



SUMMER LEADERSHIP SERIES MA EARLY COLLEGE

Session 2: Equitable Access

Introductions



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AGENDA

- Introductions
- Survey Results
- Discussion of Best Practices
- Synthesis of the Session
- Overview and Closing



Results from Survey One



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SURVEY RESULTS

Regarding Session One:



Benefits

- Research shared
- Opportunity to collaborate as cohort of ECP leaders



More Discussion Wanted

- Remote/hybrid learning
- Managing consortiums
- Engaging multiple stakeholders



SURVEY RESULTS: BARRIERS

BARRIERS TO ENROLLING UNDERREPRESENTED STUDENTS

- **Buy-in**
- **Access to technology**
- **Navigating systems and structure of college**
- **Communication about the program**
- **Limiting beliefs of students and teachers**
- **Lack of engagement regarding program at earlier grade levels**
- **Academic preparedness**

WHAT WOULD IMPROVE EQUITABLE ACCESS?

- **Providing 1:1 technology**
- **Increased funding**
- **Sufficient resources**
- **Multiple measures/assessments for placement (more than just Accuplacer and/or GPA)**



SURVEY RESULTS: PARTICIPATION AND SUCCESS

IMPORTANCE OF BARRIERS THAT HINDER PARTICIPATION

- **Lack of support from home (#1)**
- **Lack of knowledge regarding the needs of underrepresented students (tied for #2)**
- **Mobility of students (tied for #2)**
- **Lack of resources (#4)**

WHAT DO UNDERREPRESENTED STUDENTS NEED TO BE SUCCESSFUL?

- **Access to timely, in-depth classroom support (#1)**
- **Familiarity with postsecondary education (tied for #2)**
- **Access to other, targeted student support services (tied for #2)**
- **Familiarity with high-wage, high-growth occupations (#4)**
- **Support from home (#5)**

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SURVEY RESULTS: CHALLENGES

BIGGEST CHALLENGE FOR ENROLLED UNDERREPRESENTED STUDENTS

- **Academic preparedness**
- **Logistical issues**
- **Access to technology**
- **Lack of knowledge about the program**

RECURRING THEMES

- **Support from home**
- **Technology access**
- **Prospective and enrolled students aren't familiar with postsecondary education**

Best Practices



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Equitable Recruitment, Enrollment, Retention and Success

Engage

Encourage

Empower

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Engagement Strategies

- Create a results framework clearly articulating what equitable access and student success look like.
 - “All ECHS students are supported, prepared and on track for successful matriculation to postsecondary opportunities.”
- Grow or maintain a robust data collection system that drives action and constant improvement strategies.
 - Disaggregation ensures targeted impact on underrepresented populations
 - Allows you to track How Much, How well, Who is better off
- Develop effective communication strategies that are intentional and targeted to underrepresented populations.
 - Historically, the idea that opportunities were open to ALL was often coded messaging, quietly excluding already disenfranchised or marginalized communities



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Encouragement Strategies

- Invite historically and traditionally underrepresented populations to step into the opportunities that ECHS has to offer.
 - Meaningful involvement of students, families and trusted Community Advocates at all stages of engagement strategy
- Build community partnerships with organizations and agencies who can serve as credible messengers to often disenfranchised populations.
 - Faith-based institutions, CBO's, and Community Action Councils all have interest in achieving educational success for their representative members
- Continual development of educators and administrators capacity for understanding equity and their ability to successfully engage students and families where they meet them.
 - SEL, cultural competencies



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Empowerment Strategies



- Academic interventions that include remediation, tutoring
 - Demonstrate commitment to student success, no matter where they start
- Provide students with effective support navigating social and financial barriers
 - Services that are family-centered, student-focused
- Provide staff with professional skills to better support students and families
 - ACES, motivational interviewing,
- Building student and family social networks
 - Introduction to college life
 - Access to mentoring/coaching relationships
 - Connection to alumni networks and success stories
 - Connecting families together

Session Synthesis



**Develop
Action
Plan**



**Support
Available via
Community
Forum**

Follow Up

Summer Leadership Series

Evaluation

Survey 2 - MA Summer Early College Leadership Series

Equity

<https://survey.zohopublic.com/zs/J0b6C9>

Topics and/or
Questions

Bi-Weekly Check-in on July 28th

Next Leadership
Session

Session on Guided Academic Pathways on August 4th



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