



Newsletter

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2013 FRISCO DAY STUDENT IMPACTS

KNOWLEDGE OF FINANCIAL AID

Before FRISCO Day

High **18%**, Medium **59%**, Low **22%**

After

High **45%**, Medium **51%**, Low **4%**

CONFIDENCE TO SUCCEED IN COLLEGE

Before FRISCO Day

High **27%**, Medium **52%**, Low **21%**

After

High **49%**, Medium **47%**, Low **5%**

KNOWLEDGE ABOUT RESOURCES AVAILABLE

Before FRISCO Day

High **11%**, Medium **49%**, Low **40%**

After

High **39%**, Medium **55%**, Low **5%**

CITY COLLEGE IS OPEN

Now accepting
Applications for
Fall 2013
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BRIDGE TO SUCCESS PARTNERS COMMITTED TO HELP CITY COLLEGE MAINTAIN ACCREDITATION

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges voted earlier this month to terminate accreditation for City College San Francisco on July 31, 2014. The college received a letter saying it has fallen short in 11 of 14 areas requiring improvement which included fiscal planning, administration, student support services, and leadership and governance. CCSF officials are stressing that the Commission's decision is not final and will be appealing it.



Special Trustee Robert Agrella (source: sfgate.com)

Special Trustee Robert Agrella was appointed to correct problems identified by the Commission and is working closely with Mayor Edwin Lee and city departments who have offered their support and expertise in addressing City College's infrastructure challenges. They are confident that through some hard work and teamwork across institutions City College will demonstrate enough progress to retain its accreditation.

While the appeals process will take several months, classes will continue next year and students can continue to enroll. Students will get college credit for those classes at least through July 2014. Units taken in the forthcoming academic year will be transferable and any degrees or certificates awarded are still recognized as awarded by an accredited institution. Quality of instruction will remain high at City College and students should continue to register for classes in the fall and spring semesters.

"These will be difficult times for the College, but this is the time to commit to true reforms and revitalization, so that this irreplaceable and valued institution continues," Mayor Lee said in a press statement. "We must put City College on a path to long term success to make sure San Franciscans have access to critical education and workforce training. The College is too important to our City's social and economic future, and central to our efforts to equip our youth and adults with the skills to compete and succeed in the 21st Century economy. Our City's economy depends on it, and our students deserve no less."

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– Mayor Edwin Lee

City College has been a critical partner in the work of Bridge to Success, and much progress has been made over the past three years to increase post-secondary access and completion for SFUSD students with the leadership of City College.

For more information or to ask questions about accreditation, go to: http://www.ccsf.edu/NEW/en/about-city-college/Accreditation_2012/accreditation_questioncomments.html

EARLY REGISTRATION PARTIES HELP EASE THE ENROLLMENT PROCESS FOR SFUSD STUDENTS

On Tuesday, June 25th, SFUSD and City College sponsored Early Registration parties for SFUSD students enrolling in City College for the first time. Over 300 students attended the event hosted at five sites across the city including Washington, Burton, Galileo, and Mission High Schools, as well as City College's Ocean Campus.

The goal of Early Registration Parties is to provide recently graduated SFUSD students with individual support through the complex process of registering for courses. While students are able to register independently, the parties allow for students to ask questions and determine whether they've completed all the necessary steps to register.

Because SFUSD students receive priority registration, the parties were scheduled to enable students to register as soon as the online system allowed. At the parties, students were provided a registration checklist with information such as whether a student had completed City College's placement tests, met with a City College counselor to create an Initial Education Plan, knew his/her ID number, and knew course registration numbers.

Early Registration parties were staffed by City College, SFUSD, TRIO, and San Francisco Education Fund counselors and volunteers, and no one was turned away to register for the classes they needed to enroll in Fall 2013.



Students register for courses at Mission High School with the help of counselors and volunteers.

BRIDGE TO SUCCESS STEERING COMMITTEE REFLECTS ON YEAR OF CONTINUED PROGRESS

On May 15th, the Bridge to Success Steering Committee met at City College and all five of the Action Teams reported out on their progress from the past year. Having crafted work plans and goals in summer 2012, each of the Action Teams met throughout the past year to accomplish their goals and improve on the work of increasing access and completion to higher education.

English Department Action Team

An alternative placement pilot was developed over the past year and will be implemented this fall which will consider multiple measures in placing students rather than solely relying on the placement test. The department has also reconfigured its offerings including creating accelerated courses to now have multiple pathways to complete English courses; with the new alternative placement being implemented the pathways vary from 1 to 3 semesters to complete.

Post-Secondary CBO Partnership Action Team

This past year's accomplishments included the development of CBO Directory which is available on the Bridge to Success website. Most of the meetings were focused on resource sharing so CBOs were able to learn about SFUSD's Plan Ahead curriculum, Gear Up resources, FAFSA/Dream Act completion, and SF Public Library online academic and career resources. Through the SF Education Fund, CBOs were also able to participate in a data-sharing pilot program through connect.edu at Mission High School.

Workforce Development Action Team

The work focused on sharing information and increasing awareness of available programs and pathways and dual enrollment opportunities, and improving alignment and leveraging of the programs across the partners. The Action Team created career pathway brochures, facilitated connects between the Mayor's Employment and Education Program and SFUSD's Career Technical Education Department, and hosted a professional development for youth workforce development providers about how to get students college and career ready in May.

Counseling Action Team

Through this Action Team, SFUSD and City College and much more aligned around communication of the matriculation process. A frequently asked questions guide was developed to clarify the difference between dual enrollment and concurrent enrollment. The Counseling Action Team also held a joint professional development in the spring for City College and SFUSD counselors that covered topics such as special education, English learners, and retention programs at City College.



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