

COMPLETE COLLEGE AMERICA

July 28, 2011

The Honorable Mary Fallin
Governor of Oklahoma
Oklahoma State Capitol
2300 N. Lincoln Blvd., Room 212
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Chancellor Glen D. Johnson
Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education
655 Research Parkway, Suite 200
Oklahoma City, OK 73104

Dear Governor Fallin and Chancellor Johnson:

As President of Complete College America, I have been very impressed with the outstanding college completion work that is underway in Oklahoma. I know this is a sentiment shared by my fellow national and state higher education experts. Thanks to your exceptional leadership and that of Secretaries Phyllis Hudecki and Dave Lopez, Oklahoma's completion initiatives will yield increased degree attainment for Oklahomans, which will lead to economic success for your state and our nation.

Complete College America's confidence in Oklahoma's completion efforts has led us to invite your state to partner in establishing Oklahoma as a national model for a statewide college completion plan. Oklahoma's work to date on the project and its efforts to establish a national model will be spotlighted this fall at CCA's Annual Convening, which will include the 29 states that compose the CCA Alliance of States. The appointment of Houston Davis, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education (OSRHE), as your state's Alliance Liaison is greatly advantageous; Houston is currently working with my staff on this important, unprecedented initiative. We will also continue to work with Houston and his colleagues on the Oklahoma CCA leadership team to provide technical assistance support to Oklahoma's project activities. We will also work to identify other potential funding sources in the hopes of accelerating the initiatives outlined in Oklahoma's very strong degree completion action plan.

Thank you for your continued commitment to completion and for establishing Oklahoma as a "make-it-happen" state.

Sincerely,



Stan Jones
President

cc: Secretary Phyllis Hudecki, Oklahoma Secretary of Education
Secretary Dave Lopez, Oklahoma Secretary of Commerce
Houston Davis, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, OSRHE