the U.S. would probably come for longer periods of time, probably at least a year as transfer students, and would not be traveling with a faculty member. Students from Glenville going to Spain could travel with a faculty member or as a group or as individuals counting on a well-organized system for receiving foreign students since almost 100% of Marbella International students are foreign students.

The collaborative agreement means that students would be preferably directed to the partner institutions and that, rather than each individual student having to negotiate all of the procedures involved with study abroad individually, the ongoing cooperation between the two institutions would provide a framework within which those procedures are facilitated. The timeline proposed for initiating study abroad under the agreement is principally for the academic year 2021-2022. However, we hope to begin collaboration in modest, pilot ways as early as spring semester 2021.

Being in agreement on the above goals and procedures, this agreement is formalized and ratified in Glenville and Marbella on Dec. 8, 2020 with the signatures of Dr. Mark Manchin and Mirjana Stefanovic, Presidents of Glenville State College and Marbella International University Centre.


Dr. Mark A. Manchin, President
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