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## ANNOUNCEMENT

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## **SPEEDE Server Now Live at the National Student Clearinghouse®**

### *Enhancements Boost Electronic Data Exchange Capabilities*

Herndon, Virginia, Nov. 7, 2013 – The SPEEDE Server is now fully operational at the Clearinghouse. It is available for free in an open access environment. The transfer of the nearly 20-year-old SPEEDE Server included major performance and capacity upgrades to its environment. SPEEDE is a national effort coordinated by the SPEEDE Committee of the [American Association of the Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers \(ACCRAO\)](#).

The SPEEDE (Standardization of Post-Secondary Education Electronic Data Exchange) Server was implemented by the University of Texas at Austin in 1995. In October 2012, [UT Austin selected the Clearinghouse to assume operation of the SPEEDE Server](#), and that transition was completed on October 12, 2013. More than 1,000 institutions are registered to use SPEEDE and usage is increasing monthly.

Since 2011, the SPEEDE Server has processed over 14 million documents, and the demand to exchange student records has been steadily ramping up. As part of the transition, the Clearinghouse has moved SPEEDE to an enterprise level virtual server, significantly increasing its computing capacity by a factor of 20 and positioning the SPEEDE server ecosystem to meet accelerating volumes.

SPEEDE is operated under the principles of the Clearinghouse's recently announced [G.R.E.E.N exchange environment](#). G.R.E.E.N., the Global Registrar EduRecord Exchange Network, is dedicated to promoting a free, open, principles-drive and standards-based network, enabling the secure exchange of electronic student academic records worldwide.

The SPEEDE Server will continue to meet standards set by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI), the Postsecondary Electronic Standards Council (PESC), and new standards as they emerge. Innovations and enhancements to SPEEDE will be driven by the education community.

For more information, visit [www.speedeserver.org](http://www.speedeserver.org).

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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 250 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 3,500 participating higher education institutions, which represent 98 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 more than 400 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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