



the RP group

the Research & Planning Group
for California Community Colleges

RP Super Brief

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Greetings, !

Check out this month's RP Group news and events, and learn about other opportunities and resources from the field.

Happy July!

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RP Group News and Events

RP Group News

Meet your 2016-2017 RP Group Board Members

The RP Group Board of Directors welcomes three newly elected and two re-elected members, each serving a term of two years. First-timer Brian Murphy (Lassen Community College) joins incumbent Pam Mery (City College of San Francisco) to represent the California community colleges' northern constituency. David Torres (Riverside CCD) will continue to represent his southern colleagues, along with newcomers Greg Aycock (Norco College) and Aeron Zentner (Coastline Community College). Board members work internally as a group and externally on committees to improve planning, evidence-based decision-making, institutional effectiveness, and success for all students throughout the California community colleges. A full list of the [2016-2017 Board of Directors](#) can be found on the RP Group website.

Meet your 2017-2019 RP Group President

The RP Group Board of Directors welcomes Gregory Stoup as President for the 2016-2018 term. Gregory has served in various roles on the RP Group Board since 2010, including Vice President from 2011-2015, and most recently as President-Elect. In his day job, Gregory serves as Senior Dean of Research and Planning at Contra Costa Community College District.

**Thank You
Carolyn Arnold, Barry Gribbons, and Alketa Wojcik
for Your RP Group Service!**

Thank you to departing board members Carolyn Arnold (Chabot College), Barry Gribbons (College of the Canyons), and Alketa Wojcik (MiraCosta College), for their commitment and contribution to the RP Group. Carolyn served as a board member from 1997-2001 (including as Information Officer from 1997-1998) and then again from 2012-2016. Barry began his service in 2009 and served on various committees during his tenure. Alketa joined the board in 2014 and served on the steering committee and as co-chair of the program committee for the 2014, 2015, and 2016 Strengthening Student Success conferences.

Thank you, Carolyn, Barry, and Alketa, for supporting the RP Group and helping us achieve our mission!

Stay tuned for more RP Group Board Member news in the August issue of the *RP Super Brief!*

The RP Group is Hiring!

Over the last decade, our organization has grown exponentially in its size and scope, adding in the delivery of research, evaluation, planning, and technical assistance services, and expanding our professional development offerings--serving IRP professionals and, increasingly, the full range of community college educators, policy makers, funders, and intermediary groups.

We are now at an exciting point in our lifecycle where we have the opportunity to grow our capacity to match our expanded workload, as well as to raise our visibility and deepen our impact.

We are seeking to fill five new roles. Know someone who might be a great fit for our team or interested yourself? Check out the descriptions below.

[Senior Researcher](#)

[Research Analyst](#)

[Director of Communications](#)

[Executive Assistant](#)

RP Group Events

**2016 Strengthening Student Success Conference:
Shared Responsibility
October 5-7, Hyatt Regency Orange County**

Post-Conference Workshops

While the main Strengthening Student Success Conference on October 5-7 is sold out, you can still tap into the event's energy, expertise, and networking opportunities.

On October 7, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm, we will offer nine unique post-conference workshops. Sign up for a workshop without the full conference registration, or, if you are already registered for the main conference, add a post-conference workshop to your registration.

Find detailed workshop descriptions and registration options [here](#).

Wait List

Add yourself to the wait list for the main conference here, and we will notify you if a spot opens up. Find instructions for signing up for the wait list [here](#).

Room Host Opportunity

We are also offering a first-come, first-served opportunity to attend the conference for free for those who would like to serve as room hosts during the conference. More information about room host responsibilities and how to sign up can be found [here](#).

Opportunities and Resources from the Field

Other Opportunities and Resources

New CTE Data Unlocked Resources Portal

CTE Data Unlocked has released a new resources portal that allows you to sort information by your role, the resource format, and the college task that you need help with. Learn more [here](#).

2016 CAIR Conference November 16-18, Los Angeles

2016 CAIR Conference call for proposals is open! Proposals are due August 1. Consider submitting a proposal on a recent project and/or presenting with a colleague. Learn more and submit a proposal [here](#).

Registration is also open! Sign up for this year's conference by September 11, and save \$50 with Early Bird Registration. Learn more and register [here](#).

Share information in a future *RP Super Brief*!

If you would like to include information in a future *RP Super Brief* about opportunities or resources that are relevant to the field, timely, and increase the capacity of California community colleges to support student success, please send a one-line description and link to info@rpgroup.org **by the 25th of the month** for publication in the next month's issue.

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