

COLLEGE OF SAN MATEO BASIC SKILLS INITIATIVE

SUMMER BRIDGE 2010



PEDAGOGY

- Holistic Approach
- Student Services/Instruction Collaboration
- Relationship Building with supportive CSM Faculty and Staff
- Focus on college identity, self-efficacy and college expectations
- Comfort level with faculty, staff, the CSM campus
- Thorough orientation to CSM Programs, Services, Policies
- Provide practical academic tips in regards to math, writing, reading, speech, library and study skills



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TRAINING, PREPARATION, DEVELOPMENT

- Academy of College Excellence Faculty Experiential Learning Institute (Cabrillo College, 5 day)
- On Course Workshop Training (3 day and 1 day refresher)
- Strengthening Student Success Conference
- Consultation with participating faculty and Basic Skills Committee Members
- Review of Best Practices in Poppy Copy
- Review of other community colleges' Summer Bridge programs



STRUCTURE

- CRER 120: College and Career Planning for Success (3 CSU Transferable Units)
- Academic Strategies Workshops (Math, Speech, English/Writing)
- Library Skills
- Field Trip (San Francisco Mission Mural Tour)
- Student Voice
- 9-12 CRER 120 Course
12-12:30 break
12:30-1:30 Academic Strategies Workshops



RECRUITMENT

- Targeted to Math 811, ENGL 828, READ 825, ESL 828
- Basic Skills New Student Orientations
- 1 on 1 Follow-up Counseling appointments with New Basic Skills Students from Orientations
- Mass mailing to students who placed in basic skills courses
- SB Applications dispersed to all CSM Counselors with PEP appointments



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STUDENTS SERVED

Number of Participants	12 (Initially began with 15)		
Gender Demographics	42% Male 58% Female		
Ethnic Demographics	50% Latino/a 8% African American	17% Caucasian 17% Asian	8% Middle Eastern
Fall Registration	42% Full-Time 58% Part-Time (all on waitlist to be FT)		
Placements	25% ENGL 828 25% ENGL 838 25% ENGL 848 25 % READ 825	75% MATH 811 17% MATH 110/111 8% MATH 120	8% ESL 828
High Schools Represented	Aragon HS (2) California School for the Deaf East Palo Alto HS (3) South San Francisco HS	Los Banos HS (2) Mills HS Sequoia HS (2)	



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EXPENSES

- Total Cost: ~\$4,500
- CRER 120 Instruction
- Library Skills Faculty
- Materials (Mind Gym Book, How to Get Good Grades Booklet, Flash Drive, art/school supplies)
- Mural Tour Fee
- Expenses Avoided
 - Academic Strategy Workshops
 - Transportation



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ASSESSMENT

- CRER 120
 - Daily Assessments per topic discussed
 - SMCCCD Student Questionnaire for Teaching Faculty (End of SB)
- Academic Strategies Workshops
 - End of SB Questionnaire
- Library Skills
 - End of SB Questionnaire
- Summer Bridge as a whole
 - End of Program Questionnaire
- CRER 120 Grades
- Faculty Involved Debrief



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STUDENT QUOTES

- “I feel so much prepared for the Fall because I know what to expect from teachers and how to get the independence of a college student”
- “In Summer Bridge, I learned how to analyze my personal goals, skills, planning and manage my time”
- “I learned about career planning, different resources at CSM and how to be a successful person, you need to be responsible for your own actions”
- “Because of Summer Bridge, we are basically ahead of the game for being upcoming freshmen..it made me feel motivated and made me think of why am I in college? Why am I here? Where will it take me?”
- “Personally, Summer Bridge made me be proud of myself for getting this far in education and telling myself with great passion that I can do anything that I put my mind to”
- “The most useful in Summer Bridge were the workshops and the professors because they helped me to get an idea of how the classes are in college, way different than high school”
- “I feel proud of the decision I made to be Summer Bridge this summer, it really impacted my life personally and academically. Academically, it’s taught me different tools that I will need here at CSM, different resources and a boost of confidence that I can do good here”
- “The skills we learned in Summer Bridge are very helpful for me since I’ve always had trouble studying, test taking and taking notes...I finally understand the feeling of being an adult in school”
- “I’ve learned so much in a month of Summer Bridge...it made me more of a critical thinker because in high school everything was basic but in college it’s a different way of thinking.I always believed many college teachers were only here for money but I realized most of them are here to help us succeed”



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NEXT STEPS/FUTURE

- Counseling
 - CRER 120 instructor will serve as SB students Counselor
 - Development of SEP and regular check-in as needed
- Courses
 - Where able to, SB students were referred to specific faculty based on faculty interest, desire and training in working with basic skills students (quasi learning community)
- Data
 - Will connect with PRIE to track SB students:
 - Course completion
 - GPA (Semester and Cumulative)
 - Semester to semester Persistence
 - Via Counseling Appointments
 - Financial Aid/BOGW
 - CSM Programs/Services Utilized
- Promote/Prepare for next year
 - Spread the word
 - SOTL Center
 - Campus Committees
 - Division Meetings
 - CSM Marketing/Public Relations Spotlight on Website
 - Include HS Relations/Marketing-Public Relations
 - Assist with recruitment
 - CSM PEP Counselors
 - Stronger connection to assist with recruitment (inform and provide SB applications to all and early)
 - Collaboration with other CSM programs
 - EOPS College Readiness Program
 - Math Boost



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COLLABORATION AND SUPPORT

