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Dear NCSPP Colleagues,

First of all I want to apologize if it appears to any of you that I have simply not been responsive to all of the responses offering support or assistance to the Argosy closing crisis. As you know Argosy was placed under federal receivership in January. All public statements had to be approved by the receiver. During this time he has been working to secure a new partner or buyer for all of Argosy University. As a result it was not possible to reach out to other institutions to begin articulation agreements or other pathways for our students. That changed last week when the DOE sent out a letter indicting Argosy was no longer able to receive federal financial aid. In this very short period of time we have developed a number of articulation agreements that would provide a way for our clinical students to continue with their degrees. The Chicago Schools of Professional Psychology reached out immediately with a comprehensive offer. This articulation agreement provides the following:

1. The students and many faculty from the Northern Virginia Campus will be able to matriculate into the Chicago School in Washington DC by May 1.
2. The students and many faculty from our ISPP Chicago program will be able to move into the Chicago School in Chicago by May 1.
3. All fourth and fifth year student who are currently on internship and our fourth year students going on internship will be able to enroll in any of the Chicago School programs by May 1 to continue their internship without interruption. This is especially important for our students at the Argosy programs in Atlanta, Twin Cities and Phoenix where we were not able to find local partners who would be able to absorb the clinical students from those programs.
4. Students who are able and willing to move from Atlanta, Twin Cities or Phoenix will be able to enroll in any Chicago School programs under the broad articulation agreement. Crosswalks will be developed with those programs so that the students will be able to transfer as many classes as possible.
5. The Argosy program in Orange County will be moved intact to the Irvine Campus of The Chicago Schools campus which does not have a PsyD program.

An agreement has been made with National Louis University which is headquartered in Chicago to move the Argosy Tampa program onto their Tampa campus in its entirety. We are currently in negotiations with a large university in Hawaii to take the Argosy Hawaii School of Professional Psychology under their auspices as a new program. In addition we have developed an articulation agreement with Alliant University and the CSPP program in San Francisco to take all of the Argosy students that were impacted by the closure of the Argosy San Francisco program last fall.

At this point I believe we have provided a pathway forward to all of our Argosy clinical students to complete their degrees if they choose to do so. There are, however, some students who are early in their programs who may be reaching out to you. I would encourage you to meet with them as long as they meet your transfer credit policy and the APA standards.

There are so many people to thank but I would especially like to thank Dr. Michele Nealon, Dr. Michael Horowitz and the incredible administrative team of the Chicago Schools for their support and generosity in making The Chicago Schools a safe landing for so many of the Argosy students so unfairly impacted by this closure. I would also like to thank Dr. Jacquie Wall and the Commission on Accreditation for their support and consultation during this difficult time. I would also like to thank Dr. Nivine Megahed, President of National Louis University for her willingness to step up and absorb the Argosy Tampa

program into her University. Thank you also to Dr. Andy Vaughn, President of Alliant University as well as Drs. Diana Concannon and Dalia Ducker of CSPP. A special thank you to Dr. Greg Keilin and the APPIC Board of Directors for their support in asking internships to continue with Argosy students during this interim period.

And last but not least I would personally like to thank all of you for your outpouring of concern and support for all of the Argosy Community during this unprecedented time. I have been a delegate to NCSPP from Argosy for over fifteen years and served on the Executive Committee for five years. As many have said NCSPP has been a professional home during that time.

Sincerely,
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