Analysis of National Clearinghouse StudentTracker Data for Thomas Edison State University Alumni

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

CONTEXT
The current report tracks alumni’s educational achievement after they graduated from Thomas Edison State College (TESC). The Division of Planning and Research and the Alumni Office requested the data from the National Student Clearinghouse (NSC) on 12/19/2014 for all alumni who graduated from the College as of 09/2014 (Head count=46,762). For each individual, the date when the last degree at the College was earned was used to search for enrollment or graduation records afterwards. Among all the alumni submitted to NSC, 32% (Head count=14,917) had records found in the NSC database concerning their enrollment or degree(s)/certificate(s) earned at other institutions after earning their last degrees at TESC.

PURPOSE
Using the NSC StudentTracker data, the current report mainly summarizes the number of alumni who had enrolled in or earned degrees/certificates from other institutions after earning their last degrees at TESC, the academic levels and top institutions for their enrollments and degrees/certificates earned, and the top fields of study of the degrees earned by the alumni from other institutions.

PRINCIPAL FINDINGS

Question 1: How many alumni had enrolled at other institutions?
As of December 2014, 31% (N=14,524) of all the alumni submitted to NSC (N=46,762) had enrolled in 21,327 institutions (Note: Each individual was counted once within an institution, but an individual could have multiple enrollments at different institutions.).

Question 2: How many degrees/certificates had the alumni earned at other institutions?
As of December 2014, 16% (N=7,364) of all the alumni submitted to NSC (N=46,762), had earned 8,639 degrees/certificates at other institutions (Note: An individual might have earned more than one degree/certificate from one or multiple institutions.).

Question 3: What were alumni enrollment levels at other institutions?

Source: Tracking Alumni Enrollment and Degrees/Certificates Earned by the Alumni at Other Institutions as of December 2014 after Earning the Latest Degree at Thomas Edison State College: Analysis of National Clearinghouse StudentTracker Data for Alumni as of September 2014

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Bachelor’s level enrollments accounted for 5% of the total enrollments (N=21,327) of alumni at other institutions; enrollments at Master's level accounted for 32%; and 3% of the total enrollments were at Doctorate level.

**Question 4: What were the top institutions where alumni had enrolled?**

4.1. The top 5 institutions for undergraduate-level enrollments of alumni were Excelsior College, University of Phoenix, American Public University System, University of Maryland, and Ashford University.

4.2. The top 5 institutions for graduate-level enrollments were University of Phoenix, Liberty University, Capella University, American Public University System, and Walden University.

**Question 5: What were the degree levels of the degrees/certificates earned by the alumni at other institutions?**

Among all the degrees/certificates earned by the alumni at other institutions (N=8,639), 13% were Bachelor’s degrees, 64% were Master's degrees, and 4% were Doctoral degrees.

**Question 6: What were the top institutions where alumni had earned degrees from?**

6.1. The top 5 institutions where alumni had earned undergraduate-level degrees were Excelsior College, Rutgers-The State University of NJ, Community College of the Air Force, University of Phoenix, and Southern Illinois University-Carbondale.

6.2. The top 5 institutions where alumni had earned graduate-level degrees were University of Phoenix, Fairleigh Dickinson University, Rutgers-The State University of NJ, Adelphi University, and Liberty University.

**Question 7: What were the top fields of study of the degrees earned by the alumni from other institutions?**

7.1. Among Bachelor's degrees earned (N=1,112), the top three fields of study were Nursing (12%), Health Related fields (11%), and Business, Finance, or Economics (11%).

7.2. Among Master's degrees earned (N=5,501), the top three fields of study were Education (23%), Business, Finance, or Economics (20%), and Leadership, Administration, and Management (General) (9%).

7.3. Among Doctoral degrees earned (N=370), the top three fields of study were Law and Justice (33%), Education (19%), and Health Related fields (11%).

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