

California Guided Pathways Colleges Selected 4/06/17

Thanks an incredibly competitive pool of applicants, this selection process was actually both far more energizing and far more challenging than we could have imagined. Thanks to the great efforts of the twelve application readers, we were able to quickly turn around scoring of those applications in two weeks after the February 28th deadline. A pool of applicants were selected for an interview between Wednesday March 22nd and Thursday March 30th. By 1:00 pm on Monday March 20th, all the slots were filled - an incredible sign of what was to come in a passionate, equity-minded, focused set of interviews with colleges who both saw the need for and were excited by guided pathways reform at their colleges.

Interviews and scoring were completed on Thursday March 30th, and the list of 20 colleges were selected for the project by Tuesday April 4th. I have to say that I and my interview partners Kay, Kathy, Priya & Gretchen were very impressed by nearly all of the interviews, and the selection process was challenging. The good news is that there was a tremendous amount of inter-rater reliability on the interviews and the decisions for the 20 were supported strongly by all five interviewers. They were also correlated strongly with the application scoring as well, which is also a good sign.

We are also very happy - as were our funder partners - with both the geographic diversity of the colleges as well as the student populations served by these colleges. These 20 colleges serve a slightly higher proportion of underrepresented minority students than the state average, and we are very excited to work with them on the project.

The list below of the 20 colleges is NOT public yet; each of these colleges as well as those who were not selected were just informed in the last hour via an email from me. Those selected were told they could talk about the selection internally, but that the list of 20 colleges won't be made public until the press release from FCCC / CCCCCO likely next Tuesday (4/11). If you could also not further distribute this list until after you see the press release, we'd appreciate it.

Those who were not selected were informed that the list of colleges that applied for and/or were interviewed for the Initiative will not be made public, out of respect for colleges who didn't get in to the project but are of course doing great work. These colleges clearly can share with whomever that they applied or were interviewed; we just wanted this to be their choice and not something that would be made public by the project team.

So again, we are excited - and without further ado - the list of the 20 colleges is below.

American River	Chaffey	Modesto	San Joaquin Delta
Butte	Cuyamaca	Norco	Santa Ana
Cabrillo	LA Trade Tech	Reedley	Santa Barbara
Canyons	Long Beach	Rio Hondo	Southwestern
Cosumnes River	Miracosta	Riverside	Yuba

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