BOSTON, July 16, 2015 – York College in New York City and Santander Bank, N.A. today announced a five-year philanthropic collaboration for the Bank’s Santander Universities program to support the College’s Merit Scholarship Program. York College is part of The City University of New York (CUNY) system.

“By supporting this program, we can contribute to the academic enrichment students will receive by being Merit Scholars,” said Josephine Moran, Santander region president for Metro New York and Northern New Jersey. “There are a variety of resources available to students who participate in this program to enhance their educational experience and help them reach their full potential. We look forward to building this relationship with York College.”

Santander will provide scholarships to incoming freshmen and transfer students with a CUNY Associates Degree to help with their tuition and other educational expenses. Students enrolled in the Merit Scholarship Program receive personalized advising sessions, early registration opportunities, and exclusive access to campus events. They also receive funding to participate in study abroad opportunities. With support from Santander, more than a dozen students will be able to participate in the Merit Scholarship Program over the next five years.

“York College continues to lead the way in making higher education more accessible to students looking for a gateway to the twenty-first century economy,” said York College President Marcia V. Keizs. “We are proud to partner with Santander Bank as we look for innovative opportunities to leverage the involvement of corporate leaders interested in helping make college completion a reality for our young people.”

About Us

York College, a senior college of The City University of New York (CUNY), offers baccalaureate degrees in the liberal arts and sciences, accounting and business, journalism, communications technology, computer science, social work, teacher education and various health professions including nursing and physician assistant studies. York is the only CUNY senior college offering majors in gerontology, biotechnology, information systems management, aviation management; and a BS/MS in occupational therapy. For more information: http://www.york.cuny.edu

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Santander Universities was founded in 1996 to advance the Santander Group’s commitment to its communities by supporting higher education. It provides funding for teaching and research, international cooperation, knowledge and technology transfer, entrepreneurial initiatives, student exchange and innovation. It maintains more than 1,100 agreements with universities and research centers worldwide, including 35 in the United States through Santander Bank. Since 1996, Santander Universities has provided funding for 4,100 university projects globally. Every year in the United States, Santander Universities funds more than 1,000 scholarships and supports over 70 initiatives. For more information about Santander Universities, visit www.santanderbank.com/us/universities.

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