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Ellucian™ and National Student Clearinghouse® Alliance Enables Cost-Effective “Touch-Free” Electronic Transcript Processing and Delivery

Web Services Strategy Delivers on Ellucian Extensible Ecosystem Vision and National Student Clearinghouse Mission to Help Cash-Strapped Colleges Move Into Electronic Age

Fairfax, Virginia, April 4, 2013 – Ellucian™ and the National Student Clearinghouse® today announced that they have formed a strategic alliance to enable real-time electronic authentication, production, and transfer of transcripts between the Clearinghouse and Ellucian’s administrative systems through the Ellucian eTranscripts interface. The alliance and solution are designed to reduce the workload of the registrar’s office and improve the service quality to students and alumni.

Ellucian eTranscripts will support Ellucian’s three administrative systems: Banner® by Ellucian, Colleague® by Ellucian, and PowerCampus™ by Ellucian. The solution creates a secure interface between institutions participating in Clearinghouse Transcript OrderingSM and the institution’s Ellucian administrative system. Ellucian and the Clearinghouse will make eTranscripts available at no additional cost to Ellucian support customers that choose to activate the API and that also participate in Clearinghouse Transcript OrderingSM.

Through this strategic alliance between Ellucian and National Student Clearinghouse, institutions are provided with a resource that allows them to automate costly, time-consuming, and manual transcript processes at the press of a button. Moreover, because transcript PDFs will be automatically generated and delivered, the solution represents a significant leap forward in the ability of institutions to universally adopt electronic transcript delivery. Ellucian selected the Clearinghouse because, as a nonprofit, the Clearinghouse actively seeks ways to provide the higher education community with cost-saving services, many of which are available to institutions for free.

“Our partnership with the National Student Clearinghouse is the first of its kind in the education industry,” said Mark Jones, chief product officer, Ellucian. “The ‘touch-free’ transfer is possible because Ellucian supports industry standards, like PESC, and is committed to providing our customers with new solutions that are fairly quick and easy to implement, yet deliver significant savings in time and improvement in the service that institutions provide to their constituents. It is also an outcome of our Ellucian Extensible Ecosystem vision to extend the value of our administrative systems by integrating them with other solutions and services that address the diverse needs of our customers.”

“This year, the National Student Clearinghouse celebrates its twentieth anniversary, making this announcement even more momentous for our organization,” said Rick Torres, president and CEO of the National Student Clearinghouse. “Our higher education clients continuously ask us to find more cost-effective ways to help them serve their students better. This initiative offers a significant starting point to address their requests in the transcript and electronic record space. The Clearinghouse currently provides nearly four hundred million dollars a year of economic savings and benefits to higher education.

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We intend to use this alliance as our model for enabling additional cost-saving automated solutions that will benefit the entire education community.”

The electronic interface and authentication is supported by PESC standards. The interface from the Clearinghouse to Ellucian’s student systems is achieved with a single web-based API, minimizing the institutions’ development time and maintenance investment. It is an outcome of the Ellucian Extensible Ecosystem, a flexible and open foundation that spans the three core administrative systems. One of the ways that Ellucian delivers on this architectural approach is through a robust API and web services strategy that wraps around the core ERP platforms, supporting deep, standards-based integration and extending interoperability with new and existing software solutions from Ellucian, partners, and other third parties.

About Ellucian

Ellucian helps education institutions thrive in an open and dynamic world. We deliver a broad portfolio of technology solutions, developed in collaboration with a global education community, and provide strategic guidance to help education institutions of all kinds navigate change, achieve greater transparency, and drive efficiencies. More than 2,400 institutions in 40 countries around the world look to Ellucian for the ideas and insights that will move education forward, helping people everywhere discover their futures through learning.

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About the National Student Clearinghouse

The National Student Clearinghouse (a nonprofit formed in 1993) is the trusted source for and leading provider of higher education verifications and electronic education record exchanges, handling more than 700 million verification requests and 200 million education record exchanges annually. 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, electronic exchange, 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. For more information, visit www.studentclearinghouse.org.

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