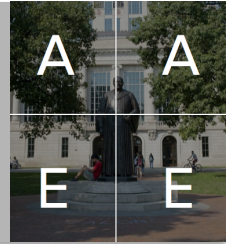




# THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

## CENTER FOR HIGHER EDUCATION ENTERPRISE

The Center for Higher Education Enterprise (CHEE) is a national, interdisciplinary research center at Ohio State that promotes the role postsecondary education plays in global society, especially the vital roles and responsibilities of public higher education. CHEE's primary activities include research and scholarship, programming, and outreach that will help make higher education more **accessible**, more **affordable**, more **engaged** and all-around **excellent**.



- **Access:** CHEE conducts research and policy analyses to examine how conditions and factors structure students' opportunities to go college, as well as the potential pathways and barriers to postsecondary participation and success for all.
- **Affordability:** For too many years and too many reasons, students and families have shouldered an increasing proportion of college costs. CHEE examines this trend and seeks solutions to reverse it. We, at CHEE, believe college must be affordable for all.
- **Engagement:** CHEE is committed to increasing 21<sup>st</sup> century students' engagement in the campus community. We also seek to strengthen connections between higher education, business, industries, and society. We strive to meaningfully engage many in our work on student success.
- **Excellence:** Amid growing dialogue questioning the value of postsecondary education and training, CHEE applies and produces research and policy evidence to ensure that the enterprise of higher education is all-around excellent and high-quality.

### **Mission and Vision:**

*Vision:* To become the country's preeminent higher education research center on student success, solving problems of national significance.

*Mission.* We exist to advance the higher education enterprise through the creation and dissemination of distinctive, innovative research that informs policy, enhances practice, improves higher education, strengthens communities, and enables student success. We accomplish our mission through our three primary activities research/scholarship, educational programming, and academic outreach and engagement.

### **Leadership and Staff:**

CHEE is led by Terrell Lamont Strayhorn, Professor of Higher Education in the Department of Educational Studies within the College of Education and Human Ecology. Strayhorn is a renowned student success scholar and higher education leader. Prior to joining Ohio State in 2010, he served as Special Assistant to the Provost for Student Retention at the University of Tennessee Knoxville (UTK) and Director of the UTK Center for Higher Education Research & Policy (CHERP). Strayhorn is the author of 12 books, over 50 chapters, and more than 150 refereed journal articles and reviews. Grants and contracts totaling more than \$3 million have supported his research program and he won the prestigious CAREER Award from the National Science Foundation in 2008.

CHEE employs a dynamic, diverse team of full-time professionals, graduate research associates, interns, and undergraduate research assistants who work across our four core units of administration, research/policy, programs, and communications/technology (CommTech). The Center is housed within a newly renovated 2<sup>nd</sup> floor suite in the historic Ohio Stadium, occupying over 2,300 square feet of office space. The facility also provides seminar space, meeting rooms, large conference room, kitchen/dining space, a library, and state-of-art technology infrastructure.

CHEE's capabilities are enhanced through the contributions of two senior fellows (Drs. E. Gordon Gee and Vincent Tinto), over 6 national/OSU faculty affiliates, and an external advisory board comprised of higher education leaders, researchers, and policymakers.

### **CHEE On- and Off-Campus Involvement:**

The Center for Higher Education Enterprise has a clear commitment to academic outreach and engagement and one of our core goals is cultivating mutually beneficial partnerships. For this reason, CHEE is meaningfully involved in many on- and off-campus groups serving as a *trusted resource for higher education*: a translator of research to practice, an innovator doing new things to solve old problems, and a connector of units and people from across campus or the country to build effective collaborations. Here are a few examples:

- University Innovation Alliance, co-chaired by Julie Carpenter-Hubin and Terrell Strayhorn
- OSU Retention Taskforce, co-chaired by Bernie Saverese and Jennifer Belisle
- President's Teaching & Learning Institute, convened by Jennifer Cowley and Randy Smith
- Ohio Department of Higher Education, Attainment Goal Steering Committee, chaired by Chancellor John Carey

### **Featured CHEE Activities:**

We accomplish our mission at CHEE through three (3) primary activities research/scholarship, educational programming, and academic outreach and engagement. Here are a few featured examples of each:

#### **Research/Scholarship**

- AmeriCorps Ohio College Guides Evaluation
- PreCollege Outreach Programs at Ohio State
- Ohio Governor's *Quality & Value* Report
- #WhatWorks Research-to-Practice Series
- I Know I Can's *Blueprint:College* Evaluation

#### **Educational Programming**

- CHEE Faculty Research Grants
- Distinguished Lecture Series
- CHEE Café: *Brown bag think tanks*
- Online webinars and training modules

#### **Academic Outreach/Engagement**

- Reach Higher Initiatives (e.g., Foster Youth Visit Day)
- Consultations with OSU Regional Campuses (e.g., Buckeye Promise at OSU-Lima) about #WhatWorks for increasing access and success of students, especially historically underserved populations such as first-generation, low-income, ethnic minorities, and so forth
- Franklin County Children Services' Contract for Youth Empowerment & Education
- Public Talks and Forums