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### **Tiffin University Expands DragonNext Program with Northwest State Community College Partnership**

**TIFFIN UNIVERSITY, Tiffin, OH** — Tiffin University has signed a memorandum of understanding with Northwest State Community College, adding the institution as the ninth DragonNext partner beginning in Fall 2025.

The DragonNext program allows community college students to transfer seamlessly into TU bachelor's degree programs. Courses align between the two institutions, and students receive support from counselors at both schools. DragonNext participants also have access to career services, libraries, tutoring, athletics and student activities at each campus, as well as eligibility for grants, loans and work study programs.

Students completing an associate degree at Northwest State can finish a TU bachelor's degree with no more than 60 additional credit hours. To qualify, students must be seeking an associate degree at Northwest State Community College and have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 for admission to TU.

Effective Fall 2026, students transferring into TU main campus programs through DragonNext will be eligible for TU's highest merit scholarship, valued at \$18,000 annually. The \$150 per-credit discount remains in place for TU online programs.

“We are excited to welcome Northwest State Community College as our newest DragonNext partner,” said Kelly Petrosino, DragonNext Program Manager at Tiffin University. “Partnerships like this create real opportunities for students to continue their education with confidence. By joining the DragonNext program, students gain access to a supportive network, guidance from dedicated advisors and resources that help them plan their next steps and achieve their academic

and career goals. We are proud to expand our reach and make higher education more accessible to students across the region.”

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#### **About NORTHWEST STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

Northwest State Community College is an accredited two-year, state-assisted institution of higher education that has served northwest Ohio since 1969. Northwest State is committed to providing a quality, affordable education with personal attention and small class sizes. The College offers associate degrees with numerous transfer options, short-term certificate programs, and workforce training programs designed to meet the needs of local businesses and industries. For more information, visit **NorthwestState.edu** or call 419.267.5511.

#### **About TIFFIN UNIVERSITY**

Founded in 1888, Tiffin University is a premier university located in north-central Ohio. Spanning across a 153-acre campus in the city of Tiffin, Ohio, our university boasts a blend of rich historical architecture and contemporary facilities, fostering an environment that exudes vibrancy and warmth for our culturally diverse educational community. Students are challenged to elevate their global competencies, equipping them with the essential skills for success in a diverse world. The University offers a wide range of academic programs, including associate, bachelor's, master's and doctorate degrees and is dedicated to empowering students to achieve their full potential upon graduation. TU conducts classes at our main campus in Ohio, as well as online and abroad in Romania. TU boasts a number of esteemed programs, many of which have received national recognition, spanning various disciplines such as accounting, criminal justice, management, exercise science, homeland security and forensic psychology, to name a few. Throughout its history, TU has maintained its commitment to providing a professionally oriented, learning-centered education to prepare students for successful careers and for productive and satisfying lives of excellence, leadership and service. Tiffin University's unwavering dedication is evident in its faculty, who bring a unique blend of practical expertise and scholarly knowledge to the classroom. The TU approach to learning and skill set development insists on connecting students to the workplace as soon, and as often, as possible during their college experience through internships.

#### **TU NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY**

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