



Docket Item:

FAFSA Submission Update:

Fall 2017 update to the Commission on strategic outreach initiatives pertaining to FAFSA completion and related FAFSA Plus+ efforts.

Summary:

HECC's Office of Student Access and Completion (OSAC) staff work closely with FAFSA Plus+ partner sites to increase and maintain efforts toward FAFSA completion. Student completion of the federal financial aid application is a critical first step for post-secondary access and completion. Research indicates that there is a gap in FAFSA completion between high- and low-income students. Oregon has made great gains recently in FAFSA Completion thanks to initiatives like FAFSA Plus+. In 2016, Oregon was ranked #1 nationally for having the highest increase in total number of high school seniors who completed the FAFSA. The FAFSA Plus+ initiative was funded by grants that ended in 2017.

Docket Materials:

See attached Dec. 2017 FAFSA Plus+ Program Report, FAFSA Plus+ site list, and FAFSA Plus site recruitment flyer.

Staff Recommendation:

Informational item only. The purpose of this update is to provide background information to assist the Commission in subsequent prioritization of initiatives within the fourth category ("Outreach") of the Commission's strategic framework.