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AACRAO and NASPA name comprehensive student record implementation institutions
Two-Day Symposium Kicks Off

WASHINGTON, DC, – October 28 – 29, 2015 – AACRAO and NASPA: Student Affairs Professionals in Higher Education released the names of the eight higher education institutions chosen to pilot a project to develop models for a more comprehensive student record, funded by Lumina Foundation. The associations will convene the pilot group for a two-day symposium that kicks off the project and discusses the current limitations of academic transcripts as evidence of student learning and emerging models of student achievement that expand evidence beyond traditional course names, credits and grades.

Focusing on two- and four-year, public and private higher education institutions already developing competency or learning outcome education approaches and/or documenting co-curricular experiences, AACRAO and NASPA selected: Elon University, Indiana University – Purdue University Indianapolis, Quinsigamond Community College, Stanford University, University of Houston – Downtown, University of Maryland University College, University of South Carolina, and University of Wisconsin Colleges and University of Wisconsin – Extension.

With $1.27 million Lumina Foundation funds supporting this work, the convening is the first step in a year-long project that aims to have a comprehensive student record delivered to some or all of the pilot institutions’ students. The transcripts will be created as digital secure documents and may be a part of or supplemental to the traditional course, credit, and grade report transcripts used to exchange student records today. The Degree Qualifications Profile will be tested as a framework to organize student competencies on the transcript in a way that better communicates what students know and are able to do. Campuses will be expected to equip academic and student services, student affairs, and other campus professionals with the knowledge and skills to utilize and sustain the extended transcript frameworks.

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