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American higher education is at a pivotal moment in its history. Significant challenges, such as rising costs, student debt and increasing dropout rates, threaten student success, social mobility and American global competitiveness. Our country’s public institutions must play a key role in addressing these issues.

The Center for Higher Education Enterprise (CHEE) at The Ohio State University is an interdisciplinary research and policy center that promotes the important role postsecondary education plays in global society, especially the vital roles and responsibilities of public higher education. Our goal is to make higher education more accessible, affordable, engaged and allaround excellent.

CHEE is a vibrant, high-energy research center with dedicated and talented full-time staff, interns, students, faculty affiliates, and national advisories. Full-time staff comprise four divisions: administration, communications, policy, programs & special projects. Students work as graduate researchers, research assistants, and interns – CHEE is a training ground for those interested in “hands on” experience in higher education research and policy analysis. CHEE’s research capacity is expanded through the expertise of faculty affiliates, senior fellows, and invited speakers. Key results, promising practices, and “what works” reports are shared with our advisory councils, state policymakers, and partners nationwide to ensure student success for all.
MEET
OUR DIRECTOR
TERRELL STRAYHORN
Ph.D.

Dr. Strayhorn is a renowned student success scholar, highly-productive researcher, provocateur, and energetic public speaker. Strayhorn is Professor of Higher Education in the College of Education and Human Ecology, Director of the Center for Higher Education Enterprise (CHEE), and holds multiple appointments in other departments and centers. Author of 10 books, over 150 scholarly publications, and more than 300 presentations and keynotes. He has been named “one of the most highly visible... scholars in his field,” by the Journal of Blacks in Higher Education, Diverse Issues, and other news sources. Strayhorn has received numerous national awards, honors, and grants. Formerly he served as Special Assistant to the Provost for Student Retention at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.
There are many challenges that threaten student success.

TODAY’S CHALLENGES

» INADEQUATE ACADEMIC PREPARATION

» LIMITED OR INEFFECTIVE ROLE MODELS, MENTORS

» LACK OF SUPPORT FROM COLLEGE FACULTY & STAFF

» UNMET NEED DUE TO RISING COSTS OF COLLEGE

» SENSE OF ALIENATION, MARGINALIZATION
We are creating opportunities for students to succeed in higher education.

**TOMORROW’S OPPORTUNITIES**

» REALIGN THE COST AND VALUE OF HIGHER EDUCATION

» REDEFINE STUDENT SUCCESS USING MULTIPLE METHODS, MEDIA & METRICS

» REDESIGN COLLEGE OUTREACH AND BRIDGE PROGRAMS

» RESEARCH RARELY STUDIED AT-RISK & VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

» REBUILD CONNECTIONS BETWEEN HIGHER EDUCATION, BUSINESS & SOCIETY

» REFRAME YESTERDAY’S POLICY TO MEET TODAY’S REALITY
Higher education should be accessible for all. Period. We conduct research and policy studies to examine factors that structure one’s opportunity to go college, as well as potential pathways and barriers to participation and success in postsecondary education.

FEATURED RESEARCH

» College Outreach and Academic Support Programs Study

» Foster Care Alumni Study

» Science of Broadening Participation in STEM
For too many reasons and too many years, students and families have shouldered an increasing proportion of college costs. CHEE examines this trend and offers solutions to institutions and governments on ways to keep college affordable and ensure that all who benefit from higher education share the costs.

FEATURED RESEARCH

» I Know I Can “Blueprint:College” Evaluation

» Quality and Value Initiative for Ohio Higher Education
ENGAGEMENT

Twenty-first century students seek an engaged higher education experience. During their postsecondary education, students want to be fully connected to the campus and broader community. They also seek an educational experience that is engaged with business and societal needs. Colleges and universities, particularly public land-grant institutions, must be engaged in efforts to improve the lives of the communities they serve. CHEE researches this inclusive array of issues.

FEATURED RESEARCH

» Juvenile Justice and Education Study
» AmeriCorps Ohio College Guides Evaluation
» Reach Higher Initiatives
The foundation of all our efforts is the assurance of high quality education. Amid a growing dialogue questioning the value of postsecondary education and training, we use research and policy to ensure excellence in the education enterprise.

FEATURED RESEARCH

» Promising Places to Work Studies

» “What Works” Meta-Analyses

» University Innovation Alliance Initiatives