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## **Dr. Doug Shapiro Newly Appointed as Executive Research Director of the National Student Clearinghouse® Research Center™**

Herndon, Virginia, July 10, 2012 – Dr. Doug Shapiro has recently been named as Executive Research Director of the National Student Clearinghouse Research Center. Dr. Shapiro, who has served as the Senior Director of the Research Center for two years, began his appointment on July 1. The Research Center was created in February 2010 under Dr. Donald Hossler, the founding Executive Director, who recently stepped down to concentrate full time on his teaching obligations at Indiana University. The Clearinghouse, a nonprofit organization located in Herndon, Virginia, provides educational reporting, verification, and research services to more than 3,300 colleges and universities and more than 3,600 high schools.

The Research Center plays an important role in enabling accountability and policy-oriented research for both the K-12 and postsecondary educational sectors. Under Dr. Hossler, the Research Center has provided educational outcome reports for 1,247 postsecondary institutions and data reporting services to 20 state postsecondary educational agencies. Thirty-one states and more than 3,600 high schools use the Research Center's P-12 data reporting services. It has also facilitated research and evaluation studies for 767 educational organizations and researchers.

In addition, in the last 12 months, the Research Center launched two new report series tracking enrollment outcomes – Signature Reports™ and Snapshot Reports™ – covering student behavior during the recession, student transfer trends, and adult learners. Two Signature Reports and six Snapshot Reports have been released since last summer, with a third Signature Report due to be released soon.

As senior director, Dr. Shapiro has made significant contributions to all of the Research Center initiatives. In his new role as executive research director, Dr. Shapiro will be responsible, in concert with the Research Center Board of Directors, for moving the Research Center's services and analytics forward. He will oversee the center's reports, strategies, and delivery of its public service mission.

Dr. Shapiro is an expert in the uses of postsecondary student data for academic and policy research, program evaluation, institutional effectiveness, and strategic planning. Prior to joining the Clearinghouse, he was the director of Institutional Research at The New School in New York City. Previous to that, he served as the vice president for Research and Policy Development at the Minnesota Private College Council.

Dr. Shapiro has directed research in areas such as student retention, college costs, student access and financial aid, impact of recessions on enrollment, academic performance of student athletes, and markets for highly-educated labor. He holds a Ph.D. from the Center for the Study of Higher and Postsecondary Education at the University of Michigan, an M.A. in Mathematics and a B.A. in History.

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“Don’s contributions as executive director have shaped the Research Center’s direction as a national resource,” stated Rick Torres, CEO and president of the Clearinghouse. “Doug came on board with valuable contributions on topics ranging from student access, student persistence, and college completion statistics. He has helped the Research Center on these and additional important public policy topics. As the Research Center moves forward, Doug’s guidance will lead us to have an even greater understanding of how our unique student perspective can move the public policy needle even further.”

## **About the National Student Clearinghouse Research Center**

The National Student Clearinghouse Research Center is the research arm of the National Student Clearinghouse. The Research Center collaborates with higher education institutions, states, school districts, high schools, and educational organizations as part of a national effort to better inform education leaders and policymakers. Through accurate longitudinal data outcomes reporting, the Research Center enables better educational policy decisions leading to improved student outcomes. To learn more, visit <http://research.studentclearinghouse.org>.

## **About the National Student Clearinghouse**

The National Student Clearinghouse (a nonprofit 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 percent 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 the education community 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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