



# theRPgroup

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 March!

The RP Group

## RP Group News and Events

### **Congratulations to the 2016 RP Group Award Winners!**

Offered each year, the RP Group Awards recognize research, planning, and dissertation excellence within the California Community College system. We are thrilled to announce this year's winners.

#### **Excellence in College Research:**

*How to Increase Data Democracy and Develop a Culture of Inquiry  
within Faculty and Staff*

Michael Hoffman, Chialin Hsieh, Tracy Huang, Anniqua Rana,

and Janet Stringer, Cañada College

**Excellence in Regional/Statewide Research:**

*Multiple Measures Assessment Project (MMAP)*

Terrence Willett, Cabrillo College; Mallory Newell, De Anza College;  
John Hetts, Daniel Lamoree, and Ken Sorey, Educational Results Partnership;  
Craig Hayward, Irvine Valley College; Alyssa Nguyen, RP Group;  
Danielle Durán, Stuart Foundation

**Excellence in Regional/Statewide Research:**

*Who Gets to Count: Constructing a Skills-BUILDER Success Metric*

Ryan Fuller, Alice van Ommeren, and the Doing What Matters for Jobs and the Economy team,  
California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office;  
KC Greaney, Santa Rosa Junior College; Peter Riley Bahr, University of Michigan; VERATAC;  
Kathy Booth, WestEd

**Excellence in Planning:**

*Making Integrated Planning User-friendly*

Oleg Bepalove, Pierce College

**Excellence in Dissertation:**

*A Multi-Perspective Examination of Developmental Education: Student Progression, Institutional  
Assessment and Placement Policies, and Statewide Regulations*

Kristen Erin Fong, Cerritos College;  
Ph.D. in Philosophy (Education), University of Southern California

Learn more about the 2016 RP Group Award winners and their work [here](#).  
Winners will also be honored at a ceremony at the upcoming  
2016 RP Conference, April 7-8 in San Diego (more info below).

## RP Group Events

**Orange County Regional Research Group**  
**Friday, March 11, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm**  
**Rancho Santiago Community College District**

Find more information [here](#).

**Sacramento Regional Research Group**  
**Thursday, March 17, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm**  
**California Community College Chancellor's Office**

Find more information [here](#).

**Student Support (Re)defined in Action: Applying Research-based  
Support Strategies to Boost Student Success**  
Friday, March 18, 10:00 am - 2:30 pm  
City College of San Francisco

Discover how to apply research-based support strategies to boost student success, drawing specifically on Student Support (Re)defined findings.

Learn more and register [here](#).

**2016 RP Conference:  
Integrating Equity and Success into the  
Research and Planning Framework**  
April 7-8, Hilton San Diego Mission Valley

We are almost at capacity! Learn more and register [here](#)  
before we sell out!

**SCUP Planning Institute I**  
April 6, Hilton San Diego Mission Valley

The RP Group has partnered with Society for College and University Planners (SCUP) to offer the SCUP Planning Institute I before this year's RP Conference. This one-day workshop introduces higher education leaders to effective strategies for developing and implementing strategic plans.

This iteration of the workshop will also be tailored specifically to community colleges.

**Registration deadline: Friday, March 18th!**

Learn more and register [here](#).

## Opportunities and Resources from the Field

### 3CSN Regional Workshops

**Habits of Mind**  
March 4, De Anza College

Explore the ways Habits of Mind support a student's sense of direction, focus, engagement, and connection. Register [here](#).

**Los Angeles Regional Network**  
**Professional Development Coordinators Workshop**  
March 11, Los Angeles Community College District Offices

Share what you are doing with professional development on your campus, network with other Professional Development Coordinators/Organizers, and learn about how 3CSN can support professional learning and training events on your campus!

Register [here](#).

**Los Angeles Regional Network**  
**The 'New' Noncredit: Changes in the Noncredit to Credit Pathway**  
**March 18, Los Angeles Valley College**

Learn about recent policy changes in adult education, i.e. AB86, the important role noncredit has in student success, and innovative efforts in noncredit departments. Includes guest speaker, Diane Edwards-LiPerla, Southwestern College. Register [here](#).

**Threshold Project Workshop**  
**March 25, El Camino College**

Learn more about and get involved in this collaboration between 3CSN, the CSU, and AACU's Faculty Collaboratives Project. Explore how to develop assignments and assessment practices that foster student understanding of threshold concepts and develop their ability to apply different disciplinary habits of mind to complex, unscripted problems. Register [here](#).

**Tutor Expo '16: Making Connections**  
**March 25, Gavilan College**

Offered through 3CSN's newest community of practice, the Learning Assistance Project, whose mission is to work across campuses to sustain a community of educators toward the professionalization of postsecondary tutoring and learning assistance. Register [here](#).

**Institutional Effectiveness Planning Initiative**  
**(IEPI) Workshops and Resources**

**Basic Skills and Student Outcomes Transformation Program**  
**March 2, Marriott Riverside at the Convention Center, Riverside, CA**

Bring a team to this interactive workshop, designed to help colleges prepare a funding application to adopt or expand high-impact strategies that transform basic skills outcomes. Register [here](#).

**CTE Data Unlocked:**  
**Access to Information that Researchers Need**

Learn about a [new resource](#) from the CCC Chancellor's Office, including information about [attending a regional training this spring](#) to learn more about free statewide data tools and how to [apply for funds and technical assistance](#) to support local data usage and integration.

March workshop dates include the following.

**March 11, Clovis Community College**  
**March 18, Ventura County, location TBD**

Plus more dates in April and May! Learn more and register [here](#).

## **Other Opportunities**

**Community College League of California  
Equity 2016 Summit: Address, Implement, and Move Students Forward  
March 8, Riverside Convention Center**

Learn more and register [here](#).

**Community College League of California  
Annual Phi Theta Kappa Awards Luncheon  
March 24, Sacramento Convention Center**

Join us to honor students who are selected to the all-California team.

Learn more [here](#).

**Integrating Cultural Competence into SLOs  
and Assessment Workshops  
April 15-16, San Diego City College**

Registration deadline: April 1. Learn more and register [here](#).

**2016 CAIR Conference  
November 16-18, 2016  
Millennium Biltmore Hotel, Los Angeles**

Registration will open in early March. Learn more [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](mailto:info@rpgroup.org) **by the 25th of the month** for publication in the next month's issue.

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