

First Friday Update

For Chief Instructional and Chief Student Services Officers

December 2018

Educational Services and Support

REGIONAL COORDINATORS ANNOUNCED

Laura Hope

Many of the faculty and administrators have already met them, but the official announcement of the names and contact information of the Guided Pathways Regional Coordinators will be coming out from the Chancellor. As a preview of the announcement, this [link](#) provides colleges with an interactive map of the regions and the current coordinators associated with those regions. The Coordinators are there to help colleges connect to resources and facilitate discussions, introduce models at other colleges, and coordinate site visits to other college sites. The Regional Coordinators are a great resource to support the local change process. They are there to ensure that the colleges have everything they need to fulfill their unique vision about how the framework should be implemented.

STUDENT FINANCIAL AID UPDATE

Bryan Dickason

The Student Services Financial Aid Unit held a three-day training session at the Holiday Inn in Sacramento for new Financial Aid Directors. The new directors were treated to 22 sessions led by experienced financial aid professionals. Perhaps the most pertinent session was on disaster preparedness presented by Jana Cox, Financial Aid Director at Santa Rosa Junior College in the immediate aftermath of the destruction of Paradise. The event made use of the Community College Foundation's event registration system which worked perfectly.

The Financial aid unit welcomes Gina Browne as a new Specialist. Gina brings experience from Evergreen Valley College and the Student Aid Commission.

POSTPONED: 2018 FALL TERM STUDENT AND FACULTY DISTANCE EDUCATION SATISFACTION SURVEYS

Erin Larson

Instead of running the Student and Faculty Distance Education Satisfaction Surveys at the end of this Fall term, the Chancellor's Office will conduct both surveys at the end of the Spring 2019 term. Students who took a course during the Spring 2019 term will share their general impressions about their distance education experience. Faculty who taught a distance education course during the Spring 2019 term will provide their perspectives on factors relating to students, their instructional experience and their institution. To sign up your college to participate, contact Erin Larson, elarson@cccco.edu or (916) 327-0067

CALIFORNIA VIRTUAL CAMPUS NOW FEATURES 57 ONLINE ASSOCIATE DEGREES FOR TRANSFER (ADTS)

Erin Larson

The new <http://cvc.edu/> features 57 online Associate Degrees for Transfer (ADT) from 21 California Community Colleges. Colleges in the CVC-OEI Consortium identified the degrees, each of which offers an online pathway through major preparation requirements. At this time, online general education courses are not included. If students cannot find the required general education courses needed at their Home College, they may use the CVC's online course finder to do so. More degrees are being identified and will be posted to cvc.edu. The next project for the CVC-OEI will be identifying and publicizing CTE degrees and certificates that offer fully-online pathways to completion. To see the list of online ADTs, please visit cvc.edu/adt.

CURRENTLY AND FORMERLY INCARCERATED

Raul Arambula | Leslie LeBlanc

The Chancellor's Office is pleased to announce the creation of the '*Currently and Formerly Incarcerated Students Reentry Program*' grants. Budget Assembly Trailer Bill 1809 provides one-time funding of \$5,000,000 to establish or support programs serving formerly incarcerated students enrolled in community college, or providing face-to-face instruction to community college students in prison or jail. The grants will be focused on the students' reentry into their communities in order for this underrepresented group to succeed. It is the intent of the Chancellor's Office to award up to 50 grants with \$5,000,000 in funds for reentry students into the community college system. Further information can be found on the [Currently and Formerly Incarcerated webpage](#). The deadline to apply is January 31, 2019.