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**“EARLY COLLEGE ENTRANCE OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS”**

**Action Requested:** Receive the presentation.

**Executive Summary:** College of Education Dean Nick Colangelo will discuss early entrance opportunities for high school students. High schools are becoming more fluid with colleges and universities which means that the clear demarcation between high school and college is becoming less effective. To provide students a rigorous educational experience, Iowa’s high schools need new opportunities that combine the high school and college transition.

There are a number of programs that give high school students opportunities to receive college experience and credit. Post-secondary options and Advanced Placement (AP) are two examples. There are also options for early entrance to college which allow students to begin college on a full-time basis prior to completing the senior year of high school. Dean Colangelo will discuss early-entrance options that are available across the country. He will also provide information about the University of Iowa’s early entrance program called the National Academy of Arts, Sciences, and Engineering (NAASE).

Prior to serving as dean, Dean Colangelo was the director of the Belin-Blank Center for Gifted Education at the University of Iowa. The Belin-Blank Center houses the NAASE Program as well as the Iowa AP Online Academy.