



From the RP Group



New Face of the RP Group = a New Website

We're full steam ahead in creating a new look, feel, and approach to how we communicate what we do here at the RP Group – including the fresh new design of this *RP Super Brief*!

In addition to the *RP Super Brief* makeover, the RP Group (with our web developer partner) has also been hard at work designing a fresh, powerful, and user-friendly website just for you – our colleagues who are passionate about transforming the lives of all community college students. Stay tuned for updates and announcements in the coming days and weeks...

P.S. Last month, we gave attendees at the Strengthening Student Success Conference a sneak peek of the new site, and here's a sample of what they said...

"Awesome. Welcome to the 21st Century!"
"It's wonderful already. It's so easy to read."
"The Areas of Impact section is powerful..."

The RP Group is Social!

Are you on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#)? So are we! Be sure to "like" our page and chat with us. We'll be posting some exciting news and campaigns soon, so be sure to stay tuned. Click on our social icons above or below to say "Hello!"

2017 RP Conference: Call for Proposals and RP Group Awards Nominations Now Open

If you're looking to exchange local approaches to common issues, learn about the latest developments in the field, and strengthen relationships within our community, the 2017 RP Conference is it! The annual [RP Conference](#) is the largest gathering of institutional researchers and planners in the California Community College system and an opportunity to connect, be informed, and inspired. **The 2017 RP Conference will be held on April 20th and 21st at the Hyatt**

Regency, San Francisco Airport.

New This Year: You can now use the Call for Proposals and Awards Nomination form to: (1) submit a proposal for the RP Conference; (2) submit a nomination for an RP Group Award; or (3) submit a proposal for the RP Conference and an RP Group Award nomination for the same project.

The deadline to submit a conference proposal and/or a nomination for an RP Group award is Thursday, November 17th, 2016. Find more information about the 2017 RP Conference and a link to submit your proposal and/or award nomination [here](#). For RP Group Awards criteria and other information, please visit the RP Group Awards webpage [here](#).

Leading from the Middle Academy: Application Deadline Extended

The application deadline for the 2017 Leading from the Middle (LFM) Academy has been extended to December 1, 2016. Find detailed information and a link to apply [here](#). If you intend to submit an application, please send an email indicating your intent to Bob Gabriner, LFM Co-Director, at gabriner@sfsu.edu.

The LFM 2017 Academy will focus on promoting organizational coherence within each college through the integration and coordination of college programs including equity, student success, basic skills, and professional development. The full Academy program will run February - October 2017 and includes three face-to-face meetings, a series of online activities, and support from a peer-coaching network. Teams should engage a minimum of three participants per team, including a faculty member, an administrator, and a researcher.

Let's Talk Over Lunch at an Upcoming Regional Research Group Meeting

DeAnza College will host the next **Greater Bay Area Regional Research Group meeting on Thursday, November 3** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. where we will discuss topics including Assessment Validation and Institution-Set Standards. Find more details [here](#).

Golden West College will host the next **Orange County Regional Research Group meeting on Friday, December 2** from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. An agenda and more information will be posted in the coming weeks. Find more details [here](#).

From the Field

Need Local Share Reporting Resources?

The California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office has released a suite of resources to support colleges in filling out the Strong Workforce Program Local Share Reporting Template. Find step-by-step guides, quick start reference documents, and videos [here](#).

Expand Your Skill Set at the Annual CAIR Conference

Looking for the perfect place to network, hear from experts in the field, and learn about the latest news in Institutional Research? The annual [California Association for Institutional Research \(CAIR\) Conference](#) is the place to be!

Mark your calendar and get ready to expand your skill set and knowledge base at the 2016 CAIR Conference on November 16th -18th at the [Millennium Biltmore Hotel](#), Los Angeles. The full program, including session descriptions, will be available soon, but, in the meantime, peruse the updated [Draft Program at a Glance](#). Register [here](#).

Become a Future Exceptional Community College President... Apply for the Aspen Institute's College of Excellence Program

Up to 40 fellows throughout the United States will be selected to participate in three on-campus residential seminars, structured mentoring, and applied learning projects. To learn more, visit the Aspen Institute College Excellence Program [website](#). Application Deadline: December 23rd, 2016.

New IEPI Regional Dual Enrollment Workshops are Coming

Learn how to navigate the opportunities and challenges for California Community Colleges and secondary school partners to better serve underrepresented students -- all through six new regional workshops on dual enrollment.

These one-day workshops are tentatively scheduled from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on various dates and at various locations throughout Northern and Southern California. Check [here for dates](#) and information. (Please note the November 10th workshop has been canceled.)

Call for Proposals: Acceleration Across California

The California Acceleration Project (CAP) is hosting its first annual statewide conference, Acceleration Across California, March 9th-11th, 2017 in Sacramento. The submission deadline to present at the conference is November 30th. Find more information [here](#).

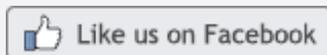
Capacity Unleashed: Student Stories Get Published

The Faces of Community College Math Pathways is a new publication from the California Acceleration Project (CAP) featuring the stories of 13 students who participated in redesigned statistics pathways at the College of the Canyons, Cuyamaca, Berkeley City, and City College of San Francisco. Read more about the publication [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 are relevant to the field, timely, and increase the capacity of California community colleges to support student success, please send a title, a one or two-line description and link to doy@rpgroup.org by the 25th of the month for publication in the next month's issue.

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