

**AMENDED AND RESTATED  
AFFINITY AGREEMENT**

This Agreement is entered into as of this 18 day of March 1997 (the "Effective Date") by and between MBNA AMERICA BANK, N.A., a national banking association having its principal place of business at 400 Christiana Road, Newark, Delaware ("MBNA America"), and AUGUSTA STATE UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION, INC., having its principal place of business at 2500 Walton Way, Augusta, Georgia ("ASUF") for themselves, and their respective successors and assigns.

WHEREAS, ASUF and MBNA America, individually and in its capacity as assignee of any and all of Trans National's rights under the Agreement, are parties to an affinity agreement, as the same may have been amended (the "Original Agreement"), wherein MBNA America provides certain financial services to certain persons included in certain lists provided to MBNA America by or on behalf of ASUF; and

WHEREAS, ASUF and MBNA America mutually desire to amend and restate the Original Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements contained herein, ASUF and MBNA America agree as follows:

1. DEFINITIONS

When used in this Agreement,

- (a) "Agreement" means this agreement and Schedules A and B.
- (b) "Credit Card Account" means a credit card account opened by a Member in response to marketing efforts made pursuant to the Program.
- (c) "Customer" means any Member who is a participant in the Program.
- (d) "Financial Service Products" means credit card programs, charge card programs, debit card programs, installment loan programs, revolving loan programs, deposit programs, long distance calling card programs, and travel and entertainment card programs.
- (e) "Group Incentive Program " or "GIP" means any marketing or other program whereby ASUF conducts solicitation efforts for the Program, and the parties mutually agree that such marketing or other program shall constitute a GIP.
- (f) "GIP Account" means a Credit Card Account opened by a Member pursuant to a GIP in which ASUF complies with the GIP provisions of this Agreement.

(g) "Mailing Lists" means updated and current lists and/or magnetic tapes (in a format designated by MBNA America) containing names, postal addresses and, when available, telephone numbers of Members segmented by zip codes or reasonably selected membership characteristics.

(h) "Member" means a member of ASUF and/or other potential participants mutually agreed to by ASUF and MBNA America.

(i) "Program" means those programs and services of the Financial Service Products MBNA America agrees to offer pursuant to this Agreement to the Members from time to time.

(j) "Royalties" means the compensation set forth in Schedule B.

(k) "Trademarks" means any design, image, visual representation, logo, service mark, trade dress, trade name, or trademark used or acquired by ASUF during the term of this Agreement.

## 2. RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF ASUF

(a) ASUF agrees that during the term of this Agreement: (i) it will endorse the Program exclusively and will not sponsor, advertise, aid, develop or solicit any Financial Service Products of any organization other than MBNA America; and (ii) it will not license or allow others to license the Trademarks in relation to or for promoting any Financial Service Products of any entity other than MBNA America; and it will not sell, rent or otherwise make available or allow others to sell, rent or otherwise make available any of its mailing lists or information about any current or potential Members in relation to or for promoting any Financial Service Products of any entity other than MBNA America. Notwithstanding anything else in this Agreement to the contrary, ASUF may accept advertising from any financial institution provided that the advertisement does not contain an express or implied endorsement by ASUF of said financial institution or the advertised Financial Service Product.

(b) ASUF agrees to provide MBNA America with such information and assistance as may be reasonably requested by MBNA America in connection with the Program.

(c) ASUF authorizes MBNA America to solicit its Members by mail, direct promotion, advertisements and/or telephone for participation in the Program.

(d) ASUF shall have the right of prior approval of all Program advertising and solicitation materials to be used by MBNA America, which contain ASUF's Trademark; such approval shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed.

(e) Upon the request of MBNA America, ASUF shall provide MBNA America with Mailing Lists free of any charge. In the event that MBNA America incurs a cost because of a charge assessed by ASUF or its agents for an initial Mailing List or an update to that list, MBNA America may deduct such costs from Royalties due ASUF. The initial Mailing List shall contain

at least twelve thousand (12,000) names with corresponding postal addresses and, when available, telephone numbers.

