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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Legislative Oversight Commission on Education Accountability

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RE: Graduation Rates at Public Four-Year Institutions

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In order to meet the statutory requirement set forth in West Virginia Code §18B-3-4(d), this memo provides National Center for Education Statistics data on the 2010-11 six-year bachelor's degree graduation rates for the fall 2005 cohort of first-time, full-time freshmen. These calculations differ somewhat from those reported by the Commission in the Higher Education Report Card and elsewhere in that they exclude from the cohort certain students such as those leaving college for military service and include graduations in the summer of the sixth year.

In 2010, eight institutions were below their peer median goal while three, Potomac State College of WVU, Shepherd University, and West Liberty University exceeded their prescribed goals. Progress for each institution towards statutorily defined goals is described on the following pages.

### Bluefield State College

The six-year graduation rate for Bluefield State College was 22 percent. This figure was 8 percentage points lower than the peer median, 30 percent. 14 of their peers reported a higher six-year graduation rate while five were lower and 1 was unreported.

Institution	Six-year graduation rate (2010-11)
<b>Bluefield State College</b>	<b>22%</b>
<b>Peer Median</b>	<b>30%</b>
St Mary's College of Maryland	79%
Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts	53%
Ohio State University-Lima Campus	45%
Elizabeth City State University	44%
Valley City State University	42%
University of South Carolina-Aiken	41%
The University of Virginia's College at Wise	39%
SUNY College of Agriculture and Technology at Cobleskill	35%
The University of Montana-Western	31%
Georgia Southwestern State University	30%
Oklahoma Panhandle State University	30%
University of Maine at Presque Isle	30%
Lewis-Clark State College	28%
University of Arkansas at Monticello	23%
Indiana University-Kokomo	20%
Indiana University-East	19%
Langston University	19%
Montana State University-Northern	19%
Purdue University-North Central Campus	17%
Dickinson State University	N/A

## Concord University

The six-year graduation rate for Concord University was 34 percent. This figure was 1 percentage point lower than the peer median, 35 percent. Ten of their peers reported a higher six-year graduation rate while eight were lower; one had an identical rate; and one was unreported.

Institution Name	Six-year graduation rate (2010-11)
<b>Concord University</b>	<b>34%</b>
<b>Peer Median</b>	<b>35%</b>
University of North Carolina at Asheville	61%
University of Maine at Farmington	59%
Mansfield University of Pennsylvania	53%
Elizabeth City State University	44%
University of Wisconsin-Superior	44%
University of South Carolina-Aiken	41%
The University of Virginia's College at Wise	39%
University of South Carolina-Upstate	39%
SUNY College at Old Westbury	35%
SUNY College of Agriculture and Technology at Cobleskill	35%
Dakota State University	34%
Fort Valley State University	33%
Missouri Southern State University	33%
Black Hills State University	28%
Lewis-Clark State College	28%
Missouri Western State University	27%
Mississippi Valley State University	24%
University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff	23%
Indiana University-Kokomo	20%
Athens State University	N/A

### Fairmont State University

The six-year graduation rate for Fairmont State University was 33 percent. This figure was 2 percentage points lower than the peer median, 35 percent. 11 of their peers reported a higher six-year graduation rate while one institution was identical and eight others had a lower rate.

Institution Name	Six-year graduation rate (2010-11)
<b>Fairmont State University</b>	<b>33%</b>
<b>Peer Median</b>	<b>35%</b>
University of North Carolina at Asheville	61%
University of Maine at Farmington	59%
Frostburg State University	45%
Elizabeth City State University	44%
Bemidji State University	42%
Texas A & M International University	42%
University of South Carolina-Aiken	41%
University of South Carolina-Upstate	39%
University of Hawaii at Hilo	36%
Delaware State University	35%
SUNY College at Old Westbury	35%
Missouri Southern State University	33%
Lewis-Clark State College	28%
Missouri Western State University	27%
Colorado Mesa University	25%
Eastern New Mexico University-Main Campus	24%
University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff	23%
Indiana University-Kokomo	20%
Langston University	19%
Purdue University-North Central Campus	17%

## Glenville State College

The six-year graduation rate for Glenville State College was 31 percent. This figure was 6.5 percentage points lower than the peer median, 37.5 percent. 14 of their peers reported a higher six-year graduation rate; two had an identical rate; and four had a lower rate.

