FOUNDATION *for* CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Benefiting, Supporting, and Enhancing the California Community College System

STUDENT SUCCESS FLAGSHIP INITIATIVE

For 2.6 million students, the California Community Colleges system is the gateway to a better life. In addition to the personal fulfillment of a college education, students who earn a Community College degree or certificate nearly double their earnings within three years. And now more than ever, we need to support our students and ensure they have the tools needed to complete their educational goals.

Moving the Needle on Student Success

The Foundation's Student Success Flagship Initiative champions and supports the California Community Colleges Board of Governors' Student Success Initiative—a widespread effort to promote student success in the Community College system. The Foundation is working closely with the Chancellor's Office to implement key Student Success Initiative recommendations and help the Board of Governors carry the banner of Student Success.

Key goals include preparing students to enter the workforce or transfer to a four-year institution, helping Community Colleges be more responsive to the needs of students and the economy, and increasing success rates for certificate and degree completion.

Forward Momentum

The Student Success Initiative is based on a set of 22 recommendations put forth in the Student Success Task Force [SSTF] Report, which was compiled by an independent group of academic and administrative practitioners, researchers, and educational policy leaders involved in a 12-month study of best practices in higher education systems throughout the nation. These recommendations now serve as guiding policy for the system.

Supporting our Students

As an initial area of focus, the Foundation is supporting the development and widespread use of student-centered technology and ensuring that students have access to the skills and tools that help them succeed in higher education. Complementing our technology-oriented initiative, the Foundation will also create and launch a statewide student awareness campaign to increase students' understanding of the actions and behaviors that lead to their eventual success.

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Recommendations Overview

- Increase college readiness
- Support entering students
- Incentivize successful behaviors
- Align courses with student needs
- Improve basic skills education
- Revitalize professional development
- Increase coordination among colleges
- Align resources with Student Success recommendations

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