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Statement by National Higher Education Organizations on the Release of the Common Core State Standards

As organizations representing the leadership and faculty of America's colleges and universities, we recognize the enormous promise the Common Core State Standards released today hold to help all students graduate from high school ready to succeed in postsecondary education. We believe the completion of these standards represents an important step toward realizing President Obama's goal of making the United States the world's leader in educational attainment and are grateful to the governors and chief state school officers for their leadership in making these standards a reality.

The higher education community has played an important role in shaping these standards. It must continue to be fully engaged as states and tribal governments move forward to adopt and implement the standards and as assessments are designed to measure student progress. In particular, higher education will have an essential role to play in preparing teachers to help students reach these standards and in ensuring that assessments provide students, parents and teachers with an accurate indication of students' progress toward college readiness. We stand ready to work closely with our colleagues in elementary/secondary education on this groundbreaking work.

We congratulate the National Governors Association, the Council of Chief State School Officers and all the other organizations that have worked so hard to realize the long-held goal of creating common college- and career-ready standards for America's schools and look forward to working together on this important national agenda.

The following organizations have endorsed this statement:

ACPA - College Student Educators International
ACT, Inc.
American Association of Colleges for Teachers Education
American Association of Colleges of Nursing
American Association of Community Colleges
American Association of State Colleges and Universities
American Council on Education
American Dental Association
Association of Community College Trustees
Association of Governing Boards
Association of Public and Land-grant Universities
College and University Professional Association for Human Resources (CUPA-HR)
Council for Christian Colleges and Universities
Council for Opportunity in Education
Council of Graduate Schools
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