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Higher Education Acronyms

Higher ed is addicted to acronyms, so much so that the actual names of organizations are sometimes almost lost to memory. Below, a list of acronyms and the organizations they refer to (plus a few others).

AACC American Association of Community Colleges www.aacc.nche.edu
AAC TE American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education www.aacte.org
AAC &U Association of American Colleges and Universities www.aacu.edu.org
AAHE American Association on Higher Education www.aahe.org
AASCU American Association of State Colleges and Universities www.aascu.org
AAU Association of American Universities www.aau.edu
ACE American Council on Education www.acenet.edu
ACT (college admission testing program) www.act.org
ACUTA Association of College & University Telecommunications Administrators www.acuta.org
AED Academy for Educational Development www.aed.org
AG B Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges
Center for Public Higher Education Trusteeship & Governance www.agg.org/center/
AIHEC American Indian Higher Education Consortium www.aihec.org
AIR Association for Institutional Research www.airweb.org
ASPIRA (an association to empower Latino youth) www.aspiro.org
ASHE Association for the Study of Higher Education www.ashe.missouri.edu
ATA American Telecommunications Alliance www.atalliance.org
CASE Council for Advancement and Support of Education www.case.org
CGS Council of Graduate Schools www.cgsnet.org
CHEA Council for Higher Education Accreditation www.chega.org
CHEPS Center for Higher Education Policy Studies www.utwente.nl/cheps
CIC Council of Independent Colleges www.cic.org
COE Council for Oportunity in Education www.trioprograms.org
CONAHEC Consortium for Higher Education Collaboration www.wiche.edu/conarec/english
CONASEP CONAHEC’s Student Exchange Program www.wiche.edu/conarec/consap
CSG -WEST Council of State Governments - West www.westrends.org
CSHE Center for the Study of Higher Education www.ed.psu.edu/cshe
CSPN College Savings Plan Network www.collegesavings.org
ECS Education Commission of the States www.ecs.org
ED U.S. Dept. of Education links:
ED-O ERI Office of Educational Research www.ed.gov/offices/O ERI
ED-O ESE Office of Elementary & Secondary Education www.ed.gov/offices/O ESE
ED-O PE Office of Postsecondary Education www.ed.gov/offices/O PE
ED-O SERS Office of Special Education & Rehabilitative Services www.ed.gov/offices/O SERS
FIPSE Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education www.ed.gov/offices/O PE/FIPSE
LAAP Learning Anytime Anywhere Partnership www.ed.gov/offices/OPE/FIPSE/LAAP

EDUCAUSE (An association fostering higher ed change via technology and information resources) www.educause.edu

ETS Educational Testing Service www.ets.org

GHEE Global Higher Education Exchange www.ghee.org

HACU Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities www.whes.org/members/hacu.html

HEA Higher Education Abstracts www.cgu.edu/inst/hea/hea.html

IHEP Institute for Higher Education Policy www.ihep.com

IIE Institute of International Education www.iie.org

IPEDS Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System www.nces.ed.gov/ipeds

MCCrel Mid-continent Research for Education and Learning www.mcrel.org

MHEC Midwestern Higher Education Commission www.mhec.org

MSA/CHE Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Higher Education www.middlestates.org

NACUBO National Association of College and University Business Officers www.nacubo.org

NAEP National Assessment of Educational Progress www.nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard

NAFEO National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education www.nafeo.org

NAFSA (an association of international educators) www.nafsa.org

NAICU National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities www.naicu.edu

NASC Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges, Commission on Colleges www.cocnasc.org

NASFAA National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators www.nasfaa.org

NASPA National Association of Student Personnel Administrators www.naspa.org

NASULGC National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges www.nasulgc.org

NCA-CASI North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement www.ncacasi.org

NCHEMS National Center for Higher Education Management Systems www.nchemss.org

NCSE National Conference of State Legislatures www.ncsl.org

NCPPHE National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education www.highereducation.org

NEASC-CIHE New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Commission on Institutions of Higher Education www.neasc.org

NEBHE New England Board of Higher Education www.nebhe.org

NEO N Northwest Educational Outreach Network www.wiche.edu/NWAF/NEO

NGA National Governors' Association www.nga.org

NPEC National Postsecondary Education Cooperative www.nces.ed.gov/npec

NUCEA National University Continuing Education Association www.nucea.edu

NWAF Northwest Academic Forum www.wiche.edu/NWAF

RMAIR Rocky Mountain Association for Institutional Research www.unlv.edu/PAIR/rmair

SACSCoC Southern Association of Schools and Colleges, Commission on Colleges www.sacscoc.org

SHEEO State Higher Education Executive Officers www.sheeo.org

SO NA Student Organization of North America www.conahec.org/sona
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