WORKING WITH MEMBERS

• CHEA is a vigorous *advocate for accreditation* through its government relations function, representing to the U.S. Congress, the U.S. Department of Education and the states the interests of member institutions in matters related to self-regulation, accreditation and quality assurance.

• CHEA provides a *major national forum for accreditation deliberations*, bringing together institutions, accrediting organizations and policy leaders in conferences and workshops to address emerging and challenging accreditation-related issues in higher education.

• CHEA, on behalf of its members, undertakes periodic scrutiny or **recognition of accreditation organizations** based on quality standards approved by the CHEA Board of Directors.

• CHEA is a key source of information to the international community for comprehensive information about U.S. accreditation and, through its newly established **CHEA International Quality Group**, provides a major U.S.-based forum for international issues related to accreditation and quality assurance.

• The **CHEA Award for Outstanding Institutional Practice in Student Learning Outcomes** provides annual national recognition to institutions for outstanding institutional practice in student learning outcomes.

• The CHEA **CEO/CAO Project** is a multi-year initiative of surveys, interviews and roundtable discussions, keeping abreast of presidents' and chief academic officers' needs relating to accreditation.

INFORMING MEMBERS

• **Inside Accreditation**, an e-mail publication from the CHEA president to member presidents and the public, offers analysis and commentary on key accreditation and higher education issues.

• **CHEA Federal Update** provides information on federal policy developments affecting accreditation, self-regulation and peer review.

• **CHEAemail** is an ongoing electronic communication with CHEA members to learn of their interests and priorities and to provide valuable current information on important accreditation-related developments, CHEA publications, conferences and workshops.

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*A national advocate and institutional voice for self-regulation of academic quality through accreditation, CHEA is an association of 3,000 degree-granting colleges and universities and recognizes 60 institutional and programmatic accrediting organizations.*
INFORMING THE PUBLIC

- The CHEA Database of Institutions and Programs Accredited by Recognized United States Accrediting Organizations is the largest and most comprehensive Web-based compilation in the nation, with information on the accredited status of thousands of institutions and programs and how to contact them.

- The CHEA Web-based Important Questions about Accreditation, Degree Mills and Accreditation Mills is a valuable resource for students, families, employers and the public to learn more about degree mills and accreditation mills.

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

- CHEA provides a range of occasional papers, fact sheets, monographs and CHEA Chronicles through the CHEA Institute for Research and Study of Accreditation and Quality Assurance.

- The CHEA Almanac of External Quality Review, published biannually, is a comprehensive source of information about the role of accreditation in the United States, including the range and activities of accrediting organizations.

Additional Benefits to Member Institutions

- Conference and workshop participants from CHEA member institutions receive a discount on all registration fees.

- CHEA member institutions receive a free copy of all CHEA publications, including the 2011 CHEA Almanac of External Quality Review. Members also receive discounts when ordering additional copies of any CHEA publication.

- Membership in the CHEA International Quality Group is an additional benefit to CHEA members as part of annual dues.