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TO: Local Directors of Career and Technology Education (CTE)

FROM: Katharine M. Olyer  
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SUBJECT: Statewide Credit Agreement with the Institute of Applied Agriculture (IAA),  
University of Maryland College Park  
CASE – CIP 01.0050

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I am pleased to announce that the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) has entered into a statewide credit agreement with the Institute of Applied Agriculture (IAA) at the University of Maryland College Park for the Curriculum of Agricultural Science Education (CASE) program of study. This agreement provides students who successfully complete an approved CASE CTE Program of Study, CIP code: 01.0050, and enroll in the IAA, the opportunity to earn three credits in INAG 199C: Special Problems in Agriscience.

The attached agreement details the requirements for students to earn the three credits. Please review it carefully and discuss it with CASE instructors, school principals and counselors to ensure the CASE courses are being delivered as described. This will ensure completers of the CASE program applying to IAA will be eligible for the three INAG 199C credits.

This credit agreement is a wonderful opportunity for students in the CASE program to gain advanced standing in a challenging postsecondary program. If you, or the CASE instructors, have any questions please contact Kathy McNerney, [kmcnerney@msde.state.md.us](mailto:kmcnerney@msde.state.md.us) or Matt Koerner, [mkoerner@msde.state.md.us](mailto:mkoerner@msde.state.md.us).

Attachment

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**STATEWIDE CREDIT AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
INSTITUTE OF APPLIED AGRICULTURE,  
UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND COLLEGE PARK  
AND  
THE MARYLAND STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
ON BEHALF OF LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEMS**

*This credit agreement can be used for students enrolling in the  
Institute of Applied Agriculture (IAA) at the University of Maryland College Park.*

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The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) and the Institute of Applied Agriculture (IAA) at the University of Maryland College Park enter into this credit agreement in order to facilitate the enrollment of students from the Maryland Career and Technology Education (CTE) Program of Study (POS) in the Curriculum for Agricultural Science Education (CASE), CIP 01.0050 into the IAA. Both parties agree to annually review the document and update as appropriate.

Subject to the terms of this agreement, a student who successfully completes the approved CASE Maryland CTE-POS (CASE Completer) and enrolls in the IAA will have the opportunity to earn three credits in *INAG 199C: Special Problems in Agriscience*. The CASE CTE-POS includes the following courses: Agriculture Food and Natural Resources (1 credit), Principles of Agricultural Science- Plant and/or Animal (1 credit each), Animal and Plant Biotechnology and/or Food Science and Safety (1 credit each), and Agricultural Research and Development Capstone (1 credit)

Qualified CASE completers who enroll in the IAA and intend to earn credit through this agreement must enroll in *INAG 199C* during the first semester of matriculation. Students may apply *INAG 199C* toward elective credits needed in their designated area of study.

**The terms of this agreement are as follows:**

**Credit for *INAG 199C: Special Problems in Agriscience* will be awarded based on the completion of the following:**

**High School criteria:**

- Completion of the CASE pathway, which includes at least one course from each of the following four groups.
  - Agriculture Food and Natural Resources (AFNR), required
  - One of the following is required:
    - Principles of Agricultural Science – Plants
    - Principles of Agricultural Science – Animal
  - One of the following is required
    - Animal and Plant Biotechnology
    - Food Science and Safety
  - Agricultural Research and Development Capstone, required
- The student must earn an un-weighted cumulative GPA of 3.0, or above, for all completed CASE courses as noted on the official high school transcript.

**College application and earning credit:**

- Apply and be admitted to IAA within three years of exiting high school
- Enroll in *INAG 199C* during the first semester of matriculation and meet all course requirements
- Prepare and orally present the completed CASE Capstone research project satisfactorily as evaluated by the IAA faculty panel

**Maryland Local Schools Systems will:**

- Offer and deliver the CASE Maryland CTE-POS, CIP 01.0050, with fidelity to the model as detailed in the Maryland CTE program proposal (attached)
- Communicate details of this agreement to applicable CTE Directors, principals, teaching staff, guidance personnel, students and parents and/or guardians

**The IAA will:**

- Supply MSDE and the appropriate local school systems with promotional literature that will be used to assist students with the application process
- Communicate details of this agreement with IAA faculty and staff who handle admissions, academic affairs, and advising.
- Offer *INAG 199C* every spring and fall semester
- Each spring, provide a list of students to MSDE who earn credits through this agreement.

**Maryland State Department of Education will:**

- Communicate details of this agreement with local school systems via CTE Directors
- Confirm approved Maryland CASE programs on an annual basis and
- Provide the IAA with a list of CTE Directors and appropriate school districts annually.