(f) ASUF shall only provide information to or otherwise communicate with Members or potential Members about the Program with MBNA America's prior written approval, except for current advertising and solicitation materials provided by MBNA America to ASUF. Notwithstanding the above, ASUF may respond to individual inquiries about the Program from its Members on an individual basis, provided that said responses are accurate and consistent with the then-current materials provided by MBNA America to ASUF. Any correspondence received by ASUF that is intended for MBNA America (e.g., applications, payments, billing inquiries, etc.) shall be forwarded to the MBNA America account executive via overnight courier within 24 hours of receipt. All charges incurred for this service will be paid by MBNA America.

(g) ASUF hereby grants MBNA America and its affiliates a limited, exclusive license to use the Trademarks solely in conjunction with the Program, including the promotion thereof. This license shall be transferred upon assignment of this Agreement. This license shall remain in effect for the duration of this Agreement and shall apply to the Trademarks, notwithstanding the transfer of such Trademarks by operation of law or otherwise to any permitted successor, corporation, organization or individual. Nothing stated in this Agreement prohibits ASUF from granting to other persons a license to use the Trademarks in conjunction with the providing of any other service or product, except for any Financial Service Products.

### 3. RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF MBNA AMERICA

- (a) MBNA America shall design, develop and administer the Program for the Members.
- (b) MBNA America shall design all advertising, solicitation and promotional materials with regard to the Program. MBNA America reserves the right of prior written approval of all advertising and solicitation materials concerning or related to the Program, which may be developed by or on behalf of ASUF.
- (c) MBNA America shall bear all costs of producing and mailing materials for the Program.
- (d) MBNA America shall make all credit decisions and shall bear all credit risks with respect to each Customer's account(s) independently of ASUF.
- (e) MBNA America shall use the Mailing Lists provided pursuant to this Agreement consistent with this Agreement and shall not permit those entities handling these Mailing Lists to use them for any other purpose. MBNA America shall have the sole right to designate Members on these Mailing Lists to whom promotional material will not be sent. These Mailing Lists are and shall remain the sole property of ASUF. However, MBNA America may maintain separately all information which it obtains as a result of an account relationship or an application for an account relationship. This information becomes a part of MBNA America's own files and

shall not be subject to this Agreement; provided however that MBNA America will not use this separate information in a manner that would imply an endorsement by ASUF.

#### 4. REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

(a) ASUF and MBNA America each represents and warrants to the other that as of the Effective Date and throughout the term of this Agreement:

(i) It is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing.

(ii) It has all necessary power and authority to execute and deliver this Agreement and to perform its obligations under this Agreement.

(iii) This Agreement constitutes a legal, valid and binding obligation of such party, enforceable against such party in accordance with its terms, except as such enforceability may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership, reorganization or other similar laws affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights generally and by general principles of equity.

(iv) No consent, approval or authorization from any third party is required in connection with the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement, except such as have been obtained and are in full force and effect.

(v) The execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement by such party will not constitute a violation of any law, rule, regulation, court order or ruling applicable to such party.

(b) ASUF represents and warrants to MBNA America as of the date hereof and throughout the term of this Agreement that it has the right and power to license the Trademarks to MBNA America for use as contemplated by this Agreement. ASUF will hold MBNA America, its directors, officers, agents, employees, affiliates, successors and assigns harmless from and against all liability, causes of action, and claims, and will reimburse MBNA America's reasonable and actual costs in connection therewith, arising from the Trademark license granted herein or from MBNA America's use of the Trademarks in reliance thereon. Each party shall promptly notify the other party in the manner provided herein upon learning of any claims or complaints relating to such license or the use of any Trademarks.

#### 5. ROYALTIES

(a) During the term of this Agreement, MBNA America shall pay Royalties to ASUF. Except as otherwise provided in Schedule B, payment of Royalties then due shall be made approximately forty-five (45) days after the end of each calendar quarter.

