



RENEGADE ROAD

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Greetings Pathways trailblazers!

On August 26th, we submit our proposal to College Futures for a 3-year Guided Pathways Initiative. The formal submission was done by Keetha Mills from the California Community College Foundation. The main author of the proposal was Kay McClenney and I appreciate her commitment of thought and her time to take care of the overarching framework and the many details and questions that seemed to arise right before submission.

I had meant to write to you sooner, but alas, where did the time go!

On June 29th, faculty, staff, administrators, and trustees from Mt SAC, Irvine Valley, Butte Glenn, Santa Monica, AACC, NCII, RP Group, Career Ladders Project, IEPI, CAP, CCO, ERP, ASCCC, CSU and Bakersfield met for a one-day session to start the discussion of how we integrate the work we're already doing with SSSP, Equity, BSI Transformation, ADT, and other student success mandates from the legislature into a guided pathways system. We had a great turnout of 37 representatives from the groups. Although I had a sense going into the meeting that California was ready to take on the next evolution of work for student success through Guided Pathways, I was even more certain at the end of the meeting.

Is California ready for Guided Pathways? Yes!

Presentation slides, Pathways materials printed in the booklet, supplemental materials and pictures from the planning session are posted at <https://www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/president/projects/ca-guided-pathways-planning>.



The presenters gave snapshots of what the groups are doing and they were an eye-opener for all of us of how ready California is for guided pathways. The groundwork has been laid and California is ready to take-off. As a former math faculty, I visualize California's progress as an exponential curve where there's a slow rise at the beginning and then a more rapid rise at the end. California is now at the slope up part of the curve and if we can get the California Guided Pathways grant from College Futures, California is going to soar!

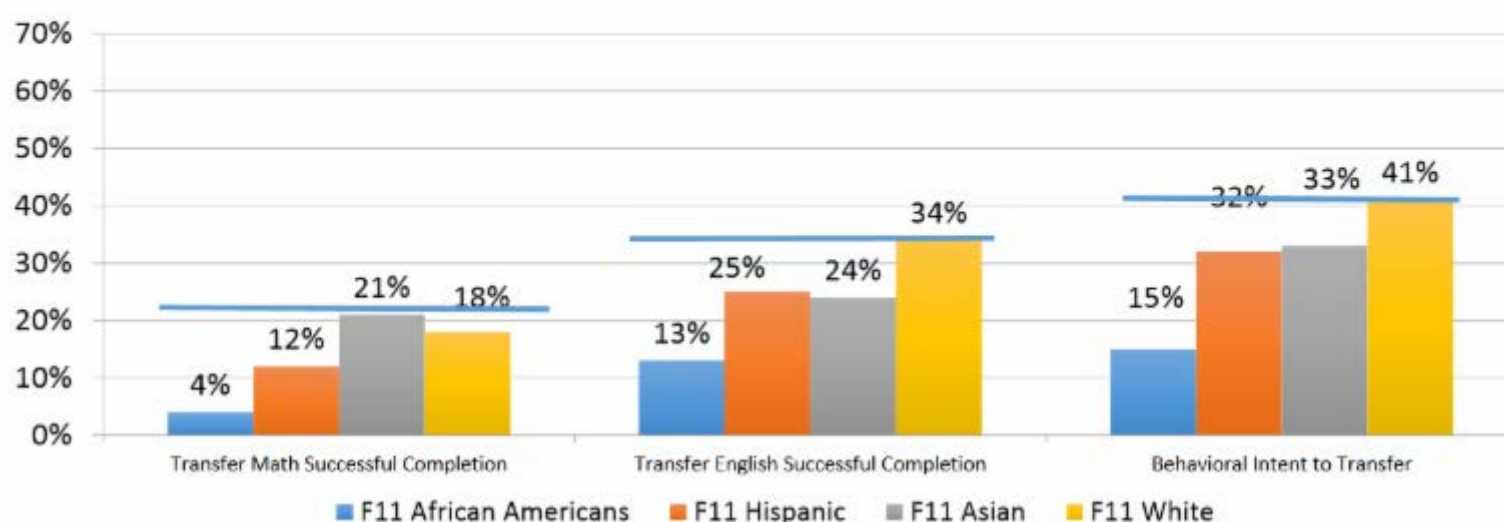


The presentation slides are posted on the website in two parts. [The first part](#) introduces the participants on the planning session, gives the mission of the College Future Foundation that is funding the start-up planning work, and gives the preliminary timeline of California Guided Pathways.

