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## **INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS CLEAR STUDENT PATHS TO COLLEGE SUCCESS**

### **New Report Highlights Strategies to Prepare a Highly Educated Workforce to Meet the Increasing Demands of California's Economy**

LOS ANGELES, Calif. – Educators are taking enormous initiative to improve college access and success, according to a report released today by the Campaign for College Opportunity which highlights fifteen 'Practices with Promise'. These programs are making a difference for students today and show promise for the state's future. As California's policymakers and education leaders improve educational and economic competitiveness, they may look to the themes and the lessons learned from these working solutions.

"It is exciting to see the degree to which educators are breaking down barriers to increase access to college for Californians," according to Michele Siqueiros, Executive Director of the Campaign for College Opportunity. "What all of these programs have in common is they simplify the process of going to college, they forge connections between high schools, community colleges, and universities, and they clear a path for student success in the workforce."

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**WHEN:** Wednesday, November 19, 2008, 10:30 a.m.

**WHERE:** Phone Briefing, RSVP to [blake@collegecampaign.org](mailto:blake@collegecampaign.org) to receive call-in instructions

**WHO:** State Senator Jack Scott, Incoming Chancellor of the California Community College System  
Robin Calote Ed.D, President of Ventura College  
Micah Jendian, Cal-PASS Freshman Composition Alignment Project Co-Coordinator at Grossmont College  
Lianne Richelieu-Boren, Director of College Options  
Monica Small, Director of Sutter Center for Health Professionals  
Michele Siqueiros, Executive Director of the Campaign for College Opportunity

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The report highlights a number of key recommendations including initiatives and strategies that could be built upon for wider statewide impact. These recommendations include:

1. *Start Early* – Reach out to students as early as middle school and, if possible, make an early commitment of college and financial aid.
2. *Provide a Clear Path* – Create a structured pathway for students to succeed in reaching their higher education goals from college enrollment through to completion by integrating instruction, student services, and financial aid and ensuring strong links between k-12, community colleges, and four year universities.

3. *Support Public and Private Partnerships* – Encourage colleges, universities, and industry to work together on workforce preparation in high demand career technical, health, science, technology, engineering, and math fields.
4. *Track Progress* – Invest in systems to analyze student progress over time and use the data to provide appropriate interventions and improve student success.

Practices with Promise is a unique opportunity for educators across the state to put forward emerging solutions for improving college access, success, and affordability based on their own experiences at their institutions.

Last spring, 102 practices were submitted from across the state. After extensive review by education leaders and advocates, 15 exemplary practices are being highlighted for their quality, innovation, and potential to shed new light on what California education leaders and policy-makers need to do, and on what California's educators are already doing quietly but effectively in their schools and communities.

Media interested in more information, participating in the telephone briefing or receiving a copy of the Executive Summary or full Report should contact Blake Ulveling at: (510) 282-1489 or [blake@collegecampaign.org](mailto:blake@collegecampaign.org).

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**SUMMARY OF THE 15 HIGHLIGHTED ‘2008 PRACTICES WITH PROMISE’  
IN CALIFORNIA SCHOOLS, COLLEGES, AND UNIVERSITIES**

- Amgen Bruce Wallace Biotechnology Laboratory Program** .....**Statewide**  
*A partnership between the Amgen Foundation and the Foundation for Pierce College, the Southern California Biotechnology Center at Miramar College, as well as the Bay Area Biotechnology Education Consortium*
- CSU Partnering for Greater Access to Higher Education** .....**Statewide**  
*Partnerships between the CSU Chancellor’s Office, all 23 CSU Campuses, and church and community organizations*
- Transcript Evaluation Service (TES)**.....**Statewide**  
*A partnership between the University of California Early Academic Outreach Program (EAO)P and 150 high schools across California*
- Cal-PASS Freshman Composition Alignment Project** .....**San Diego, CA**  
*A partnership between Cal-PASS, Grossmont College, and San Diego State University*
- Project Success Learning Communities** .....**San Diego/El Cajon, CA**  
*A program of the Grossmont Cuyamaca Community College District in El Cajon, east of San Diego*
- College OPTIONS** .....**Superior region, CA**  
*A partnership between College OPTIONS and education institutions and foundations in the Superior region of California, including Redding, Chico, and outlying rural areas*
- Sierra College Departmental Final Exam for English A**.....**Sierra foothills, CA**  
*A program of Sierra College at their Rocklin, Roseville, Nevada County, and Tahoe/Truckee campuses*
- Diablo Valley College Financial Aid Student PLAN Program**.....**Pleasant Hill, CA**  
*A program of Diablo Valley College at their Pleasant Hill and San Ramon campuses*
- Dual Enrollment Program at Santa Barbara City College**.....**Santa Barbara, CA**  
*A partnership between Santa Barbara City College, local high schools, and the South Coast Regional Occupation Program*
- Increasing College Access for English Language Learners in Higher Education**.....**Santa Rosa, CA**  
*A partnership between Santa Rosa Junior College and local school districts*
- The K-16 Bridge Program in Victory Valley** .....**Victorville, CA**  
*A partnership between Victor Valley College, CSU San Bernardino, all high schools in Victor Valley, and housed at the Lewis Center for Educational Research*
- Passport to College** .....**Stockton, CA**  
*A partnership between San Joaquin Delta College, the San Joaquin Delta College Foundation, all feeder school districts, and the mayors from feeders school cities in the San Joaquin Delta region*
- Reducing the Attrition Rate of Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Students**.....**Sacramento, CA**  
*A partnership between Sutter Health, Los Rios Community College District, and Sacramento City College*
- Stanford Medical Youth Science Program**.....**Stanford, CA**  
*A partnership between Stanford University and high schools in Oakland, San Jose, Stockton, as well as community organizations and health institutions*
- The Ventura College Promise**.....**Ventura, CA**  
*A partnership between Ventura College, the Ventura College Foundation, and Ventura County high schools*

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