(b) On or before the forty fifth (45th) day after the end of each calendar quarter during the term of this Agreement, MBNA America will provide ASUF with a statement showing the number of Credit Card Accounts opened, the number of Credit Card Accounts renewed and the

retail purchase dollar volume (excluding those transactions that relate to refunds, returns and unauthorized transactions), made during the preceding calendar period.

6. PROGRAM ADJUSTMENTS

A summary of the current features of the Program are set forth in Schedule A. MBNA America reserves the right to make periodic adjustments to the Program and its terms and features. Delaware and applicable federal law currently require each open-end credit account Customer be given the opportunity to reject a proposed change and pay the existing balance under the prior terms if the proposed adjustment increases the fees or finance charges on such account.

7. CONFIDENTIALITY OF AGREEMENT

The terms of this Agreement, any proposal, financial information and proprietary information provided by or on behalf of one party to the other party prior to, contemporaneously with, or subsequent to, the execution of this Agreement ("Information") are confidential as of the date of disclosure. Such Information will not be disclosed by such other party to any other person or entity, except as permitted under this Agreement or as mutually agreed in writing. MBNA America and ASUF shall be permitted to disclose such Information (i) to their accountants, legal, financial and marketing advisors, and employees as necessary for the performance of their respective duties, provided that said persons agree to treat the Information as confidential in the above described manner and (ii) as required by law or by any governmental regulatory authority.

8. TERM OF AGREEMENT

The initial term of this Agreement will begin on the Effective Date and end on April 30, 2000. This Agreement will automatically extend at the end of the initial term or any renewal term for successive two-year periods, unless either party gives written notice of its intention not to renew at least ninety (90) days, but not more than one hundred eighty (180) days, prior to the last date of such term or renewal term, as applicable.

9. STATE LAW GOVERNING AGREEMENT

This Agreement shall be governed by and subject to the laws of the State of Delaware (without regard to its conflict of laws principles) and shall be deemed for all purposes to be made and fully performed in Delaware.

10. TERMINATION

(a) In the event of any material breach of this Agreement by MBNA America or ASUF, the other party may terminate this Agreement by giving notice, as provided herein, to the breaching party. This notice shall (i) describe the material breach; and (ii) state the party's intention to terminate this Agreement. If the breaching party does not cure or substantially cure such breach within sixty (60) days after receipt of notice, as provided herein (the "Cure Period"), then this Agreement shall terminate sixty (60) days after the Cure Period.

(b) If either MBNA America or ASUF becomes insolvent in that its liabilities exceed its assets, or is adjudicated insolvent, or takes advantage of or is subject to any insolvency proceeding, or makes an assignment for the benefit of creditors or is subject to receivership, conservatorship or liquidation then the other party may immediately terminate this Agreement.

(c) Upon termination of this Agreement, MBNA America shall, in a manner consistent with Section 10(d) of this Agreement, cease to use the Trademarks. MBNA America agrees that upon such termination it will not claim any right, title, or interest in or to the Trademarks or to the Mailing Lists provided pursuant to this Agreement. However, MBNA America may conclude all solicitation that is required by law.

(d) MBNA America shall have the right to prior review and approval of any notice in connection with, relating or referring to the termination of this Agreement to be communicated by ASUF to the Members. Such approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. Upon termination of this Agreement, ASUF shall not attempt to cause the removal of ASUF's identification or Trademarks from any person's credit devices, checks or records of any Customer existing as of the effective date of termination of this Agreement.

#### 11. GROUP INCENTIVE PROGRAM

(a) MBNA America shall design all advertising, solicitation and promotional material with regard to the Program, except with respect to those materials designed by ASUF pursuant to any GIP. In that regard, ASUF shall give MBNA America sixty (60) days prior notice of its decision to engage in marketing efforts regarding the Program itself, specifying that accounts generated from such efforts will entitle ASUF to the Royalty specified in Schedule B, subject to the other terms and conditions of this Agreement.

