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## PARTNERS IN EDUCATION: LIFE UNIVERSITY AND MARIETTA HIGH SCHOOL Life University is one of four institutions to join in with student success initiative under Cobb County educational partners plan

Marietta, Georgia, February 24, 2016 - Life University signed a formal partnership agreement with Marietta High School (MHS) on Monday to identify opportunities and create initiatives that support greater student learning and success. The new partnership is part of a broader "Partners in Education" initiative sponsored by the Cobb Chamber, the Cobb County School District and Marietta City Schools to match businesses and organizations with K-12 schools to provide extra funding, unique services and volunteer support.

"With Move on When Ready [Act] and Senate Bill 2, we wanted to make sure we had something in place for all of our students who have a career-minded or college focus," explains Dean Yoder, assistant principal and CTAE supervisor at MHS. "We looked around the area and saw the perfect set-up with Life University, Kennesaw State, Georgia Highlands and Chattahoochee Tech. Every university represented today has something to hold for our students, so the future for our students is solid."

Under the new yearlong agreement, Life University will collaborate in activities associated with MHS's Career Pathways, athletic programs and non-Career Pathway classes. MHS will promote Life University throughout the their campus community, while also informing the Marietta and statewide communities of the value of Life University.

"Life University has stepped up in so many ways to support the community and Marietta City Schools previously that it would really be a disservice to the whole meaning of what we are trying to do if LIFE weren't included," says Superintendent of Marietta City Schools Dr. Emily Lembeck.

Currently, Life University has a group of MHS students scheduled to tour the campus in March and work with faculty in the Department of Natural Sciences, among other initiatives in the works.

"Collaborations with Marietta High School through Partners in Education are an important opportunity for students in Cobb County, and particularly in Marietta High School," notes Life University Provost Dr. Rob Scott. "Life University's unique perspective as a healthcare institution allows students the opportunity to approach challenging problems in society through the lens of Vitalism. It allows them to come at the solutions from a different angle than conventional approaches, and I think that's a real plus for a Life University graduate as they go out into the workforce."



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## About Life University

Founded in Marietta, Georgia in 1974, Life University is a health sciences institution most known for its chiropractic program, the largest in the world. Life University is regionally accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award baccalaureate, master's and Doctor of Chiropractic degrees, and also has programmatic accreditation through the Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE), the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) and the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE). The mission of Life University is to empower students with the education, skills and values necessary for career success and life fulfillment, based on a vitalistic philosophy.