Institution Name	Six-year graduation rate (2010-11)
<b>Glenville State College</b>	<b>31%</b>
<b>Peer Median</b>	<b>38%</b>
St Mary's College of Maryland	79%
University of Minnesota-Morris	60%
Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts	53%
University of Minnesota-Crookston	46%
Valley City State University	42%
University of South Carolina-Aiken	41%
The University of Virginia's College at Wise	39%
University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma	39%
Western State College of Colorado	39%
University of Maine at Machias	38%
Ohio State University-Marion Campus	37%
SUNY College of Agriculture and Technology at Cobleskill	35%
Dakota State University	34%
University of Maine at Fort Kent	33%
Lyndon State College	31%
The University of Montana-Western	31%
Oklahoma Panhandle State University	30%
University of Maine at Presque Isle	30%
Mayville State University	25%
Indiana University-East	19%

## Marshall University

The six-year graduation rate for Marshall University was 44 percent. This figure was 4.8 percentage points lower than the peer median, 48.5 percent. 13 of their peers had a higher six-year graduation rate; one had an identical rate; and six were lower.

Institution Name	Six-year graduation rate (2010-11)
<b>Marshall University</b>	<b>44%</b>
<b>Peer Median</b>	<b>49%</b>
West Chester University of Pennsylvania	68%
University of Mississippi	60%
East Carolina University	59%
University of Arkansas	59%
University of North Dakota	54%
University of North Carolina at Greensboro	53%
University of Wyoming	53%
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville	52%
University of Idaho	51%
Western Carolina University	50%
University of South Dakota	47%
Eastern Washington University	46%
Southeast Missouri State University	46%
East Tennessee State University	44%
University of Missouri-Kansas City	41%
Morehead State University	40%
Oakland University	40%
Wright State University-Main Campus	40%
University of South Alabama	39%
University of Arkansas at Little Rock	21%

### Potomac State College of WVU

Because Potomac State College of WVU and its peers offer mostly two-year degree programs, the graduation rate reported is for all degree seekers finishing their program within 150 percent of expected completion time. The total 150 percent graduation rate for Potomac State College of WVU was 28 percent. This figure was 4 percentage points greater than the peer median, 24 percent. Eight of their peers had a higher six-year graduation rate and 12 institutions had a lower rate. Potomac State College of WVU is one of three West Virginia public four-year institutions that have a higher graduation rate than its peers.

Institution Name	Total 150% Expected Time Graduation (2010-11)
Potomac State College of WVU*	28%
Peer Median	24%
Dawson Community College	56%
Colby Community College	51%
Western Texas College	48%
Southwestern Community College	45%
Lamar Community College	41%
Williston State College	40%
Pratt Community College	37%
North Central Missouri College	35%
Columbia-Greene Community College	26%
Arkansas Northeastern College	24%
Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College	24%
Feather River Community College District	23%
Frank Phillips College	23%
University of South Carolina-Beaufort	21%
Bladen Community College	20%
East Arkansas Community College	20%
Community College of Beaver County	17%
Garrett College	17%
Labette Community College	14%
Brunswick Community College	13%

\*Graduation rates reported are for all degree completers within 150% time. Because Potomac State University of WVU has a large number of two-year degree programs, its institutional characteristics align more with two-year public institutions. As such, many of their peers are two-year public institutions and six-year bachelor's degree graduation rates are not available.

## Shepherd University

The six-year graduation rate for Shepherd University was 46 percent. This figure was 11 percentage points greater than the peer median, 35 percent. Only four of their peers had a higher six-year graduation rate while 16 institutions reported a lower six-year graduation rate. Shepherd University was one of three West Virginia public four-year institutions to have a higher six-year graduation rate than the peer median.

Institution Name	Six-year graduation rate 2010-11
<b>Shepherd University</b>	<b>46%</b>
<b>Peer Median</b>	<b>35%</b>
University of Mary Washington	71%
University of North Carolina at Asheville	61%
Longwood University	60%
University of Maine at Farmington	59%
University of South Carolina-Aiken	41%
Western State College of Colorado	39%
California State University-Monterey Bay	38%
Fort Lewis College	37%
University of Hawaii at Hilo	36%
SUNY College at Old Westbury	35%
SUNY College of Agriculture and Technology at Cobleskill	35%
Eastern Oregon University	32%
University of Maryland Eastern Shore	31%
Southeastern Oklahoma State University	29%
Lewis-Clark State College	28%
Mississippi Valley State University	24%
University of Arkansas at Monticello	23%
Shawnee State University	22%
Indiana University-East	19%
Langston University	19%



## West Liberty University

The six-year graduation rate for West Liberty University was 46 percent. This figure was 10 percentage points greater than the peer median, 36 percent. Only one of their peers reported a higher six-year graduation rate while the rest were either lower or unreported. West Liberty University was one of three West Virginia public four-year institutions to have a six-year graduation rate greater than the peer median.

