

# Achieving the Dream

*Vision and Values that Guide  
Achieving the Dream*

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# Improving student success

- Achieving the Dream is a national initiative to *help more students succeed*, particularly low-income students and students of color.
- Achieving the Dream partners, coaches, and data facilitators support institutional efforts to:
  - help students stick with their studies until they achieve their educational goals; and
  - *improve student outcomes.*



# We can help more students succeed

- In the Achieving the Dream model, decisions made at a college or university are *grounded in data about student outcomes*.
- Central to this work are being open and forthright about colleges' and universities' current performance — and being committed to improvement.



# Participating institutions commit to:

- Placing students at the heart of the vision and work, and ‘taking them as they arrive’
- Making systemic and continuous *institutional* change (integrated policies, budget, resources, structures, programs) to improve student outcomes
- Examining data on student achievement
- Confronting and addressing achievement gaps



# Participating institutions commit to:

- Determining measurable goals and priorities and basing decisions on data
- Identifying and implementing effective intervention strategies to close identified gaps
- Monitoring their progress closely, planning, evaluating, and making adjustments



# Participating institutions commit to:

- Developing teamwork and leadership
- Involving internal and external stakeholders
- Communicating data, plans, progress, and outcomes broadly
- Holding honest conversations about cultural competence and current performance



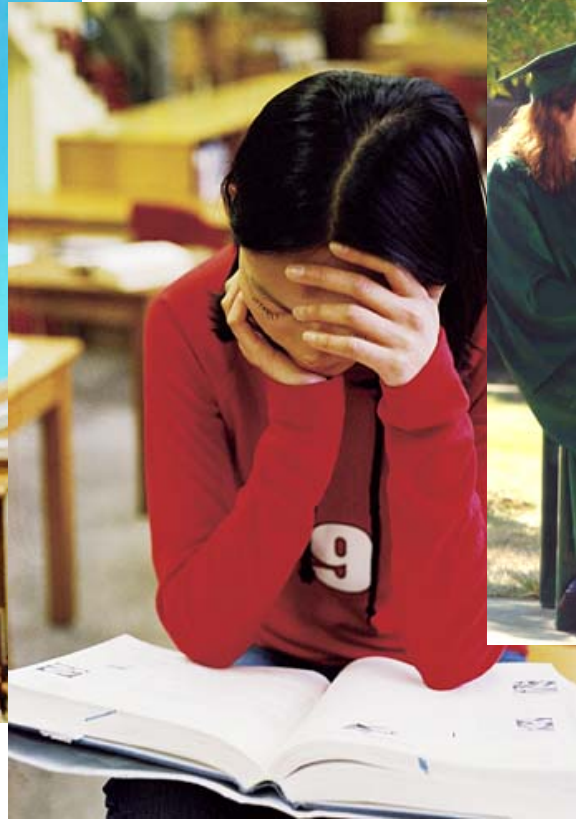
# Questions for consideration

- Where is your college/university, department, program, or class stuck in its efforts to improve levels of student success?
- What are the barriers to significant change?
- Is the concept of cohort tracking gaining traction?

# Questions for delegates

- How critical is developmental mathematics to the overall effort?
- Have you seen some good examples of how to engage and inform faculty and administrators?
- What are promising intervention strategies to increase student success?
- How do you measure progress and make necessary adjustments?

# We can close achievement gaps



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*Success is what counts.*

# Our commitment to improve student success

## Join us



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