November 21, 2017

The Honorable Christopher A. Coons

1105 North Market Street, Suite 100

Wilmington, DE 19801-1233

Dear Senator Coons:

Goldey-Beacom College is pleased to extend our support for the ASPIRE Act and its dual goals of increasing access to higher education for low-income students while increasing graduation rates for all.

Our GBC Mission Statement declares our determination to provide “accessible high-quality career-focused education.” We do that through generous financial aid (especially institutional aid), coupled with ease of application, flexible scheduling, rigorous summer boot-camp offerings, and strong outreach to the underserved populations of our region. As a result, we are indeed proud of our service to so many first-generation and diverse students who matriculate every year. In the past several years, our percentage of undergraduate Pell Grant Recipients has ranged from 36% to 40%. But we are equally proud of our graduation rates well over the national averages.

As you can see, at Goldey-Beacom College, we share your belief that opening the doors to education wider must be coupled with a broader pathway to graduation – unobstructed by financial barriers, social barriers, or stumbling blocks unrelated to a student’s ability to learn.

We believe our commitments here certainly reflect the goals of the ASPIRE Act and look forward to working together to do even more.

Best Wishes,



Gary L. Wirt

President