

Go Blue Guarantee Statement | June 20, 2017

Dear Colleagues,

Last week the UM Ann Arbor campus announced the Go Blue Guarantee, an amazing program that aspires to make certain all qualified Michigan students, no matter their financial means, can afford a U-M education if they are admitted.

Since last week's announcement, many have asked whether U-M's regional campuses have similar programs.

For years now, UM-Flint has made affordability and access to our campus a top priority. In fact, we currently have a high level of economic diversity, with 75% of our students receiving some form of financial aid. More than 42% of our students are Pell Grant eligible. As of FY18 UM-Flint ranks as the third-lowest in tuition and fees of all Michigan public universities at \$5,667 per semester, with almost 60% of Flint students receiving grants or scholarships to support their education.

Beginning this fall UM-Flint will also participate in the HAIL (High Achieving Involved Leader) Scholarship program that launched in Ann Arbor in 2015. The HAIL effort found that targeted communication and simplifying the aid application process for high-achieving, low-income students markedly increased the number of those students enrolling at U-M.

Over the past three years UM-Flint's financial aid has also significantly grown overall by some 34% with increases in both need and merit-based awards. Our priorities -- to address need and be more competitive in supporting and attracting high-achieving students -- have been made possible in large part through continued support of our dedicated donors.

As a regional comprehensive university our mission is to provide access to high quality degrees and enhance the quality of life in the region. We are proud of our efforts to extend the reach of the University of Michigan and are delighted more Michigan families will have access to a Michigan degree.

Sincerely,

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