Dear Student,

We’re writing to you with good news. According to our records, you may qualify for a Guttman Transfer Scholarship. This new program offers high-achieving students $4,000 scholarships paid over two years (four semesters at $1,000 a semester). CUNY is able to offer these scholarships through an endowment provided by the Stella and Charles Guttman Foundation.

This message is intended to introduce you to the scholarship and explain scholarship eligibility requirements. If you are, in fact, eligible to apply, we hope that you will go ahead and do so.

You are eligible to apply for a Fall 2014 scholarship, if you

- Earn an associate degree from any of CUNY’s community colleges during the Fall 2013, Winter/Spring 2014, or Summer 2014 semesters.

- Have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.5 at the conclusion of the Fall 2013 semester.

- Plan to continue your education full time (at least 12 credits/semester) at Brooklyn, City, Hunter, Lehman, or Queens College in Fall 2014.

If you will not earn your associate degree by the end of the Summer 2014 semester, you may be eligible to apply for a scholarship at a later date. Guttman Transfer Scholarships will be awarded twice per year. In the cycle following this one, students who plan to transfer with their associate degree in the Winter/Spring 2015 semester will be able to apply for a scholarship beginning this summer.

The deadline to apply for a Fall 2014 scholarship is April 1, 2014.

You can apply for a Guttman Transfer Scholarship by logging on to CUNYfirst and clicking on your “To Do” list. The application is straightforward. There is no fee to apply.

To apply, follow these steps:

- If you have not already done so, apply for financial aid by filing the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) no later than April 1, 2014. Apply online by going to www.fafsa.gov. Scholarship priority will be given to students who qualify for financial

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• Speak to a faculty member at your community college about writing a letter of recommendation for you. The online scholarship application will ask you to provide the name and email address of your faculty recommender. The faculty member will receive an email with instructions about how to submit the recommendation.

• Write a personal essay describing your long-term education and career goals and how completing a bachelor’s degree will help you reach those goals (no more than 500 words).

• Log on to your CUNYfirst account at: https://home.cunyfirst.cuny.edu. Click on your “To Do” list and select “Scholarship-Guttman Transfer.” You will be asked to upload your essay in MS Word (.doc) or PDF format.

For more information about this new scholarship program, please see www.cuny.edu/guttmanscholarship.

If, after reading this email and consulting the website, you have additional questions, please email: guttmanscholarship@cuny.edu or call 646-664-8090.

Thank you for your time. We look forward to selecting the first group of Guttman Transfer Scholars.

Sincerely,

The Guttman Transfer Scholarship team