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## FROM MY PERSPECTIVE

*"The most positive momentum during the past several years has come from the bridge to success work. It has produced the most progressive changes at the college, including early registration for young students, a solid partnership with Unified, and movement on the English and Math placement tests."*

**SUZANNE KOREY**

Director, Career and Technical Education, City College of San Francisco

## COMING UP NEXT

**Steering Committee  
November 19, 2-4 pm  
555 Franklin  
Board Room**

# Newsletter

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## CITY COLLEGE NAMES NEW INTERIM CHANCELLOR

Though City College trustees had initially hoped to have a permanent successor by the time current interim chancellor Pamila Fisher steps down at the end of October, veteran college administrator Thelma Scott-Skillman was named the second interim chancellor on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Scott-Skillman comes to the position after having served as interim vice chancellor of student services at City College since August 2012. Prior to that, she spent twelve successful years at Folsom Lake College, leading the college to full accreditation status before retiring in June 2012.

City College Board President John Rizzo is confident that they have the best person for the job. He says Scott-Skillman was the best of the applicants, and he is confident that she has what it takes to steer City College through the months ahead as they work to respond to the Accreditation Commission.



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## CITY COLLEGE PLACED ON "SHOW CAUSE" STATUS

On July 1, 2012, CCSF was placed on "Show Cause" status by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC). When the accrediting commission finds an institution to be in substantial non-compliance with its eligibility requirements, standards or policies, or when it has not responded to the imposed conditions, ACCJC may require an institution to "show cause" why its accreditation should not be withdrawn at the end of a specified period. During this time, an institution is subject to reports and extra visits determined by the commission.

During this Show Cause period, the institution remains accredited and CCSF is doing everything it can to maintain accreditation. In the ACCJC Evaluation Report, there are 14 recommendations that specify areas of improvement. These recommendations cover issues related to the institution's mission, planning processes, student learning outcomes, finances, human resources, physical facilities, technology, and governing structures. The ACCJC Evaluation Report is available at [http://www.ccsf.edu/Offices/Research\\_Planning/pdf/CCSFEvalReport16May2012.pdf](http://www.ccsf.edu/Offices/Research_Planning/pdf/CCSFEvalReport16May2012.pdf). You will note that the report itself mentions several Bridge to Success initiatives as positive outcomes.

CCSF is taking the concerns of the ACCJC very seriously. Under the direction of Interim Chancellor Dr. Pamila Fisher (and soon under Dr. Thelma Scott-Skillman), CCSF is addressing each of the 14 recommendations in a timely and comprehensive manner. Several Bridge to Success leaders are actively involved in work teams assigned to address each of the 14 areas and have been using Bridge to Success' data-driven approach as a model for change. The college is also utilizing consultants who have special expertise in addressing the accreditation issues. Additionally, the Mayor's office has provided direct assistance locally and statewide to ensure CCSF is successful in addressing each area successfully.

For more information and updates on CCSF's accreditation, please visit: [http://www.ccsf.edu/NEW/en/about-city-college/Accreditation\\_2012.html](http://www.ccsf.edu/NEW/en/about-city-college/Accreditation_2012.html).

# Highlights from Summer 2012

## **Early Registration Parties**

419 students participated in Early Registration Parties on June 25<sup>th</sup> at 4 high schools and City College. City College counselors, SFUSD staff, Students Making a Change, and Beacon staff were on hand to support students as they registered for City College courses with their early registration access. Despite initially crashing the system, the parties were a success and we hope to hold Early Registration Parties again next summer.

## **Summer Bridge**

With the support of Metro Academies, City College offered a Summer Bridge Program which consisted of three one-day orientation workshops and one week-long course for incoming students. 100 students participated with priority given to low-income students, first-generation college students, and Latino/a and African-American youth. Summer Bridge provided students with information about financial aid, the matriculation process, college success, and transfer paths.

## **Career Technical Education Brochures**

The Workforce and Career Pathways Action team developed and printed brochures over the summer to aid students in understanding career paths in Health Care and Information and Communications Technology. The brochures highlight CTE pathways at SFUSD, as well as City College and SFSU, and will be distributed through schools and CBOs.

## Action Team Updates

### **Early Warning Indicators Action Team**

The team has met twice this year and is looking at data from last year's cohort of EWI students compared to the cohort of students that was not identified as EWI the year before (but would've been had we had the data), to see if identification has influenced outcomes for these students. The group is meeting again November 7 where we will review research in the area of dropout prevention and EWI best practices to determine what data points to analyze from last year's cohort.

### **Post-Secondary CBO Partnerships Action Team**

The CBO Partnership had its first meeting of the year on October 29<sup>th</sup>. The CBOs reviewed the data collected in a CBO survey over the summer, noted areas where there might be better collaboration between SFUSD and its partners, and created a plan to share that information with students, families, and school staff across the district. The group also discussed how we might all work together to ensure all 12<sup>th</sup> graders complete a FAFSA or AB540 Affidavit in order to receive all of the public funding available to support them in their postsecondary pursuits. Our next meeting will take place on December 10<sup>th</sup> at 10am at DCYF.

### **FRISCO Day Action Team**

FRISCO Day Action Team has met once so far, and is looking forward to planning a great event for this spring. The group is working to determine a venue for this year's FRISCO Day, and to source a logistical coordinator to help with some of the details.

### **Workforce and Career Pathways Action Team**

The Workforce and Career Pathways Working Group held its first meeting on 10/3/12 to review our accomplishments from the past year and develop an action plan for the upcoming year. The group will continue to focus on coordination of SFUSD, CCSF and City resources and programs and improving strategies to increase awareness of CTE, concurrent enrollment and other workforce opportunities.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Bridge to Success is a partnership between the City and County of San Francisco, City College of San Francisco, San Francisco State University and the San Francisco Unified School District to double the number of youth, particularly African American and Latino youth, who achieve college credentials. This effort, invests in changing policies, practices, and partnerships to ensure that more San Francisco youth earn college degree or credential.

