

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SYSTEM HEADS  
and  
LOUISIANA'S PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEMS**

**Statement of Commitment and Action Regarding Student  
Access and Success**

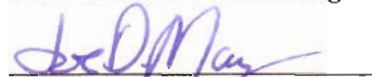
In an effort to reinforce America's longtime leadership position in higher education, the National Association of System Heads (NASH), working in conjunction with The Education Trust, proposes the creation of a voluntary and aggressive initiative to expand access and success, especially for low-income and first generation college students at our colleges and universities.

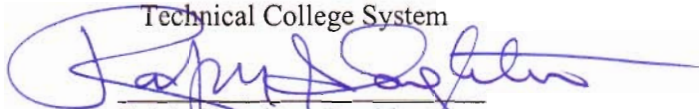
On this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2007, the four public higher education systems of the State of Louisiana agree to join NASH in this important initiative. In doing so, systems will:


- Devote leadership time and resources to an aggressive effort to increase access and success for all students
- Establish and collaboratively communicate five-year stretch goals designed to enhance student access and success
- Identify and mount powerful action strategies to achieve goals
- Collaborate with each other as well as systems within NASH to improve data quality and develop and institute a common set of metrics that will be used to measure goal achievement
- Publish progress (results) on an annual basis

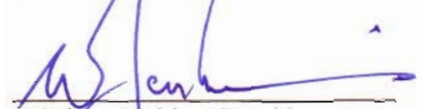
Systems will work closely with NASH and its members in sharing critical actions, experiences, resources, and data throughout this process.

***For Louisiana's Public Higher Education Systems:***

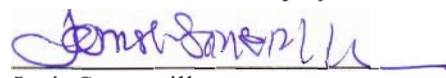
  
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