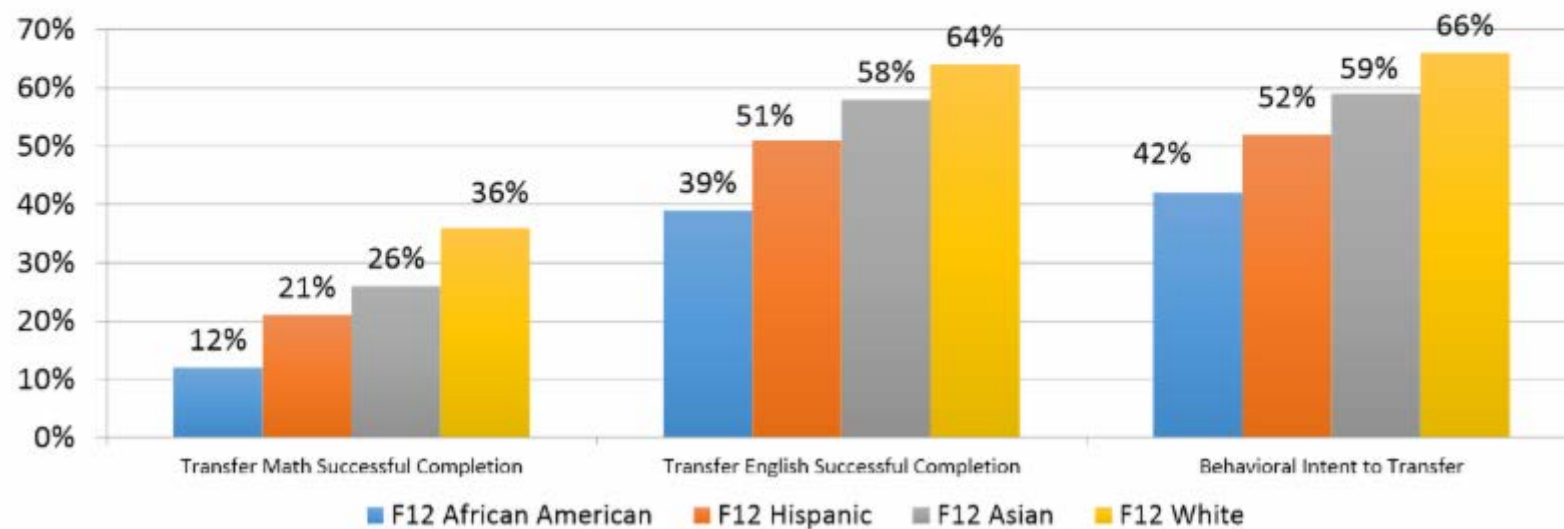
[The second part](#) gives you the main content of the groundwork being laid in California. You'll see the work that the Institutional Effectiveness Partnership Initiative (IEPI) is doing is really taking California to the next level.

John Hetts' (Educational Results Partnership/CalPASS Plus) presentation of the Multiple Measures Assessment Project convincingly shows how much better multiple measures is in accurately placing students in college classes than the usual high-stakes single exam method. What especially struck me was the significant positive impact multiple measures assessment has on our African-American and Hispanic students. That dovetails nicely into the work of the California Acceleration Project (CAP) that is helping colleges redesign their developmental English and Math curricula and increase student completion.

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LBCC: F2012 2-YEAR RATES OF ACHIEVEMENT



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Darla Cooper of the Research & Planning Group for California Community Colleges (RP Group) showed the connections of the RP Group to the California Guided Pathways project and how we'll use data and evidence to create a framework that actually works.

The Career Ladders Project (CLP) works to improve student transition to and success in post-secondary education and high quality careers, particularly for students from communities historically underserved and underrepresented in post-secondary education. Linda Collins did a nice job presenting the various pieces of work in a succinct manner.

Audrey Dow of the Campaign for College Opportunity (CCO) presented their advocacy for equity in student achievement, especially the attainment of bachelors degrees by at-risk students.

We were so fortunate to have two CSU Chancellor's Office representatives, Dawn Digrius and Ken O'Donnell, join us to share information about the important work they're doing to develop articulation agreements and Associate Degrees for Transfer in broad programs of study that will help students explore their career interests while pursuing their baccalaureate goals.



Melissa Conner presented the work of the Foundation for California Community Colleges (FCCC) in supporting the groundwork that has been laid.

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We have established a preliminary advisory committee for this state-wide work. Here is a list of members and the first meeting is scheduled for October 11th.

Advisory Committee Members:

1. Julie Bruno or designee -- ASCCC
2. Linda Collins – Career Ladders

3. Darla Cooper – AACC Pathways Coach
4. Mandy Davies – CSSO Connection
5. Dawn Digrius – CSU connection
6. Craig Hayward – Disaggregated Data
7. Katie Hern – CA Acceleration Project
8. John Hetts – Ed Results
9. Irene Malmgreen – CIO Connection
10. Bill McGinnis – Trustee
11. Keetha Mills – Fiscal Agent
12. John Nixon – ATD
13. Eloy Oakley – Chancellor, CCC
14. Brad Phillips -- Institute for Evidence-Based Change
15. Michele Siqueiros – Campaign for College Opportunity
16. Paul Steenhausen – LAO
17. Greg Stoup – RP
18. Theresa Tena – IEPI

Staff:

1. Rob Johnstone – Director, CA Guided Pathways
2. Kathy Booth – Associate Director, CA Guided Pathways

AACC Colleges:

1. Sonya Christian – Chair, CA Guided Pathways Advisory Committee; President, Bakersfield College
2. Glenn Roquemore – President, Irvine Valley College
3. Bill Scroggins – Chair, Policy Group, CA Guided Pathways; President, Mt. SAC

National Partners:

1. Kay McClenney – AACC
2. Tom Bailey/Davis Jenkins – CCRC
3. Karen Stout – ATD

The preliminary timeline given in the [first part of the presentation slides](#) states that the regional guided pathways workshops will be held in early December and late January. Further refinement of the dates now places them on December 7 and 8, probably in the Sacramento area and January 24 and 25 somewhere in southern California. I will let you know further details about those workshops in a future message.

I am thankful to be part of a group filled with such creativity, skill, and energy focused on moving the dial on student success in California. In three years, California will be the model for transformation nationally.

Is California ready for Guided Pathways? Yes!

Is it good for students? Yes!

Let's make this happen.





With much warmth and collegiality,
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