Institution Name	Six-year graduation rate (2010-11)
<b>West Liberty University</b>	<b>46%</b>
<b>Peer Average</b>	<b>36%</b>
University of Maine at Farmington	59%
University of Minnesota-Crookston	46%
Elizabeth City State University	44%
University of South Carolina-Aiken	41%
The University of Virginia's College at Wise	39%
University of South Carolina-Upstate	39%
Western State College of Colorado	39%
Lander University	37%
Northwestern Oklahoma State University	37%
Lake Superior State University	35%
SUNY College of Agriculture and Technology at Cobleskill	35%
Black Hills State University	28%
Lewis-Clark State College	28%
Clayton State University	27%
Mississippi Valley State University	24%
University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff	23%
Shawnee State University	22%
Langston University	19%
Athens State University	N/A
Dickinson State University	N/A

## West Virginia State University

The six-year graduation rate for West Virginia State University was 25 percent. This figure was 8 percentage points lower than the peer median, 33 percent. 15 of their peers had a higher six-year graduation rate and five institutions had a lower rate.

Institution	Six-year graduation rate (2010-11)
<b>West Virginia State University</b>	<b>25%</b>
<b>Peer Median</b>	<b>33%</b>
University of North Carolina at Asheville	61%
SUNY at Purchase College	56%
Mansfield University of Pennsylvania	53%
University of Wisconsin-Platteville	52%
Lock Haven University	46%
Elizabeth City State University	44%
Virginia State University	40%
Delaware State University	35%
Lake Superior State University	35%
Alcorn State University	33%
Fort Valley State University	33%
University of Maryland Eastern Shore	31%
Lewis-Clark State College	28%
University of Wisconsin-Parkside	28%
Missouri Western State University	27%
Eastern New Mexico University-Main Campus	24%
University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff	23%
Kentucky State University	21%
Lincoln University	20%
Langston University	19%

## West Virginia University

The six-year graduation rate for West Virginia University was 57 percent. This figure was 13 percentage points lower than the peer median, 70 percent. 14 of their peers had a higher six-year graduation rate and six institutions had a lower rate.

Institution	Six-year graduation rate (2010-11)
<b>West Virginia University</b>	<b>57%</b>
<b>Peer Median</b>	<b>70%</b>
University of Florida	84%
University of Connecticut	83%
University of Georgia	82%
University of Maryland-College Park	82%
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University	82%
Texas A & M University-College Station	81%
North Carolina State University at Raleigh	72%
University of Vermont	72%
University at Buffalo	71%
University of Iowa	71%
University of Missouri-Columbia	69%
University of Massachusetts Amherst	67%
The University of Tennessee	63%
University of Kentucky	59%
University of Hawaii at Manoa	55%
University of Utah	55%
Virginia Commonwealth University	53%
University of Louisville	51%
University of Nevada-Reno	51%
University of New Mexico-Main Campus	44%

### West Virginia University Institute of Technology

The six-year graduation rate for the West Virginia University Institute of Technology was 29 percent. This figure was 4 percentage points lower than the peer median, 33 percent. Ten of their peers had a higher six-year graduation rate; one was identical; seven were lower; and two were unreported.

Institution	Six-year graduation rate (2010-11)
<b>West Virginia University Institute of Technology</b>	<b>29%</b>
<b>Peer Median</b>	<b>33%</b>
Virginia Military Institute	69%
University of Minnesota-Morris	60%
University of New Hampshire at Manchester	55%
University of Minnesota-Crookston	46%
University of South Carolina-Aiken	41%
The University of Virginia's College at Wise	39%
University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma	39%
Northwestern Oklahoma State University	37%
Fort Valley State University	33%
University of Maine at Fort Kent	33%
Texas A & M University-Galveston	29%
Central State University	24%
Cheyney University of Pennsylvania	24%
Kentucky State University	21%
Indiana University-Kokomo	20%
Indiana University-East	19%
Langston University	19%
Montana State University-Northern	19%
Athens State University	N/A
Dickinson State University	N/A