State of Title V at Bakersfield College

The overall Project Goal of Title V: To develop an accessible and equitable degree pathway for service areas students that supports success and timely progression from first touch through to completion.

- **Academic Program Goal:** To develop an exemplary, holistic pathway for our underprepared students – through improving vertical and horizontal connections and processes - with a clear mission to significantly improve learning and success from entry to degree completion.
- **Institutional Management Goal:** To significantly increase underprepared student learning and success rates while closing the equity gap at identified momentum points through development of an engaging, integrated, and supported degree pathway that utilizes technology as a means to improve delivery of instruction and services.
- **Fiscal Stability Goal:** To significantly increase BC’s degree productivity and secure performance-based funding by addressing the needs of our underprepared students.

Bridge to BC is an intensive daylong freshmen program required of all incoming freshmen. During this interactive day, students engage with faculty, staff, and administrators one-on-one and in-group settings, tour the BC campus, and participate in hands-on activities that orient them to the freshmen experience. In this way, students learn about the academic and student services resources that Bakersfield College offers and experiences them first hand. Students hear from faculty and support services staff how to best access and utilize campus resources during engaging sessions and demystify questions that ALL new students have BEFORE their first semester begins. On a more practical level, the day focuses on introducing skills necessary for college success, including effective communication, time management, library research, pathway information, and other critical skills! This isn’t the “same old information” students learned in high school. The topics covered at Bridge to BC are designed and proven to ensure students are successful during their first year in college and beyond. Bridge to BC is a whole-college, integrated mentoring culture that serves to:

- Connect students to students through peer mentorship and employment
- Connect faculty to faculty through co-teaching
- Connect students to pathway faculty and staff through mentorship and intrusive advising
- Connect and integrate funding sources into a guided pathways framework
- Ensure students are on the path according to BC’s guided pathways momentum points for first-time students

When examining different outcomes, students who participate in Bridge tend to do better than students who do not participate. For example, Bridge students persist at greater rates and have higher success rates (see graph on the following page).
In addition, Bridge students are hitting BC’s guided pathways momentum points at higher rates when compared to other BC students (see graph below).

Events and Actions Taken

The Title V grant served hundreds of students in the Extend the Classroom Pre-Algebra and Math for Careers courses in Spring 2019. The Bridge to BC program grew by 280% from 2016 to 2018. There is a projected Bridge enrollment of 2,000 for 2019. Specifically, in 2019, we held 2 two Bridge to BC sessions in Delano to reach more rural students.

Looking Ahead at the Next 3 Years

We plan continue to scale Extend the Classroom and Bridge to BC and continue to work with Outreach and Student Life to reach more students and more families for activities offered on campus.