UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK			
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In re		:	Chapter 11
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DOWLING COLLEGE,		:	
f/d/b/a DOWLING INSTITUTE,		:	Case No. 16-75545 (REG)
f/d/b/a DOWLING COLLEGE ALUI	MNI	:	
ASSOCIATION,		:	
f/d/b/a CECOM,		:	
a/k/a DOWLING COLLEGE, INC.,		:	
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	Debtor.	:	
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# NOTICE OF DEADLINE REQUIRING FILING OF PROOFS OF CLAIM ON OR BEFORE MARCH 10, 2017 (GENERAL BAR DATE) AND MAY 30, 2017 (GOVERNMENTAL BAR DATE)

#### TO ALL PERSONS AND ENTITIES WITH CLAIMS AGAINST DOWLING COLLEGE:

The United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of New York, having jurisdiction over Dowling College ("<u>Dowling</u>" or the "<u>Debtor</u>") in the above captioned chapter 11 case (the "<u>Chapter 11 Case</u>"), entered an order (the "<u>Bar Date Order</u>") establishing **March 10**, **2017 at 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time)** as the last date for each person or entity (including, without limitation, individuals, partnerships, corporations, joint ventures, and trusts) to file a proof of claim based on prepetition claims against the Debtor (the "<u>General Bar Date</u>"); and (ii) **May 30, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time)** as the last date and time for each governmental unit (as defined in Section 101(27) of the title 11 of the United States Code (the "<u>Bankruptcy Code</u>")) to file a proof of claim based on prepetition claims against the General Bar Date").

The Bar Dates and the procedures set forth below for filing proofs of claim apply to all claims against the Debtor that arose prior to November 29, 2016 (the "<u>Petition Date</u>"), the date on which the Debtor commenced a case under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code, except for those

holders of the claims listed in Section 4 below that are specifically excluded from the Bar Date filing requirement.

## 1. WHO MUST FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM

You MUST file a proof of claim to vote on a Chapter 11 plan filed by the Debtor or to share in distributions from the Debtor's bankruptcy estate if you have a claim that arose prior to the Petition Date, and it is not one of the types of claim described in Section 4 below. Claims based on acts or omissions of the Debtor that occurred before the Petition Date, including, without limitation, those that may be entitled to administrative claim status pursuant to 503(b)(9) must be filed on or prior to the Bar Date, even if such claims are not now fixed, liquidated or certain or did not mature or become fixed, liquidated or certain before the Petition Date.

Under Section 101(5) of the Bankruptcy Code and as used in this Notice, the word "claim" means: (a) a right to payment, whether or not such right is reduced to judgment, liquidated, unliquidated, fixed, contingent, matured, unmatured, disputed, undisputed, legal, equitable, secured, or unsecured; or (b) a right to an equitable remedy for breach of performance if such breach gives rise to a right to payment, whether or not such right to an equitable remedy is reduced to judgment, fixed, contingent, matured, unmatured, disputed, undisputed, secured or unsecured.

#### 2. WHAT TO FILE

Your filed Proof of Claim must be in the form annexed to this notice or otherwise conform substantially to Official Form No. B410, which can be viewed at <u>http://www.uscourts.gov/forms/bankruptcy-forms</u>. Additional Proof of Claim Forms can be obtained at the Debtor's Claims Agent Website at <u>http://cases.gardencitygroup.com/dco</u>.

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The proof of claim form must be **signed** by the claimant or, if the claimant is not an individual, by an authorized agent of the claimant. It must be written in English and be denominated in United States currency. You must attach to your completed proof of claim any documents on which the claim is based (if voluminous, attach a summary).

Your proof of claim form shall not contain complete social security numbers or taxpayer identification numbers (only the last four digits), a complete birth date (only the year), the name of a minor (only the minor's initials) or a financial account number (only the last four digits of such financial account).

# 3. WHEN AND WHERE TO FILE

Except as provided for herein, all proofs of claim must be filed so as to be **actually** received on or before the applicable Bar Date.

To file a proof of claim, you must submit your claim either (i) electronically by utilizing the Online Portal that can be accessed at Debtor's Court appointed Claims Agent's website: http://www.gardencitygroup.com/cases/dco or (ii) by delivering the original proof of claim either by U.S. Postal Service mail or overnight delivery on the Debtor's Court appointed Claims Agent or the Bankruptcy Court at:

#### **IF BY FIRST CLASS MAIL:**

Dowling College Case Administration c/o GCG P.O. Box 10342 Dublin, OH 43017-5542

## <u>OR</u>

#### IF BY HAND DELIVERY OR OVERNIGHT MAIL:

Dowling College Case Administration

c/o GCG 5151 Blazer Parkway, Suite A Dublin, Ohio 43017

## <u>OR</u>

### **IF BY HAND DELIVERY:**

United States Bankruptcy Court, EDNY Alfonse D'Amato U.S. Courthouse 290 Federal Plaza Central Islip, New York 11722 Attn: Clerk of the Court

Each Proof of Claim shall be deemed timely filed only if (i) the proof of claim is submitted electronically, so as to be actually received by GCG on or before the applicable Bar Date, by using the Online Portal, or (ii) the Proof of Claim is mailed or delivered so as to be actually received by the Debtor's court approved claims agent, GCG, or by the Court, on or before the applicable Bar Date at the address listed herein.

ANY CREDITOR THAT ELECTRONICALLY FILES A PROOF OF CLAIM SHALL RETAIN SUCH PROOF OF CLAIM (AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS) WITH AN ORIGINAL SIGNATURE FOR A PERIOD OF NOT LESS THAN TWO (2) YEARS FROM THE DATE THE PROOF OF CLAIM IS ELECTRONICALLY FILED.

