

Congratulations on becoming a Hewlett Leader in Student Success! Your work strengthening basic skills creates opportunities for students to surpass their own expectations in higher education. Your strategies for success stand as innovative models for other college leaders who want the best for their students. As a Hewlett Leader, you will receive \$15,000 to mentor and encourage colleagues at other schools and to support dissemination of your best ideas.

How can Hewlett Leaders help the basic skills momentum? Here are some suggestions.

- Host colloquia/workshops/Webinars to share your approaches, show how they work, and engage in inquiries about effective strategies that integrate academic support and student services.
- Take a few schools under your wings, mentor them.
- Use conferences to address good basic skills models through presentations, emphasizing the criteria and use of data for improvement (Strengthening Student Success, CCLC, Academic Senate Plenaries and Institutes, ACCCA, CCCT, League for Innovation, AACC, AAC&U, etc.)
- Share strategies with visitors and respond to inquiries.
- Share with regional and topical consortia (CTE, CALPass, SLO, etc.)
- Collaborate with other basic skills efforts in the state (Basic Skills Initiative IV, etc.).

- Demonstrate how to integrate with other core processes (program review, college planning & budgeting, professional development, student learning outcomes, etc.) in collaboration with related efforts in the state (accreditation, BSOC, etc.).
- Use your leadership role in various groups -- CEO, CIO, CSSO, Academic Senate, other professional organizations.
- Publish articles about your experience and why it matters.
- Use the Hewlett Leaders criteria framework to relay the core message about how leaders integrate, scale up, accelerate, and sustain successful basic skills strategies in a culture of collaboration and evidence for student success.

You well know the challenges, what's at stake, and the positive impact that can be made. We can support your efforts beyond the check and extend your leadership work with publicity, idea exploration, presentation planning, linkages, article editing, etc. We are also preparing press releases and Web information on you.

I will check with you periodically to see how you have been able to extend your leadership and gauge its impact.

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The Criteria for The Hewlett Leaders in Student Success

Hewlett Leaders in Student Success are colleges that demonstrate promising and innovative approaches to student success in basic skills. Their purposeful efforts yield coherent, structured, systematic activities with investment in assessment and actual improvement in basic skills.

The criteria are:

- Curriculum: aligned and organized for effectiveness
- “Learner centered” classroom practices, e.g. pedagogy, assessment
- Integration of academic support and student services
- Equity: attention to monitoring success and progress rates by cohort
- Institutional leadership & support as reflected in mission, planning and evaluation, and budget