(b) All marketing materials generated as a result of such GIP programs shall be coded by ASUF for tracking purposes. Marketing materials or telemarketing inquiries from Members which, in either case, do not contain or reference such coding shall not be considered eligible for any of the GIP Royalty as set forth in Schedule B.

(c) In addition to all other rights it may have under this Agreement, MBNA America shall have the right of prior approval of all advertising and solicitation materials distributed by ASUF pursuant to any GIP. Further, MBNA America shall have final approval of the scope, timing and content of any GIP.

(d) All costs incurred by MBNA America in producing and mailing materials created pursuant to any GIP or of supporting the marketing efforts of ASUF pursuant to any GIP shall be deducted from any or all Royalty payments due ASUF under this Agreement.

(e) ASUF shall comply with MBNA America's instructions and all applicable laws, including, without limitation, the Truth in Lending Act and the Equal Credit Opportunity Act, with regard to any GIP.

12. MISCELLANEOUS

- (a) This Agreement cannot be amended except by written agreement signed by the authorized agents of both parties hereto.
- (b) The obligations in Sections 4(b), 7, 10(c), and 10(d) shall survive any termination of this Agreement.
- (c) The failure of any party to exercise any rights under this Agreement shall not be deemed a waiver of such right or any other rights.
- (d) The section captions are inserted only for convenience and are in no way to be construed as part of this Agreement.
- (e) If any part of this Agreement shall for any reason be found or held invalid or unenforceable by any court or governmental agency of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect the remainder of this Agreement which shall survive and be construed as if such invalid or unenforceable part had not been contained herein.
- (f) All notices relating to this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed given (i) upon receipt by hand delivery, facsimile or overnight courier, or (ii) three (3) business days after mailing by registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested. All notices shall be addressed as follows:

- (1) If to Augusta State University Foundation, Inc.

AUGUSTA STATE UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION, INC.  
2500 Walton Way  
Augusta, Georgia 30901

ATTENTION: Ms. Helen Hendee  
Director of Development and Alumni Relations

- (2) If to MBNA America:

MBNA AMERICA BANK, N. A.  
400 Christiana Road  
Newark, Delaware 19713

ATTENTION: Division Manager,  
Group Administration/Sales

Any party may change the address to which communications are to be sent by giving notice, as provided herein, of such change of address.

(g) This Agreement contains the entire agreement of the parties with respect to the matters covered herein and supersedes all prior promises and agreements, written or oral, with respect to the matters covered herein, including, without limitation, the Original Agreement. MBNA America may utilize the services of any third party in fulfilling its obligations under this Agreement.

(h) MBNA America and ASUF are not agents, representatives or employees of each other and neither party shall have the power to obligate or bind the other in any manner except as otherwise expressly provided by this Agreement.

(i) Nothing expressed or implied in this Agreement is intended or shall be construed to confer upon or give any person other than ASUF and MBNA America, their successors and assigns, any rights or remedies under or by reason of this Agreement.

(j) Neither party shall be in breach hereunder by reason of its delay in the performance of or failure to perform any of its obligations herein if such delay or failure is caused by strikes, acts of God or the public enemy, riots, incendiaries, interference by civil or military authorities, compliance with governmental laws, rules, regulations, delays in transit or delivery, or any event beyond its reasonable control or without its fault or negligence.

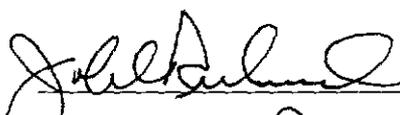
(k) This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the parties, by its representative, has executed this Agreement as of the Effective Date.

AUGUSTA STATE UNIVERSITY  
FOUNDATION, INC.

MBNA AMERICA BANK, N.A.

