Update: Voluntary System of Accountability

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Indiana Commission for Higher Education

College Portrait
of Undergraduate Education

Voluntary System of Accountability

Sponsored by AASCU & A•P•L•U

VSA Update

Project Goals:

- Simple, useful information for prospective students and parents

- Greater transparency across institutions

- Institutional commitment to public accountability

Background:

- 327 public institutions in 48 states participating (AASCU and APLU)

- Initial development and implementation funded by two grants from the Lumina Foundation as well as in-kind contributions by participating institutions

VSA UPDATE

Overview:

- 142,000 visitors to College Portrait website since January 2010

- 80% were new to the website

- 38,000 in month of April 2010

- http://www.collegeportraits.org/

Indiana Institutions:

- Indiana State University
- Indiana University – Purdue University Fort Wayne
- Indiana University Kokomo
- Purdue University
- Purdue University Calumet
- Purdue University North Central
- University of Southern Indiana

Expected Benefits:

- Projected reach to 500,000 individuals in 2010

- Greater ease in finding information by accreditors and public officials

- Visible sign of commitment to accountability

VSA Update

Unanticipated Benefits:

- Assists with HEOA compliance (calculator)
- Standardized learning outcome test research
- Cross-institutional conversations about data
- Enhances information about success rates for students who transfer to other institutions

Questions?