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High School Student Credits Atlanta Metropolitan State College Dual Enrollment with Acceptance into Georgia Institute of Technology

Atlanta (April 6) – “If I did not do dual enrollment at Atlanta Metropolitan State College, I do not believe I would have been accepted into Georgia Tech”, said Amadou Diallo, an Early College student from D. M. Therrell High School.

Dual Enrollment is a program that allows high school students to earn high school and college credit simultaneously at little to no cost to the student. Diallo is enrolled in a special program that falls under dual enrollment called Early College. Early College schools are designated high schools that offer access to higher education to students who may not have otherwise had the opportunity. To participate in dual enrollment, a student’s grade point average has to be 3.0 or above. The Early College requirement is a 2.5 grade point average.

“For Amadou to enter AMSC under the lower GPA requirement and still be successful shows the importance of access institutions, and especially programs such as dual enrollment and Early College,” said Cindy Balsam, AMSC diversity recruiter.

Early College focuses on underrepresented students: low income, minority (specifically minority males), first in their family to attend college, and academically struggling learners. Early College is a partnership between a local school system and University System of Georgia institution. Students are especially supported with access to resources that remove barriers to attending and succeeding in college.

In November 2017, the Governor’s Office of Student Achievement produced the report “Georgia Dual Enrollment and Postsecondary Outcomes.” The report summarized its findings as:

- Most students who completed dual enrollment courses graduated from high school within four years, regardless of free/reduced lunch status.
- When compared to statewide high school graduates, students who completed dual enrollment courses were more likely to:
 - Enroll in postsecondary coursework within a year of graduation, and
 - Earn a postsecondary credential within six years.

About Atlanta Metropolitan State College:

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Diallo is but one shining star that participates in dual enrollment at AMSC. This past fall at the institution's Student Research Day, Marynard Jackson High School Seniors Dayjah Littlejohn and Victoria Thach presented research on opioid addiction through the lens of criminal justice systems from a public health and public policy conceptual framework. Both will graduate from AMSC with their associate degree this May, about a month before receiving their high school diplomas.

For more information on dual enrollment at AMSC, please contact Cindy Balsam at 404.756.4587 or via email at cbalsam@atlm.edu.



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