By: 

By: 

Name: JOAN B. FLOWERS III

Name: JOHN C. RICHMOND

Title: Vice President

Title: SEVA

SCHEDULE A

**TERMS AND FEATURES**

Subject to (i) MBNA America's right to vary the Program and its terms and features, and (ii) the applicable agreement entered into between MBNA America and each Customer:

**A. CREDIT CARD ACCOUNTS**

- 1. There is NO annual fee.
- 2. The current annual percentage rate for <sup>Non-Student</sup> Preferred Credit Card Accounts will be a variable rate of prime plus 8.9%. For variable rate accounts, there may be an additional margin applied on account of the Customer's delinquency.
- 3. The current annual percentage rate for Gold Credit Card Accounts will be a variable rate of prime plus 8.9%. For variable rate accounts, there may be an additional margin applied on account of the Customer's delinquency.
- 4. The current annual percentage rate for Platinum Plus Credit Card Accounts will be a variable rate of prime plus 8.4%. For variable rate accounts, there may be an additional margin applied on account of the Customer's delinquency.
- 5. Customers may be offered opportunities to select credit insurance as a benefit under the Program.
- 6. The current annual percentage for Student Credit Card Accounts will be a variable rate of prime plus 9.9%. For variable rate accounts, there may be an additional margin applied on account of the Customer's delinquency.

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 Group Approval

## SCHEDULE B

### ROYALTY ARRANGEMENT

During the term of this Agreement, MBNA America will pay ASUF a Royalty calculated as follows, for those accounts with active charging privileges. All Royalty payments due hereunder are subject to adjustment by MBNA America for any prior overpayment of Royalties by MBNA America:

#### A. CREDIT CARD ACCOUNTS

1. \$1.00 (one dollar) for each new Credit Card Account opened, which remains open for at least ninety (90) consecutive days.
2. \$3.00 (three dollars) for each Credit Card Account for which the annual fee is paid by the Customer. If no annual fee is assessed by MBNA America (other than as a result of a courtesy waiver by MBNA America), then such royalty will be paid for each Credit Card Account which: 1) has a balance greater than zero as of the last business day of every twelfth month after the opening of that Credit Card Account; and 2) has had active charging privileges for each of the preceding twelve months.
3. \$0.15 (fifteen cents) for each retail purchase transaction made by a Customer using a Credit Card Account (excluding those transactions that (1) relate to refunds, returns and/or unauthorized transactions, and/or (2) are cash equivalent transactions (e.g., the purchase of wire transfers, money orders, bets, lottery tickets, or casino gaming chips)).
4. 2% (two percent) of phone transaction dollar volume (excluding phone transactions that relate to refunds and unauthorized calls) made through the long distance calling card service and residential phone service benefits by Customers who have a Credit Card Account. NOTE: Phone transactions will not qualify for any other transaction-based royalty.

#### B. DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS

"CD Deposits" means those deposits in the certificate of deposit accounts opened by Members in response to marketing efforts made pursuant to the Program.

"MMDA Deposits" means those deposits in the money market deposit accounts opened by Members in response to marketing efforts made pursuant to the Program.

1. 0.10% (ten one-hundredths of one percent) on an annualized basis, computed monthly (periodic rate of 0.0083330%) of the average MMDA Deposits.

1. 0.10% (ten one-hundredths of one percent) on an annualized basis, computed monthly (periodic rate of 0.00833330%) of the average MMDA Deposits.
2. 0.05% (five one-hundredths of one percent) on an annualized basis, computed monthly (periodic rate of 0.004167%) of the average CD Deposits.

C. GIP ACCOUNTS

1. \$15.00 (fifteen dollars) for each Platinum Plus GIP Account opened, which remains open for at least ninety (90) consecutive days. Such GIP Accounts will not qualify for any other opening-of-an-account Royalty.
2. \$15.00 (fifteen dollars) for each Gold GIP Account opened, which remains open for at least ninety (90) consecutive days. Such GIP Accounts will not qualify for any other opening-of-an-account Royalty.
3. \$10.00 (ten dollars) for each Preferred GIP Account opened, which remains open for at least ninety (90) consecutive days. Such GIP Accounts will not qualify for any other opening-of-an-account Royalty.