

# Missouri Highlights 2019-2020

## Missouri is Key to Shaping the Compact's Direction

- 30-Year Partnership:** Missouri was one of the first member state to pass authorizing legislation to join the Midwestern Higher Education Compact (MHEC), which was created in 1991.
- Midwest Census Region:** A product of Midwestern legislators, MHEC was created through actions of the Midwestern Legislative Conference of The Council of State Governments (CSG) with its member states closely mirroring the Midwest footprint of CSG Midwest.
- Missouri Leadership:** Commissioners, commissioner alternates, and members of advisory program committees provide significant direction for MHEC programs and services.

## Benefits to Missouri from Participation in MHEC Programs and Contracts

- Savings:** Through the use of MHEC's contracts and programs, Missouri higher education institutions (including public and private not-for-profit), school districts, state and local governments, and students have achieved cost savings of over \$151.70M since 1990, when Missouri joined the Compact. In FY20, Missouri achieved savings of over \$15.35M.
- ROI:** Missouri received an 133-fold return on its MHEC investment for FY20 when comparing total savings to the state's annual commitment of \$115,000.
- Competitive Sourcing:** The Compact conducts competitive sourcing events and negotiates contract terms and conditions, thereby allowing flexibility for state and local entities to tailor MHEC contracts to their needs without having to incur the cost of rebidding for the products or services covered in MHEC contracts.
- Technology Contracts:** In FY20, Missouri entities realized over \$3.56M in cost savings by purchasing over \$36.03M in technology hardware, software, and services. Cumulatively, they have saved over \$30.07M.
- Property Insurance:** MHEC's Master Property Program insures over 180 campuses nationwide with property values exceeding \$83.01B. Missouri total property values are over \$7.76B, collectively saving over \$42.55M since joining the program and over \$1.22M in FY20.
- Student Insurance Solutions:** MHECare, the student health collaborative, provides member institutions with sustainable student health insurance solutions and helps institutions support the student learning experience by providing 38,000 students protection from unexpected medical expenses in the 2019-2020 academic year.
- Midwest Student Exchange Program (MSEP):** Missouri students and families have saved over \$57.60M in tuition through the MSEP since joining the program. In FY20, there were 1,752 students from other MHEC states who came to Missouri through this program, and Missouri residents saved over \$8.70M by using the program.
- State Authorization:** Missouri became the fifth state to become a member of the Midwestern-State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (M-SARA). MHEC has estimated FY20 M-SARA savings to be over \$1.84M, cumulatively over \$5.42M.

## Commissioners



**John Black**  
Representative  
MO General Assembly



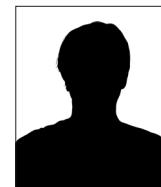
**Kayla Hahn**  
Governor's Designee  
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Senator; Chairwoman,  
Education Committee  
MO General Assembly



**Susan L. Thomas**  
President  
Truman State  
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**Vacancy**  
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MO Governor (Higher  
Education at-large)



**Zora Mulligan**  
Commissioner of Higher  
Education  
MO Dept. of Higher Ed.  
(Alternate)

## Opportunity to Discuss the Issues in Missouri and Convene with Peers

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- 1. Military Credit:** The Multi-State Collaborative on Military Credit (MCMC) is a forum to exchange information and best practices to support Missouri's efforts in translating competencies acquired through military training and experiences into meaningful college credit toward a college degree or earning a certificate or license.
- 2. Concurrent Enrollment:** Also referred to as dual enrollment, concurrent enrollment provides high school students the opportunity to take college credit-bearing courses. Research on addressing the shortage of qualified concurrent enrollment instructors continues at MHEC with staff making presentations at national conferences and producing reports and thought papers on the subject.
- 3. Open Resources:** Open Educational Resources (OER) are textbooks and supplemental learning materials accessible via the Internet at little or no cost to students or institutions. MHEC has provided support to 12 state OER action teams to broaden awareness and engagement and this work continues. MHEC has begun working with the other three higher education compacts on a multi-compact, multi-year OER implementation strategy funded by a grant from the Hewlett Foundation.
- 4. Convening:** MHEC convenes a diverse set of people with varying viewpoints from across state lines, who don't otherwise regularly meet, including institutional leaders and policymakers to discuss critical issues confronting Missouri, the region, and the nation. With grant support from the Ascendium Foundation, in 2022 MHEC will work with Credential Engine to convene state teams to move toward credential transparency.
- 5. State Visits:** MHEC visits the state during the legislative session to learn more about and address key issues affecting each state's economy and higher education.
- 6. Meeting Locations:** The locations of MHEC Commission Meetings rotate among the member states, showcasing each state's education initiatives to an audience comprised of Midwestern legislators and education leaders. MHEC's 2020 Virtual [Annual Commission Meeting](#) was focused on serving students during the global pandemic, linking jobs and talent, transformation in ensuring postsecondary success, and the impact of the elections on higher education. (mhec.org/convening)
- 7. Webinars:** Over the past year, MHEC has hosted numerous webinars on important issues for MHEC member states, including the impact of the pandemic on higher education, as well as a legislative perspective.

## Research Keeps Missouri Informed

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- 1. Timely and Relevant Research:** MHEC provides regional and national expertise, policy, and best practices to inform state and institutional efforts in improving postsecondary opportunities and outcomes. Missouri and other member states receive high-priority access to expertise in the areas of college readiness; affordability and finance; educational quality; and performance, value, and accountability.
- 2. Affordability:** Get the facts on college affordability with a comprehensive set of briefs that show which policies and programs can reduce the financial burden of postsecondary enrollment and degree completion. The most recent report, *State Grant Aid*, provides an overview of grant programs in the Midwest and shows how some policy features affect student outcomes.
- 3. Quality:** Learn how institutions can improve educational quality and degree completion rates with MHEC's series of research briefs on *Campus-based Practices for Promoting Student Success*.
- 4. Dual Enrollment:** Compare state policies on faculty credentials for dual enrollment programs with the report *Increasing the Supply of Qualified High School Teachers for Dual Enrollment Programs*. The report also summarizes state strategies implemented to address the shortage of properly credentialed dual enrollment instructors.
- 5. Benchmarking State Performance:** The biennial report, *Higher Education in Focus*, features [key performance indicators](#) for evaluating Missouri's educational system relative to regional and national benchmarks for college preparation, participation, affordability, completion, equity, and finance. (mhec.org/19MOHigherEdinFocus)
- 6. MHEC Interactive Dashboard:** Provides [data and key performance indicators](#) relevant to the goal of improving educational attainment in the Midwest and across the nation. (mhec.org/dashboard)
- 7. Graduation Rate Effectiveness:** MHEC's research brief *The Effectiveness and Efficiency of Postsecondary Institutions*, provides a list of all highly effective institutions for each MHEC state based on higher than expected graduation rates.
- 8. Access to Policy Research:** MHEC's [research briefs and reports](#) can be found on the MHEC website. (mhec.org/policy-research)