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OUR LADY OF THE LAKE UNIVERSITY

## NEW ARTICULATION AGREEMENT BENEFITS ALL TSC STUDENTS

(BROWNSVILLE, TX) Nov. 18, 2014 –Texas Southmost College (TSC) and Our Lady of the Lake University (OLLU) announce a formal articulation agreement that will streamline the process for TSC students seeking to transfer to OLLU upon completion of an associate degree or when ready. TSC students will be able to take advantage of OLLU’s generous transfer scholarships, which range from \$5,000 to \$14,000 per year depending on the student’s academic standing.

A special ceremony recognizing the new partnership and the official signing of the articulation agreement will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 18, 2014, at 10:30 a.m. in the Gorgas Hall Board Room.

“TSC is committed to student access and success. With this agreement, our students will be able to transfer to OLLU with ease,” TSC President Dr. Lily F. Tercero stated. “TSC students will also have the opportunity to save time and money if they plan on transferring to OLLU to complete a bachelor’s degree.”

An articulation agreement between two institutions allows for the coordination of transferrable coursework, which helps students make a smooth transition from the community college to university or from an associate degree to a bachelor’s degree. The agreement between TSC and OLLU specifies exactly which courses completed at TSC will transfer into defined bachelor’s degree plans at OLLU. Students completing an associate of arts, associate of science or associate of arts in teaching degree at TSC will also be able to enter OLLU with junior standing. Additionally, students completing the entire 42-semester-credit-hour Texas Core Curriculum at TSC will be able to transfer to OLLU as “core complete,” except for an additional required Religious Studies course.

“We are pleased to formalize our relationship with Texas Southmost College,” OLLU President Sister Jane Ann Slater, CPD, Ph.D., said. “We share a mission of educating first-generation college students. This agreement will allow us to better serve all students and provide a clearer path to graduation.”

The partnership between TSC and OLLU will expand educational opportunities and increase college completion rates in the Rio Grande Valley by providing a seamless transition from the community college to a four-year institution.

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### **About Texas Southmost College**

Originally established in 1926, Texas Southmost College currently offers the first two years toward a bachelor’s degree, along with career and technical education leading to certificates and associate degrees, college preparatory studies to prepare students for college-level work, workforce training, and continuing education. TSC offers 53 programs of study leading to an associate degree or certificate. TSC became independently operational in the fall of 2013, after engaging in a 20-year contractual arrangement with a public university.

### **About Our Lady of the Lake University**

Our Lady of the Lake University (OLLU), founded in 1895 by the Congregation of Divine Providence, is a coeducational liberal arts institution with an enrollment of approximately 3,200 students. A multi-campus, regional university, OLLU has campuses in San Antonio, the Houston area and La Feria in the Rio Grande Valley.

The University offers more than 30 undergraduate majors and minors, 14 master’s degree programs and two doctoral degree programs. Academic degree programs are offered through the College of Arts and Sciences, the School of Business and Leadership, the School of Professional Studies and the Worden School of Social Service. OLLU incorporates a technology-rich curriculum in all areas of study, and provides access to a wide variety of high-tech resources.

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