

UNION INSTITUTE & UNIVERSITY

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Association of Florida Colleges Attn: Affiliate Memberships 113 E. College Avenue Tallahassee, Florida 32301

Dear Colleagues,

Please accept this letter and the accompanying materials as our application for Union Institute & University to join the Association as an Affiliate Member. While our headquarters and main campus are in Cincinnati, we have made the Florida center a high priority for 2017. In fact, we moved our two-decade old operations center from North Miami Beach up to Hollywood this fall into newer and larger facilities.

My appointment as the new Executive Director for Florida was largely predicated on my many years of service in Florida System as a faculty member and staff member at Gulf Coast and Central Florida, as well as directing transfer services at universities like Florida State and Embry-Riddle. Therefore, I already knew how important this system is as the backbone of access to higher education statewide.

We have already established favorable transfer criteria for public safety graduates from Florida community and state colleges, to better serve criminal justice and fire-rescue graduates at the associate's level. Additionally, we are working directly with the Department of Education to craft seamless articulation for all 28 colleges across all AA and AS programs. Further, we want to offer preferred status to faculty and staff from "The Great 28," should they be interested in one of our advanced programs.

I hope you will look favorably on this application as I anticipate years of mutual benefit for our organizations. Thank you for your consideration.

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