ASPIRE Alliance: Regional Change

Bakersfield College was awarded the ASPIRE Alliance Regional Collaborative Planning Grant in the spring of 2020.

Aspire in 2020, the future is bright and busy!

Here are just a few of the BIG items Aspire is working on for 2020...

Save the Date for the Aspire Alliance Summit June 1 - June 2 in Chicago! (more details soon).

Institutional Change (IChange) - IAspire Leadership Fellows Cohort 2 applications will open late February and IChange Cohort 3 applications will open in May! Watch for more information about the upcoming organization of IChange’s Underrepresented Faculty Communities of Practice.

Regional Change (RC) - is working to develop and launch three new Regional Collaboratives in Florida, North Carolina, and the central valley of California. These three new collaboratives are in the planning stage with sights set on bringing the number of participating regional collaboratives to seven by the end of 2020.

National Change (NC) - A big part of the NC workshop lineup for 2020 is the Aspire Summer Institute (ASI), June 15-19 on the University of Wisconsin, Madison campus - applications will open in late February. Along with the ASI, NC has an additional 15 workshops and presentations planned for 2020. Registration for the Facilitating Entering Mentoring workshop closes in March! There are also plans to revise the Guide to Academic Advising and working with UK Advising and Tutoring to create a UK/European version of the guide.

The ASPIRE Network in a national organization supported through the National Science Foundation that focuses on “The overarching strategy is to effect change by aligning and reinforcing both professional development and hiring practices of STEM faculty simultaneously at institutional, regional and national levels, and to do so through a social equity-based collective impact process.”

Currently, there are three Regional Collaboratives nation-wide and Bakersfield College was selected to create a collaborative in the Central Valley. The first cohort of our program was done in collaboration with our 4-year partners: UC Merced and Fresno State. We hope to continue this work and expand our network with other institutional partners.

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