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AACRAO'S JANIE BARNETT, USC'S MATT BEMIS & NATIONAL STUDENT CLEARINGHOUSE HONORED WITH PESC 2018 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS

(Washington DC) – The Postsecondary Electronic Standards Council (PESC) is pleased to announce recipients of its 2018 Distinguished Service Awards. Honored this year by PESC for their years of outstanding efforts and service to students and the postsecondary community are:

JANIE BARNETT

Associate Executive Director
American Association of
Collegiate Registrars and
Admissions Officers
(AACRAO)

W. MATTHEW BEMIS

Associate Registrar
University of Southern
California

NATIONAL STUDENT CLEARINGHOUSE

“Janie Barnett, Matt Bemis and the National Student Clearinghouse provide outstanding, exemplary service and are truly committed to students, the higher education community and to PESC,” states Michael Sessa, PESC President & CEO. “Each has set a high standard and exemplifies the benefit and value of collaboration, partnership and leadership,” Sessa added.

Janie Barnett Janie Barnett has been Associate Executive Director, Association Services, of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO) since 1998. AACRAO is a non-profit, voluntary, professional association of more than 11,000 higher education professionals representing approximately 2,600 institutions -- from large public institutions to small, private liberal arts colleges -- in more than 40 countries. AACRAO provides professional development, guidelines, and voluntary standards regarding the best practices in records management, admissions, enrollment management, administrative information technology, and student services, through professional conferences, publications, and other resources necessary to chart the course for professional success.

Janie has been employed in higher education since 1970, working at the Community College of Denver; Auraria Campus; University of California, San Diego; University of Glasgow, Scotland; and Iowa State University before coming to AACRAO. She has been involved on state, regional, and national boards and served as the President of the National Student Employment Association for three years. Janie was recently recognized by La Asociacion de Responsables de Servicios Escolares y Estudiantiles, A. C. (ARSEE) for her work promoting the AACRAO-ARSEE relationship, advancing an international vision of the Association of Registrars in Mexico (ARSEE Conference, Guadalajara, Mexico, October 2018).

W. Matthew Bemis Matt Bemis, Associate Registrar at the University of Southern California (USC), is responsible for the Degree Progress and Curriculum Management operations for the University. He serves as the administrator over the Degree Audit and Transfer Credit applications, is responsible for the certification of student athlete continuing academic eligibility, and is the project lead for the electronic data interchange (EDI) initiative at USC. He currently serves as Vice Chair of the PESC Board of Directors, Co-Chair for the PESC Education Record User Group, Co-Chair of the GEO Code User Group, and Member of

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the AACRAO SPEEDE Committee (former Chair). He remains very active in his volunteer commitments to PESC, AACRAO, regional AACRAO, and other organizations and efforts that promote the furthering understanding of technology to improve services to students and educational institutions. Matt capitalizes his exposure of best practices and development of new technologies to enable USC to provide top tier service to its students and faculty.

National Student Clearinghouse The National Student Clearinghouse, which is led by CEO & President Rick Torres, is celebrating its 25th anniversary as education's trusted partner. Founded in 1993 as a nonprofit by the higher education community, the Clearinghouse is the leading provider of educational reporting, data exchange, verification, and research services to more than 3,600 colleges, enrolling 98 percent of U.S. postsecondary students, and more than 12,000 high schools nationwide. The Clearinghouse is a longtime PESC Member, Annual Diamond PESC Sponsor, and numerous staff lead and participation in PESC groups and activities, including its CIO and Vice President Doug Falk, who serves as Chair of PESC's Board of Directors.

The Distinguished Service Awards Ceremony for 2018 will take place Thursday October 18, 2018 during PESC's Fall 2018 Data Summit in San Francisco. For more information, please visit www.PESC.org.

About PESC

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