SANTA ANA COLLEGE

PART III: SAC Conference Summary

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Conference Title: California Association of Black School Educators Education Conference

Conference Sponsoring Organization: RSCCD - Santa Ana College

Conference Description
This year the California Association of Black School Educators focused Educational Equity for College and Career Readiness through Dual Enrollment and Career Technical Education.
Summary – One Full Page: Please describe the benefits to Student Success & Equity that you gained by participating in this event. How will you disseminate/share this information with your SAC colleagues?
Upon attending the California Association of Black School Educators (CABSE) Conference, I learned more information of the importance of having and maintaining a Dual Enrollment program on our campus. In the pre-conference I learned from others that the concept of dual enrollment is a tool that can assist students that are underrepresented in higher education. When I got to share the progress and work that Santa Ana College is doing my colleagues were glad to see how far along we have come.I also got to hear from them the challenges that their institutions are facing and got feedback on how we can better improve our program. For example, it was brought to my attention that it is important for the dual enrollment coordinator to be involved in the meetings of the Academic Senate. This is important because there has to be an open communication with the different division departments and in order to get everyone on board of offering college classes at high school campuses, we need to have the support of the department chairs and faculty that will be teaching the classes. In addition, I learned that in order to make dual enrollment become a standing program it is important to create streamline process based on guided pathways. Our students should be able to take college classes based on an educational pathway and guided pathways will help students visually see what their specific major or certificate program will do for them. This would be very helpful to our students and district partners because it will help students understand the importance of their major/career choice. Lastly, another important take away I got from this conference was to make sure that we have our counseling department have or assign an on-going counselor who can focus on helping students across the different high schools because we need to build a retention model which can help our students not drop or withdraw from our classes.