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The National Student Clearinghouse Welcomes Additions to Its Higher Education Team

Herndon, VA, November 29, 2011 - The National Student Clearinghouse is pleased to announce additions to its higher education management team. Located in Herndon, Virginia, the National Student Clearinghouse is the nation's trusted source for education verification and student educational outcomes research. More than 3,300 colleges and universities, enrolling over 96% of all students in public and private U.S. institutions, participate in the Clearinghouse. Through our one-of-a-kind access to national student outcomes data and educational research services, the Clearinghouse also serves as a valuable source for longitudinal and other studies on educational progress for the education community.

Ronald J. Phillips, Jr. is the Clearinghouse's new National Director, Higher Education Development. In this role, Mr. Phillips guides a team promoting the use of Clearinghouse services among educational institutions and related agencies around the nation.

Mr. Phillips was formerly a client management representative at the Clearinghouse. He was Deputy Chief, Customer Service for the Washington, Metropolitan Transit Authority in the greater Washington D.C. area; Vice President, Implementation and Support for Sallie Mae, Inc. and Assistant Vice President, Sallie Mae Solutions, both located in the greater Washington, D.C. area. He also served as Assistant Vice President, Servicing Operations and Director, Operations for a major servicing center in Spokane, Washington, which he launched.

At Sallie Mae, Mr. Phillips was responsible for all aspects of support for more than 6,000 institutional customers and 200 sales staff. As Assistant Vice President, Servicing Operations, he was among those most responsible for developing and executing the national servicing strategy for six loan servicing centers.

Mr. Phillips has demonstrated a record of achievement in all aspects of customer support, servicing operations and business development over the length of his career. He has been active in Junior Achievement, and is a former statistician for the Washington Redskins. He holds an M.B.A. from the George Washington University, Washington, D.C., and a B.S. in Business Administration from Frostburg State College, Frostburg, Maryland.

Philip Spitz was recently named Regional Director, West, for the Clearinghouse. Regional directors comprise the outreach arm of the Clearinghouse, serving higher education institutions within a specific region of the country.

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Mr. Spitz has had an active career in higher education for over 25 years. Previous to his position at the Clearinghouse, Mr. Spitz was the Associate Dean, University Registrar and Director of Student Information Systems, New York University Abu Dhabi, Office of the University Registrar.

Starting his career at Stanford University in 1985, Mr. Spitz worked as Associate University Registrar, Pre-major Advisor, Assistant Registrar, and Assistant to the Academic Standing Advisor. He also served as Transfer Credit Evaluator and in other positions within the Office of the University Registrar at Stanford. While here, Mr. Spitz received the Margaret Ann Fidler Award for Distinguished Service in Student Affairs and the Stanford University staff award for excellence in service.

Mr. Spitz also worked as a District Representative for the Aid Association for Lutherans, where he won "Rookie of the Year." He has a Bachelor of Arts degree with distinction in History from Stanford University, and a Master of Arts degree in History, also from Stanford University.

Nancy Penna is the Clearinghouse's new Regional Director, Midwest. Most recently, Ms. Penna was the Assistant Dean and Registrar of Concordia College in Moorhead, MN. She has been the University Registrar at both Capella University in Minneapolis, Minnesota and at Buena Vista University, Storm Lake, Iowa. From 1988 to 2001 she was at Dana College in Blair, Nebraska, most recently as Associate Provost for Academic Services and Registrar. Prior to Dana College, she was the Director, Career Resource Center at Midland Lutheran College in Fremont, Nebraska. As a visionary leader with a student-centered philosophy, she saw large student growth more than double in less than four years. She is highly experienced in academic policies and procedures, researching and compliance. She is experienced in admissions and transfer evaluations, and registration and records management.

Ms. Penna has a Master of Science degree in Education Administration from the University of Nebraska, Omaha, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Midland Lutheran College.

ABOUT THE NATIONAL STUDENT CLEARINGHOUSE

The National Student Clearinghouse (a non-profit formed in 1993) is the unique and trusted source for higher education enrollment and degree verifications. The Clearinghouse serves as a single point of contact for the collection and timely exchange of accurate and comprehensive enrollment, degree and certificate records on behalf of its more than 3,300 participating higher education institutions, which represent 96% of all students in public and private U.S. institutions. The Clearinghouse also provides thousands of high schools and districts with continuing collegiate enrollment, progression, and completion statistics on their alumni.

Through its verification and reporting services, the Clearinghouse saves higher education institutions cumulatively nearly four hundred million dollars annually. Most Clearinghouse services are provided to colleges and universities at little or no charge, including enhanced transcript and research services, enabling institutions to redistribute limited staff and budget resources to more important student service efforts. All Clearinghouse services are operated in full compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

In addition, the Clearinghouse provides accurate, FERPA compliant verifications to student loan providers, employers, student credit issuers, the U.S. Department of Education, and others who access its registry more than half a billion times annually. For more information, visit www.studentclearinghouse.org.

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