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The Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) serves its member institutions through its advocacy for the value and independence of accreditation, its rigorous and demanding standards for the effectiveness of the U.S. accrediting organizations, its services as an authority and repository of actionable research shaping the future of accreditation and quality assurance and its leadership and commitment to quality in higher education nationally and internationally.

WORKING WITH MEMBERS

- ***A vigorous advocate for accreditation and quality assurance*** through its government relations function, representing to Congress and the U.S. Department of Education the interests of member institutions.
- ***A national forum for accreditation deliberations***, bringing together institutions, accrediting organizations and policy leaders to address emerging and challenging accreditation-related issues.
- ***Recognition of accrediting organizations*** – periodic scrutiny on behalf of members – based on standards approved by the CHEA Board of Directors.
- ***A source of U.S.-based information and a forum for international issues related to accreditation and quality assurance*** through the CHEA International Quality Group (CIQG), with automatic membership for CHEA institutional members.

CONNECTING WITH MEMBERS

- ***CHEAmail***: An ongoing email communication providing valuable current information and updates on the latest accreditation-related developments, CHEA and CIQG publications and upcoming conferences and Webinars.
- ***CHEA Federal Update***: information on federal policy developments affecting accreditation and quality assurance.
- ***Accreditation in the News and International QA in the News***: news coverage of accreditation and quality assurance-related issues.
- ***Inside Accreditation***: analysis and commentary on key accreditation and higher education issues from CHEA's President.

INFORMING THE PUBLIC

- The **CHEA Database of Institutions and Programs Accredited by Recognized U.S. Accrediting Organizations**: the largest and most comprehensive compilation of information on the accredited status of institutions and programs.
- The **CHEA Website**: an invaluable resource of reliable accreditation- and quality assurance-related information for members, students, parents, employers and government.

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

- The **CHEA Almanac of External Quality Review**: extensive, in-depth information about institutional and programmatic accreditation of higher education in the United States.
- The **CHEA/CIQG Publication Series**: reports, research findings and commentaries on a variety of accreditation- and quality assurance-related issues.
- The CIQG newsletter **Quality International**: information on CIQG activities and other international news and updates, including reviews of important new books and reports.
- CHEA's **Research and Policy Analysis**: focuses on important and emerging issues for accreditation and quality assurance, sponsoring research and publishing reports.

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