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From the RP Group

Apply to Be On Our Board...

We are now accepting applications for at-large members of the RP Group Board. Joining the RP Group Board gives you an opportunity to learn about, and be a part of, big-picture issues that are shaping the California Community College system. The call for 2017-19 board member applications will close on April 25 at 5 pm and is decided by election. Please [go here for more information](#) and contact RP Group Board President [Greg Stoup](#) with questions.

Unsung Heroes: Scott Johnson

When recent flooding forced Cabrillo College's elementary school neighbors out of their location, Scott Johnson, Community Education Director, and

several Cabrillo employees, took the reins to make the Cabrillo College campus a temporary home base to 250 displaced elementary students. Long hours of work continue, according to President Laurel Jones, as they literally bridge a pathway to college. "Heroes happen every day," she said.



Photo from Cabrillo College website

Do you know someone who has made a difference in the life of a student, your life, or your colleagues? We'd like to shine a light on them here in our monthly RP Super Brief! Just send an email to our Director of Communications, [Olivia Loy](#).



There's Still Time to Register for a Pre-RP Conference Workshop

If you've been hemming and hawing over whether or not to join us in April, now's the time to act! Register for one of three pre-RP Conference workshops, to be held on Wednesday, April 19, the day before the 2017 RP Conference in Burlingame, CA. Workshops include:

- Leveraging R to Advance a Culture of Inquiry on Your Campus | 10 am - 4 pm
- Creating Effective Data Visualizations: Intermediate Tableau... | 1 pm - 5 pm
- Integrated Planning Tools and Resources | 10:30 am - 3:30 pm

[Click here to register for one of the workshops!](#)

Now is the Time to Start Your Equity Plan

The RP Group has an expert team of researchers and evaluators who support and assist colleges in developing and implementing their equity plans in three key ways: including facilitating equity focus groups, evaluating findings, and assisting with data development and disaggregation. Equity plans are due December 1, 2017!

If you would like more information on cost or how we can work with your college, please contact our Director of Research and Evaluation, Dr. Darla Cooper at dcooper@rpgroup.org.

The RP Group Presents

The RP Group's Director of Research and Evaluation, Dr. Darla Cooper, gave a presentation on guided pathways to faculty at the [Academic Senate's](#) Instructional Design and Innovation Institute in March. The presentation and discussion explored how to build on past efforts and evolve our thinking about how students are recruited to, enter, and progress through our colleges with an eye towards students completing their goals at markedly higher rates.

The RP Group has an expert team of researchers experienced in delivering engaging sessions on a range of topics. If you would like more information on having our team present at your institution or event, please contact [Olivia Loy](#).

Join Us at LINKS

The RP Group's Leading from the Middle and 3CSN invite you to LINKS (Learning in Networks for Knowledge Sharing) on April 21-22. [This 2-day conference](#) is a place to grow your peer network and your repository of knowledge under the theme of "Learning to Lead, Leading to Learn." We hope to see you there!

Upcoming Regional Research Groups

Talk IRP shop with your cohorts in Northern and Southern California in April and May at one of our upcoming Regional Research Group meetings. Lunch will be provided by the RP Group and you may [visit our website for more information](#) and dates.

Orange County Research and Planning (OCRP) Group Meeting | Thursday, April 6 | Rancho Santiago CCD | Santa Ana, CA

Email [Nga Pham](#) for more information and to RSVP.

Greater Bay Area Regional Research Group | Friday, May 5 | 10 am - 2 pm | De Anza College | Cupertino, CA

Email [Pamela Mery](#) for more information and to be added to the regional listserv.

From the Field



Catch Early Bird Pricing for the CAIR Conference

Fellow researchers and friends! Join your colleagues at the CAIR 2017 Conference in Concord, CA Wednesday, November 8 through Friday, November 10. This year's theme is Plotting the

Course: Showing the Way to Institutional Success.

[Visit the CAIR website for more information and to register.](#)

Deadline to Apply for CAP is April 7

Apply to the California Acceleration Project, a faculty-led professional development network that supports the state's 113 community colleges to transform remediation to increase student completion and equity. CAP is focused on one primary outcome: increasing the number of students who go on to complete transferable gateway courses in English and math. To participate in the Northern CA program (June 2-4) or the Southern CA program (July 7-9) [apply by Friday, April 7, 2017.](#)



Think Your TOP Codes Might Be Wrong?

The Academic Senate for California Community Colleges, working with the Chancellor's Office and CTE Data Unlocked, have launched a project to support the review of codes that have been assigned to courses and awards. When codes are accurately assigned, colleges are better able to implement degree audit systems, can avoid inconsistencies in federal reporting, and see data that are consistent with similar programs in tools like Salary Surfer, Data Mart, and the LaunchBoard.

[Find out more and get support for your college!](#)

Upcoming 3CSN Events

Join your cohorts this month at one of these upcoming 3CSN events..



NorCal Tutor Expo | April 7 | Delta College

This fourth annual conference by and for postsecondary tutors, faculty, staff, and administrators connects to tutoring and learning assistance within the California Community College system. The theme for the conference will be "Equity", and we encourage proposals to interpret the theme broadly. [Please go here for more information](#) and to register.

Introduction to Culturally Responsive Training and Learning | April 14 | West Los Angeles College

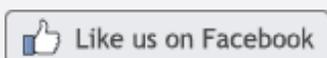
This Introduction to Culturally Responsive Teaching and Learning (CRTL) interactive workshop will give tutors an opportunity to learn and engage in activities to support their efforts in reducing equity gaps and improving student success outcomes. [Please go here for more information](#) and to register.

Submit Your News to the RP Super Brief!

If you would like to include information in a future RP Super Brief about opportunities or resources that increase the capacity of California Community Colleges to support student success, please send your announcement (a title, a two or three-line description, and any photos, logos and links) to oloy@rpgroup.org by the 25th of the month for publication in the next month's issue.



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