

### CWID Messenger: November 2014

The CWID team at the <u>Office of Community College Research and Leadership (OCCRL)</u> is pleased to share the newest installment of the *CWID Messenger* newsletter. The *CWID Messenger* updates subscribers on the latest publications, meetings, data, and other information related to reverse transfer. Visit the <u>CWID Resources</u> page to view previous editions of the messenger.

# Reverse Transfer: Questions Emerging from an ASHE Symposium

"Last Friday, we participated in a symposium on Credit When It's Due at the annual meeting of the Association for the Study of Higher Education (ASHE) in Washington, DC. The session titled, "Reverse Transfer: Research and Policy on the Front Lines" featured Daniela Pineda (chair); Debra Bragg, Christopher Baldwin, Patricia Farrell-Cole, Marilyn Amey, Sarah Rose Fitzgerald, and Jason Taylor (panelists), and Tatiana Melguizo (discussant). Exploring the national initiative and using Michigan as a case, the panelists and audience of researchers raised a number of questions that deserve attention."... read more <a href="here">here</a>.

# Reverse Transfer in Senate Higher Education Act (HEA) Reauthorization Bill

Earlier this year, Senator Kay Hagan introduced <u>The CREATE Graduates Act</u> that would provide grants to states to support reverse transfer. Last week the Democratic-led Senate education committee released its version of the reauthorization of the <u>Higher Education Act</u>, which included Hagan's reverse transfer bill in Sec. 706 titled, "Correctly Recognizing Educational Achievements to Empower Graduates." (<u>See Pg. 564</u>)

## Reverse Transfer Headlines from Around the Country

### Spokane Colleges cooperate in Pilot Transfer Program

The Spokesman-Review | November 24, 2014 | "Now, under a first-of-its kind agreement statewide, Eastern and Spokane's two community colleges are letting students like Corcoran do both. Called "reverse transfers," university-bound students from Spokane and Spokane Falls community colleges who are a few credits short of their associate degrees can complete the needed coursework at Eastern rather than put off progress toward their four-year degrees by staying to finish. It's designed to help keep students on track with their educational goals rather than protect rigid institutional bureaucracies."

#### SUSCC and JSU Sign Reverse Transfer Agreement

The Randolph Leader | November 21, 2014 | "WADLEY-Southern Union State Community College (SUSCC) and Jacksonville State University (JSU) entered into a formal partnership Monday that will establish a seamless transfer process between the two colleges. The "reverse transfer" agreement between their respective institutions allows SUSCC students who transfer to JSU an avenue to transfer credits back to SUSCC to complete the associate's degree."

#### USML Senior Gives Missouri Reverse Transfer Program High Marks

USML Daily | November 2, 2014 | "Mark Stone was already hard at work on his bachelor's degree in public policy at the University of Missouri–St. Louis when an unexpected opportunity called the Missouri Reverse Transfer Program came across his radar.UMSL's director of community college relations, Melissa Hattman, reached out to notify Stone that all he needed to earn an associate degree was a three-credit college algebra course thanks to MRT, a pilot project at the time. "When I transferred from St. Louis Community College–Meramec to UMSL, I was only a few credits short of my associate degree," Stone said. "I met with Melissa, filled out this one form, and I was so impressed with how simple it is."

#### Southern Union Signs Reverse Transfer Agreement With Jacksonville State

WLTZ | November 17, 2014 | "They've done it with Auburn University and other colleges, and now Southern Union State Community College adds one more four-year university to the reverse transfer list, Jacksonville State University in Jacksonville, Alabama."

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