Interstate Passport: Spring 2022

Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education



A SEASON OF GROWTH AND CHANGE

By Olivia Tufo, Member Services Coordinator

Spring is always a season of growth and change, but coming off of the publishing of Interstate Passport's 2020-2021 Annual Report and a very dynamic Passport Review Board annual meeting, it's hard not to feel the season of change that seems to be brewing here at WICHE.

2020-2021 was a difficult academic year for students, faculty, and staff for myriad reasons. Unforeseen challenges demanded fast, decisive, and flexible moves from institutions. As data starts to roll in from this unique and unprecedented academic year, there is much to consider. There is reason to feel some apprehension about how the effects of the pandemic will echo through this generation of students. The news is not all good. But as always, knowledge is power. With the data in front of us, institutions are being asked to prioritize transfer, equity, and nontraditional student pathways in unprecedented ways. We are here to meet this challenge. Despite the swift and brutal changes to academic life in 2020-2021 I believe you will find the data in our 2020-2021 Interstate Passport Annual Report to be quite promising. Where the question might have previously been "why would we pursue this?" the question seems to have shifted to "why not?"

You may have noticed that you have been introduced to many new WICHE faces in the last year. We have been building and re-structuring our Interstate Passport team with an eye toward growth. We are so excited to see what 2022 has in store for us.

Newsletter Highlights

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Interstate Passport 2020-2021 Annual Report

COVID-19 Transfer, Mobility, and Progress Report From the NSC Research Center

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IN CASE YOU MISSED IT: COVID-19 TRANSFER, MOBILITY AND PROGRESS

The National Student Clearinghouse Research Center's Update on Transfer Students

The National Student Clearinghouse released their latest report on Transfer, Mobility, and Progress documenting the changes recorded for Fall 2021. The comprehensive report suggests that the precipitous decline seen in transfer enrollment in Fall 2020 has steadied, though the impact on different student demographics and types of institutions is uneven. It is clear from these data that transfer will continue to be at the heart of many discussions as institutions rebuild their student population following the initial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

INTERSTATE PASSPORT 2020-2021 ANNUAL REPORT

This annual report demonstrates that students, institutions, and states need us more than ever as postsecondary education transforms itself. Many of you sat in leadership meetings over the last two years, reflecting on your why.

- Why do we do what we do? What does it mean to serve the public good?
- Who are our students? What do they need to succeed in today's world?
- How might we capitalize on our academic strengths to better serve our students?



New Member Institutions October 2021-April 2022







INTERSTATE PASSPORT IN THE NEWS

The Chronicle "The Edge" newsletter

03-30-22

"The Promise of a Transfer 'Passport'"

by Goldie Blumenstyk

Goldie Blumenstyk from *The Chronicle* who covers innovation around higher education wrote a newsletter dedicated to investigating Interstate Passport. An interview with Director of Academic Leadership Initiatives, Sarah Leibrandt spoke to the challenges and successes that Passport has seen over the last five years.







Upcoming Events



Jim Goodman from University of Hawai'i Leeward Community College, Alan Rosenfeld from University of Hawai'i - West O'ahu, and Olivia Tufo, WICHE Member Services Coordinator will be presenting a poster session about Interstate Passport at ARC 2022. Come see us on April 22nd!





Do you have any events coming up associated with Interstate Passport?
Are you attending any college fairs with transfer students in mind?

Let us know, we may be able to help! otufo@wiche.edu