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First Phase of Transfer Study Reveals Math as Barrier and More

In case you missed it, the RP Group released initial findings from our Through the Gate Transfer Study at the Strengthening Student Success Conference in October.

Initial research reveals that over a recent five-year period, nearly 300,000 CCC students who completed all or most of their transfer requirements did not make it "through the gate" to a university.

One of the biggest barriers? Math. In fact, 92% of students near the transfer gate still need to complete transfer-level math requirements in order to proceed along their path to university.

Learn more and get involved:

- See the [Quick Facts](#).
- View the [Research Brief](#).
- Join the conversation at #StudentsThroughtheGate.
- Stay tuned for the full technical report in mid-November!



THROUGH THE GATE

This Just In: Our New "Evaluation Snapshot"

Does an evaluation report for a multi-year project have to be a 100-page long report? In the case of a US Dept. of Labor Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College & Career Training (TAACCT) grant that the RP Group evaluated at Long Beach City College, the answer was "yes." However, in addition to the required report, the RP Group wanted to create something the client could use to convey the highlights and spirit of the program and evaluation to stakeholders and potential new funders. [Enter the Evaluation Snapshot](#), a new way to bring audiences quickly into a project, introduce the participants, communicate important project points, and share what can be learned. For questions or for more information, please contact RP Group Project Director, Eva Schiorring eschiorring@rpgroup.org.

#SSSC17 Session Materials Are Up

If you're looking for conference materials from any of the keynote speakers or sessions you attended (or were not able to attend) from the Strengthening Student Success Conference in October, they are [now up on our website](#).

New Regional Research Group Meeting Announced

This two-hour interactive meeting will consist of a brainstorming and collaborative planning session to develop a regional project. Email [Aeron Zentner](mailto:Aeron.Zentner) or [go here for more information](#).

November 9 | Coastline Community College, Newport Beach Campus, CA | 10 am - 12 pm

RP Conference 2018: Call for Proposals and More

The **Call for Proposals for the 2018 RP Conference** and the **Call for Nominations for the 2018 RP Group Awards** are now open.

You can now use [one link](#) to submit your proposal and nominate a project.

Selected proposals and awards will be presented at the 2018 RP Conference, to be held **April 11-13, 2018** at the Westin Long Beach.

The two-day conference (plus post-conference workshops) is hands-on and is designed to expand your research and planning toolkit in order to help you support your institution's capacity for evidence-based decision-making and inquiry. **The theme for the 2018 RP Conference is *Integration for Transformation*.**



[Get details about the call for proposals, conference theme and focus areas, and more here.](#)

[Find information regarding the RP Group Awards categories and selection criteria here.](#)

Application Deadline for 2018 Leading from the Middle Academy Extended!



If you are interested in elevating your leadership role on campus or in your

district, the LFM Academy can help you get there. The 2018 LFM Academy will focus on developing college capacity to address the complexities of implementing Guided Pathways and emphasis will be placed on key starting points as well for GP. Send an **Email of Interest** to Dr. Robert Gabriner, LFM Director, to indicate why LFM would be helpful for your college's student success programs, and then **apply by November 15, 2017**. You can also [go to our website](#) for more information, or register for an upcoming one-day convening. Details are below.

Transformation Leadership: Developing Organizational Coherence for Students

The CCC community is in the midst of great opportunities for redesign with statewide initiatives. Leading from the Middle (the RP Group) and 3CSN are offering a one-day convening to show teams, as well as individuals, how to take the first steps toward building organizational coherence in our community colleges. Topics include identifying barriers to completion, using data effectively to make a case for change, and engaging in difficult conversations around transformation.

November 17 | American River College | [Register Here](#)



Share Your Findings and Ideas...

Do you have a story, discovery, or tool -- inspired by evidence or data -- that would delight and pique the curiosity of the 5,000-plus higher ed researchers, practitioners, and leaders who make up our RP Group community and quickly growing email subscriber base?

We are now accepting proposal submissions from practitioners and leaders just like you in order to give voice to those who have a fresh perspective to share.

We are looking for articles that:

- Focus on improving success and outcomes for California Community College students
- Highlight topics and research on the connections between two and four-year college students

Learn more and [submit your proposal here](#) or email RP Group Director of Communications **Olivia Loy** for more information.

From Our Partners

Register for the 2nd Annual Equity Institute in Southern or Northern CA

Join 3CSN and other colleagues from across the state for in-depth discussions, engaging sessions, and activities to support your work as equity practitioners. Keynote speakers and facilitators will share research, planning tools, and best practices to deepen your understanding of equity issues in our colleges, support your efforts toward eliminating achievement and opportunity gaps, and create equitable outcomes for all students. Get [more information and register here.](#)

Southern CA November 17-18 | Multiple Campuses

Northern CA March 9-10 | Multiple Campuses



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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