Except as expressly permitted in the context of electronic submission via the Online Portal, proofs of claim sent by facsimile, telecopy or electronic mail transmission will not be accepted.

# 4. WHO NEED NOT FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM

You do **not** need to file a proof of claim on or before the applicable Bar Date if you are:

- (a) A person or entity that has already filed a proof of claim against the Debtor in this case with the Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of New York in a form substantially similar to Official Bankruptcy Form No. B410;
- (b) A person or entity whose claim is listed on the Schedules of Assets and Liabilities filed by the Debtor (collectively, the "<u>Schedules</u>") [Docket Entry No. 93] if (i) the claim is <u>not</u> scheduled as "disputed," "contingent," or "unliquidated" <u>and</u> (ii) you agree with the amount, nature and priority of the claim as set forth in the Schedules;
- (c) A holder of a claim that has already been allowed in this case by order of the Court;
- (d) A holder of a claim for which a different deadline for filing a proof of claim in this case has already been fixed by this Court;
- (e) A holder of a claim allowable under Sections 503(b), other than a claim entitled to administrative priority pursuant to Sections 503(b)(9) and 507(a)(2) of the Bankruptcy Code as an expense of administration of the Debtor's estate; or
- (f) Any person or entity whose claim is limited exclusively to the repayment of principal, interest and other fees and expenses (a "<u>Debt Claim</u>") under the agreements governing any syndicated credit facility or debt security (including, without limitation, any municipal, taxable or tax-exempt bond) issued by or for the benefit of the Debtor pursuant to an indenture (together, the "<u>Debt Instruments</u>"); *provided, however*, that (i) the foregoing exclusion in this subparagraph shall not apply to the administrative agent under the applicable credit facility or the indenture trustee under the applicable indenture (each, a "<u>Debt Representative</u>"), (ii) each Debt Representative shall be authorized to and required to file a single proof of claim, on or before the General Bar Date, on account of all Debt Claims against the Debtor under the applicable Debt Instruments and (iii) any holder of a

Debt Claim wishing to assert a claim, other than a Debt Claim, arising out of or relating to a Debt Instrument, shall be required to file a proof of claim with respect to such claim on or before the General Bar Date, unless another exception identified herein applies. In addition, with respect to claims filed by any indenture trustee under the applicable indenture, such claimants need not attach copies of the documents evidencing and/or securing the claims.

If you are a holder of an equity interest in the Debtor, you need not file a proof of interest with respect to the ownership of such equity interest at this time. But, if you assert a claim against the Debtor, including a claim relating to your equity interest or the purchase or sale of that interest you must file a proof of claim on or prior to the applicable Bar Date in accordance with the procedures set forth in this Notice.

This Notice is being sent to many persons and entities that have had some relationship with or have done business with the Debtor but may not have an unpaid claim against the Debtor. The fact that you have received this Notice does not mean that you have a claim, or that the Debtor or the Court believes that you have a claim against the Debtor.

#### 5. EXECUTORY CONTRACTS AND UNEXPIRED LEASES

If you have a claim arising out of the rejection of an executory contract or unexpired lease as to which the order authorizing such rejection is dated on or before January 13, 2017, the date of entry of the Bar Date Order, you must file a proof of claim based on such rejection on or before the later of the applicable Bar Date or the date that is 30 days after the date of the order authorizing such rejection. Any person or entity that has a claim arising from the rejection of an executory contract or unexpired lease, as to which the order is dated after the date of entry of the Bar Date Order, you must file a proof of claim with respect to such claim by the later of 30 days after the effective date of such rejection or such other date fixed by the Court in the applicable order authorizing rejection of such contract or lease.

# 6. CONSEQUENCES OF FAILURE TO FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM BY THE APPLICABLE BAR DATE

ANY HOLDER OF A CLAIM THAT IS NOT EXCEPTED FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS ORDER, AS SET FORTH IN SECTION 4 ABOVE, AND THAT FAILS TO TIMELY FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM IN THE APPROPRIATE FORM, WILL BE BARRED FROM ASSERTING ITS CLAIM AGAINST THE DEBTOR AND ITS CHAPTER 11 ESTATE, VOTING ON ANY PLAN OF LIQUIDATION FILED IN THIS CASE, AND PARTICIPATING IN ANY DISTRIBUTION IN THE DEBTOR'S CHAPTER 11 CASE ON ACCOUNT OF THAT CLAIM.

## 7. THE DEBTOR'S SCHEDULES AND ACCESS THERETO

You may be listed as the holder of a claim against the Debtor in the Debtor's Schedules. If you agree with the nature, amount and status of your claim as listed in the Debtor's Schedules, and if your claim is not described as "disputed," "contingent," or "unliquidated," you do not need to file a proof of claim. Otherwise, you must file a proof of claim before the applicable Bar Date in accordance with the procedures set forth in this Notice.

Copies of the Debtor's Schedules are available for inspection on the Court's Internet Website at http://www.nyeb.uscourts.gov. A login and password to the Court's Public Access to Electronic Court Records ("PACER") are required to access this information and can be obtained through the PACER Service Center at http://www.pacer.gov. Copies of the Debtor's Schedules also be examined on the Website of the Debtor's Claims Agent may at http://cases.gardencitygroup.com/dco or, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday at the Office of the Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court, Alfonse M. D'Amato U.S. Courthouse, 290 Federal Plaza, Central Islip, NY 11722. Copies of the Debtor's Schedules may also be obtained by written request to the Debtor's Claim Agent at the address set forth below:

Dowling College Case Administration c/o GCG P.O. Box 10342 Dublin, Ohio 43017-5542

## If you are unsure about any of these matters, including whether you should file a

proof of claim, you may wish to consult an attorney.

Dated: New York, New York January 13, 2017 **BY ORDER OF THE COURT** 

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