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IDAHO STUDENT SUCCESS INITIATIVES RECOGNIZED BY NATIONAL ORGANIZATION

The Education Commission of the States (ECS) today recognized the State of Idaho's efforts to help more students go to college by naming our state the 2019 recipient of its Frank Newman Award for State Innovation.

Specifically, ECS pointed to:

- Idaho's Direct Admissions program, which automatically admits all graduating high school seniors either to six or all eight of Idaho's higher education institutions.
- Apply Idaho, which is a single, free, statewide online college application.
- [Next Steps](#) website which provides students and families age appropriate resources about college and career opportunities after high school.
- The State Board's partnership with Complete College America and Lumina Foundation to implement student-centered strategies focused on improving college access and completion.

"This award recognizes Idaho's collaborative work in coming up with original ways to enroll more Idahoans in postsecondary education and training," Governor Brad Little said. "An educated citizenry and well-trained workforce are essential to achieving our goal of making Idaho the place where our children and grandchildren choose to stay, and for the ones who have left to choose to return."

"These initiatives are the result of hard work put in by a number of partners including the Idaho Digital Learning Academy," State Board President Debbie Critchfield said. "Our colleges and universities implemented several of the initiatives and continue to support the effort to increase student access and success. It's nice to see these initiatives recognized but what is most

important is that they are making it easier for Idahoans to attend college or a career technical program and to succeed.”

Here’s link to the Education Commission of the States announcement:

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