

ACHIEVING THE DREAMSM

COMMUNITY

COLLEGES

COUNT

Top Ten Reasons for Progress in Achieving the Dream

- 10. IR capacity is increasing;
- 9. Cohorts are being tracked and data are being disaggregated;
- 8. Quantitative and qualitative data inform priority setting and decision-making;
- 7. Achieving the Dream is integrated with other significant initiatives;
- 6. There is broad faculty and staff engagement;

Top Ten Reasons for Progress in Achieving the Dream

- 5. Planning and budgeting are aligned with the vision and values of Achieving the Dream;
- 4. The institution is acting systemically, thereby avoiding a project mentality;
- 3. There is a shared vision around a student success agenda;
- 2. Leaders are engaged and pay continuous attention to progress on the student success agenda; and
- 1. The institution monitors the effectiveness of interventions and makes adjustments based on evidence.

Top Ten Reasons Colleges Are Not Progressing Fully With Achieving the Dream

- 10. Belief that Achieving the Dream will lower standards;
- 9. College is struggling with the use and interpretation of data;
- 8. Limited involvement in data analysis;
- 7. No additional resources have been focused on the student success agenda;
- 6. There are challenges in the effort to engage faculty;

Top Ten Reasons Colleges Are Not Progressing Fully With Achieving the Dream

- 5. There are pockets of resistance;
- 4. Turnover in leadership has inhibited the effort;
- 3. There is a lack of commitment by leadership;
- 2. Work plans and timelines have not been established; and
- 1. There are struggles to assess outcomes of interventions.