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Tracie MacMahon New Chief Operating Officer, National Student Clearinghouse®

Herndon, Virginia, January 26, 2012 – Tracie MacMahon has recently been named as the new Chief Operating Officer of the National Student Clearinghouse. The Clearinghouse, a non-profit organization located in Herndon, Virginia, provides educational reporting, verification, and research services to more than 3,300 colleges and universities and more than 3,700 high schools.

Under Ms. MacMahon, continued infrastructure maturation and other new business developments will remain on a growth trajectory. In this new position, Ms. MacMahon oversees the Clearinghouse's Higher Education Development and Client Relations, Operations, IT, Corporate Communications, and Human Resource departments. This move will enable the Clearinghouse to continue to meet the higher education community's growing need for innovation and automation.

Previously, as vice president of Marketing and Client Relations, she managed the Clearinghouse's client outreach efforts, including higher education development and new services implementation, along with marketing and business development efforts. Ms. MacMahon has more than 20 years of experience in management, marketing, operations, and finance. Prior to joining the Clearinghouse, she served for 10 years at Sallie Mae, most recently as the vice president of Systems, and held corporate finance and investment management positions at General Motors Corporation. She has a Master of Business Administration from the University of Virginia's Darden School of Business Administration and a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from George Mason University.

"Ms. MacMahon's appointment is a giant step into the future for the Clearinghouse," stated Rick Torres, President and CEO of the National Student Clearinghouse. "The great momentum that has been established thus far in our infrastructural maturation will continue with even greater results and focus under Tracie's leadership."

"In the past few years, we have come a long way at the Clearinghouse in order to meet new needs to streamline infrastructure which provides our basic data services of degree and enrollment verification," continued Torres. "We have also grown our efforts in research and longitudinal studies, providing organizations with information that can inform policymaking and help to meet goals. It is a true period of innovation. We are looking forward to the focus and innovation that Tracie will help foster as COO during this exciting period of growth and opportunity."

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ABOUT THE 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. Clearinghouse services are designed to facilitate an institution's compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, The Higher Education Act, and other applicable laws.

In addition, the Clearinghouse provides accurate, timely enrollment and degree 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.

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