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for California Community Colleges

## From the RP Group

### Share Your Findings and Ideas with Our 4,000 Readers

Do you have a story, discovery, or tool – inspired by evidence or data – that would delight and pique the curiosity of the 4,000 higher ed researchers, practitioners, and leaders who make up our RP Group community and active email subscriber base? **We are now accepting proposal submissions** for our bi-monthly *Perspectives*, from educators just like you, in order to give voice to fresh ideas. We are looking for article ideas that:

- Focus on improving success and outcomes for California Community College students
- Shine a light on transfer findings
- Highlight topics and research on the connections between two and four-year college students
- Highlight new methodology, instruments, or projects that relate to California Community College student success

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

### You're Invited: Maximizing High School Transcript Information for MMAP

Join us for this webinar, which will cover new tools available to colleges to better understand and help encourage local participation in CalPASS Plus, California's voluntary intersegmental educational system of data, to increase the number of participating schools and districts so that more students will have multiple measures information available, regardless of which California Community College they might end up attending.

The webinar will also cover potential alternative approaches for students for whom student high school information is not available in CalPASS Plus, including local transcript review and self-reported high school information.

**October 6 | 12 - 1 pm | [Webinar Login](#) | Phone: 888-886-3951 | Passcode: 164823**

Presenters: Ken Sorey and John Hetts, EdResults Partnership/CalPASS Plus

### We Are Looking for Two Higher Ed Heroes to Join Our Team!

Are you a dedicated, passionate, and collaborative individual interested in a meaningful career focused on strengthening student success across California's Community Colleges and beyond? The RP Group currently has two positions open, including full-time **Executive Director** and part-time **SSS Conference Content Lead** (contract position). [Learn more here](#), and send your resume to [jobs@rpgroup.org](mailto:jobs@rpgroup.org). **The deadline to apply is October 9, 2017.**

### RP Conference 2018: Save the Date + Call for Proposals!



Mark your calendars for April 11-13, 2018 for our annual RP Conference – the largest gathering of institutional researchers and planners in the California Community College system. The theme for the upcoming 2018 conference is "Integration for Transformation" and the location will be The Westin Long Beach in Southern California.

Go [here for more information](#) and look for a Call for Proposals for conference sessions later this month.

## Join the Leading from the Middle Academy 2018!

The RP Group is now accepting applications for its 2018 LFM Academy, which will focus on developing college capacity to address the complexities of implementing Guided Pathways.



To apply, send an Email of Interest to **Dr. Robert Gabriner**, LFM Director, and indicate why this opportunity would be helpful for your college's student success programs, and then [fill out this application](#) by November 1, 2017. For more information, [visit our website](#).

## The RP Group Out and About Round Up

We've been busy the last couple of months, presenting to CCC professionals and practitioners about Student Support (Re)defined, Guided Pathways, and more. See where we've been, and click the button below to **get more information about inviting us to present at your college or organization**.

### Student Support (Re)defined: Forging Effective Equity Partnerships

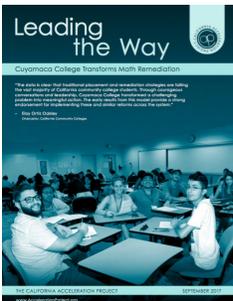
Presented by Dr. Darla Cooper; Michael Howe; Kim Mazzuca President and CEO, 10,000 Degrees; Dr. Lisa Webb, Dean of Student Success, College of Marin, at CCLC Equity Summit

### Guided Pathways: Meeting California's Need for College Graduates: Exploring Guided Pathways

Presented by Dr. Darla Cooper and Sonya Christian, President of Bakersfield College/Chair of CA Guided Pathways Project at NALEO California Statewide Policy Institute on Higher Education

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## From Our Partners



### New Report from CAP: *Leading the Way: Cuyamaca College Transforms Math Remediation*

[Leading the Way](#), the most recent in a series highlighting California Community Colleges that are successfully transforming their remediation policies, spotlights San Diego's Cuyamaca College, where completion of transfer-level math increased from 10% to 67% in one year among students formerly labeled "remedial." Cuyamaca's experience points the way for the rest of the state, revealing what's possible when colleges step up to transform their systems on behalf of students.

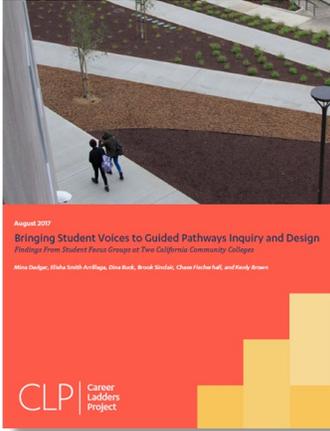
## You're Invited: The California Acceleration Project's Design &

## Development Institute

This two-day institute, designed for English and math faculty -- as well as a broader group of campus stakeholders involved in placement, remediation, and equity -- provides support for colleges to redesign remediation. The institute will include an overview of the latest research on placement and co-requisite remediation as well as nuts and bolts information on implementing placement reform.



October 27-28 | Cuyamaca College | [Register here.](#)



## Recent Career Ladders Project Report: Bringing Student Voices to Guided Pathways Inquiry and Design: Findings from Student Focus Groups at Two California Community Colleges

In case you missed it, the Career Ladders Project released [a report in late August](#) containing the findings from sixteen focus groups conducted with community college students in order to learn how students chose a major, selected courses, and what they found to be helpful in navigating their college experience. The focus groups were held in order to inform the guided pathways design process and the findings, released in this report in late August, revealed that:

- Students find choosing a major to be a difficult task that requires career exploration and an understanding of how different majors and careers connect.
- Most students find choosing the right courses and getting into the courses they need to be challenging.
- While students value support services when they can access them, many students were unaware of the available supports.
- Students yearn for a sense of community, peer connection, and culturally relevant curriculum and experiences.

## Help Students Learn at Introductory Reading Apprenticeship Workshop at ELAC

Do you want to help students learn new strategies to make the most of the texts you assign? Do you want to learn practical approaches for apprenticing students into academic and disciplinary ways of thinking? Do you want to enhance students' understanding and problem-solving in your discipline? Join us for an Introductory Reading Apprenticeship Workshop!



October 20 | East Los Angeles College | [Register here.](#)

## Calling all Tutors! Register for the Greater Orange County Learning Assistance Project Sharing Event



Calling all tutoring, supplemental instruction, and learning assistance (broadly) coordinators, directors, and others connected to postsecondary tutoring within the greater Orange County region! Join us for a morning of discussion, networking, and sharing to advance our community of practice. Topics will include tutor training, preparing for tutor expo '18, leadership training for coordinators/directors, the role of tutoring in guided pathways and integrated planning, and ways we can support each other's programs.

October 20 | Santiago Canyon College | [Register here.](#)

## 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](mailto:oloy@rpgroup.org) by the 25th of the month for publication in the next month's issue.*



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