



Sacramento Pathways to Success

A Partnership for College to Career

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Education Leaders Form Partnership to Boost College and Career Success

Sacramento City Unified, Sacramento City College and Sacramento State launch “Sacramento Pathways to Success”

SACRAMENTO – The leaders of the city of Sacramento’s educational institutions today announced a new partnership to provide Sacramento students and their families a clearer, simpler roadmap to college and career success.

The new partnership, “Sacramento Pathways to Success,” will help Sacramento students more easily transition to and succeed in college or gain a career technical education that will allow students to pursue employment and enter the workforce.

“An educated and talented workforce is crucial to the economic prosperity of the Sacramento region,” Sacramento State President Alexander Gonzalez says. “This partnership will help us develop local talent and keep that talent local as we build on our work to grow and diversify the region’s economy.”

Sacramento State President Alexander Gonzalez and Sacramento City College President Kathryn Jeffery joined Sacramento City Unified Superintendent Jonathan Raymond at Kennedy High School to announce the new partnership, which has three main goals: boost the graduation rates of students at all institutions; improve retention and persistence rates; and support and improve college and career readiness programs. Initial groundwork was supported by a grant from the Sierra Health Foundation. The educational chiefs today pledged to engage business and community leaders in this effort.

“With this initiative, we are making our expectations for the children of Sacramento crystal clear: We expect every student can and learn to the highest of their abilities and can and will be prepared for college and 21st century careers,” said Sacramento City Unified School District Superintendent Jonathan Raymond.

The impetus for the plan began in 2010, when leaders from Sacramento City Unified School District, Los Rios Community College District and Sacramento State visited Long Beach to learn



more about the “Long Beach College Promise”—a notable program launched in 2008 in which parents and students signed a pledge to stay on track for college and to take the courses required for college admission. The Sacramento Pathways to Success partnership is based on that model, in which the K-12 school district and the local public colleges “create focused and integrated pathways” for those K-12 students to “enroll, progress and complete their educational goals.”

"Through this partnership we are inviting business and community leaders to join us in helping students successfully navigate an increasingly competitive job market," says Sacramento City College President Kathryn Jeffery. "Community involvement is critical in linking students to their future careers, and will help educators in the vital quest to promote education 24/7, 365 days a year."

The goals of the Sacramento partnership are creating a greater college-going culture among city students, reducing the number of students who drop out of high school, reducing the number of college students who need remediation in math and English, and increase the number of students who are eligible to transfer from community college to a four-year college or who have earned a two-year certificate and are ready to pursue a career.

“The Sacramento Pathways to Success partnership is an important investment in meeting local student’s educational needs and in growing our workforce and economy,” says Congresswoman Doris Matsui. “This initiative will not only assist students during their academic careers by providing critical support, it will also ensure they are prepared for today’s competitive workforce. “

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