

LONG BEACH CITY COLLEGE'S PROMISE PATHWAYS PROGRAM

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Issue

This item presents information about a promising program at Long Beach City College known as the Promise Pathways Program as an example of an innovative strategy to increase college readiness and completion rates.

Background

In January 2012, the California Community Colleges Board of Governors adopted the 22 recommendations of the Student Success Task Force (SSTF). Major recommendations address linkages with K-12 schools, student intake and support, instructional programs, and accountability. Taken as a whole, the task force recommendations provide a road map that will guide the system as we work to improve the way our colleges help students identify and achieve their educational goals.

In September 2012, the Board adopted new title 5 regulations in response to SSTF recommendation 3.1 which called for the California Community Colleges to establish system-level enrollment priorities to incentivize students to make progress towards their educational goals and to ensure access for first time students. As community colleges face the ongoing challenge of reduced budgets and the capacity to serve California's 2.4 million students, it is important to highlight the innovative approaches that some colleges have been able to implement that support the college completion agenda.

Long Beach City College's Pathways Promise Program is one example of a strategy to partner with K-12 and California State University to improve the alignment between high school and college, provide core matriculation services of orientation, assessment, and development of education plans for incoming high school graduates of Long Beach Unified School District along with priority registration, to provide a more seamless transition to college.

Conclusion

This item is presented to provide information about a community college's innovative strategy to increase college readiness and completion rates, consistent with many of the concepts recommended by the SSTF. The Chancellor's Office will continue to highlight and share promising and effective strategies in providing student support services in support of the SSTF agenda at future Board meetings.

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