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Dr. W. David Pelham Named as New Vice President of Higher Education Development and Client Relations at the National Student Clearinghouse®

Herndon, Va., August 7, 2012 – Dr. W. David Pelham is the new Vice President of Higher Education Development and Client Relations at the National Student Clearinghouse. The Clearinghouse, a nonprofit organization located in Herndon, Va., provides educational reporting, verification, and research services to more than 3,300 colleges and universities and more than 3,700 high schools.

Dr. Pelham will guide all activities related to conceptualizing and implementing the Clearinghouse's higher education service and school relations strategy. He will also aid in the development of the organization's vision and long-term strategies related to the execution of its mission. In addition, Dr. Pelham, who will report to the Clearinghouse's Chief Operating Officer, Tracie MacMahon, will lead the field and corporate office-based teams that serve the Clearinghouse's higher education participants.

Dr. Pelham has served at the president level for several institutions of higher education – as College Director, Higher Colleges of Technology, Fujairah, United Arab Emirates; as Superintendent and President, Cuesta College, San Luis Obispo, Calif.; and as Superintendent and President for the College of the Siskiyous, Weed, Calif.

He previously served as the Vice President for Academic Affairs at Spartanburg Technical College, Spartanburg, S.C. and as Vice President for Student Services at Lake City Community College, Lake City, Fla., where he also served as the Chair and Associate Dean of their Arts & Sciences department.

Dr. Pelham was an adjunct instructor and assistant professor of public speaking and related studies at the University of South Carolina and Spartanburg Technical College, Spartanburg, S.C.; Lake City Community College, Lake City, Fla.; Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, Mich.; Wayne State University, Detroit, Mich.; Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn, Mich.; the University of Central Florida, Orlando, Fla.; and Piedmont College, Demorest, Ga. In addition, he coached award-winning debate teams at Central Michigan University, Morehead State University and Wayne State University.

Among his many distinguished achievements, Dr. Pelham served as an appointed member, California Senate Taskforce on Community College Governance; Co-Chair, San Luis Obispo K-16 Council; member, California Community College CEO Executive Board; and founding Chair, Northern California Rural Community College Association. He also received the 2020 Vision for Career and Technology Education Writer's Award from the South Carolina Department of Education.

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Dr. Pelham has presented on topics related to higher education and forensics and debate, among other subjects; internationally in Nanjing, China and Dubai, and United Arab Emirates as well as for many higher education conferences in the United States. His publications have appeared in academic and community college trade journals and as an invited paper for California State Assembly hearings.

He has an Ed.D. in Educational Leadership from the University of North Florida in Jacksonville, Fla. He holds an M.A. in Communications from Morehead State University in Morehead, Ky. and a B.A. from Carson Newman College in Jefferson City, Tenn.

“Dave brings a breadth and depth of experience to the job that will support the Clearinghouse goals and mission in new ways,” stated Chief Operating Officer Tracie MacMahon. “We look forward to working with him as the Clearinghouse moves ahead with initiatives that will help us to meet the challenges and opportunities of serving the higher education community.”

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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