Stewards of Place: Regional Comprehensive Universities and Their Importance to State and Local Communities

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Panelists

- Kristen Eichhorn, Dean, Graduate Studies, State University of New York, Oswego
- Brian Kloeppele, Dean, Graduate School and Research, Western Carolina University
- Chevelle Newsome, Dean, Graduate Studies, California State University, Sacramento
SUNY OSWEGO

- SUNY System- 1 of 62 campuses
- One of 13 regional comprehensives
- Location: Lake Ontario in Central NY
- Enrollment: 8000 (approx. 1000 graduate students)
- Over 40 grad programs across Oswego and Syracuse campus + Online
- Graduate Studies Staff: Dean, Assoc. Dean, Director, Counselor, Admins
- Centralized Admissions---Quality of experience---Degree Confirmation.
Our Master's Programs:
MBA and MBA-Health Service Administration

MST & MSED: Teacher Preparation (Prof +Initial)
Adolescent/Childhood/Special Edu/CTE/Technology
Higher Education Leadership

Human Computer Interaction
Biomedical and Health Informatics
Chemistry

Art and Graphic Design
Strategic Communication

School Counseling, School Psychology, Mental Health

Additional: CAS, Graduate Certificates and Microcredentials
Challenge

- Reconciling the changing needs of graduate students
- Removing barriers to access and completion
Solution

• Strategy for change

• Collaborative partnerships with community
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Overall Enrollment Fall 2022: 11,635 students

Graduate Enrollment Fall 2022: 1,679 students (14%)

# Graduate Programs: 46 including 6 doctoral

Regional Comprehensive University

Publicly-Funded

University of North Carolina System

Founded in 1889

Main Campus: Cullowhee, NC
Instructional Site: Asheville, NC at Biltmore Park
Online Programs
International Student Recruitment

Submitted applications have increased from 301 in 2021 to greater than 2,000 so far in 2022.

Quality of applicants have been good with more than 300 applicants accepted.

Visa appointment scheduling has delays of greater than 14 months in some countries.

**Visa Issuance has been less than 3%**

Too few out-of-state tuition remissions has absolutely been a contributing factor.
Timely Solution

Solutions

- More out-of-state tuition remissions
- Increased visa appointment capacity to decrease wait times
- Larger graduate assistantships
Sacramento: 3,001 Graduate Enrollment
Carnegie Classification: Master’s: Larger Programs
Carnegie Community Engagement Classification
“What Drives Our Future?”

**Challenge:**
How can regional comprehensive universities meet local and state workforce demands and serve as a place for engagement between the graduate students and faculty with local entrepreneurs and business leaders?

**Solution:**
Align resources and efforts to cultivate purposeful, long-term, mutually beneficial community partnerships that confront systemic inequities, engages industry, governmental and regional partners; transforming the lives of students and strengthening our communities.