Guided Pathways Newsletter - December 2023

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Greetings AVC Campus Community,

Welcome to the inaugural issue of the Guided Pathways (GP) Coordinating Committee newsletter. We're excited to provide the campus community with regular updates on the important work happening around Guided Pathways at AVC.

The GP Coordinating Committee coordinates the cross-functional work around implementing guided pathways at our college. In this regular newsletter, we will share updates on our progress, highlight improvements made to help students, and provide tips and resources for the campus community engaging with GP.

Our goal is to ensure the pathways model transforms our institutional practices to promote student success. We welcome your questions and feedback anytime on this important initiative. Please enjoy this first edition of the GP newsletter!

What it Guided Pathways?

Every college is implementing Guided Pathways, an equity-focused framework that allows us to forge clear paths for students and remove systemic obstacles to their success. Guided Pathways is a structure to provide all students with clear enrollment avenues, course-taking patterns, and support services. This framework centers the student experience in system-wide decision making and helps us meet the goals of the Vision for Success and Call to Action.
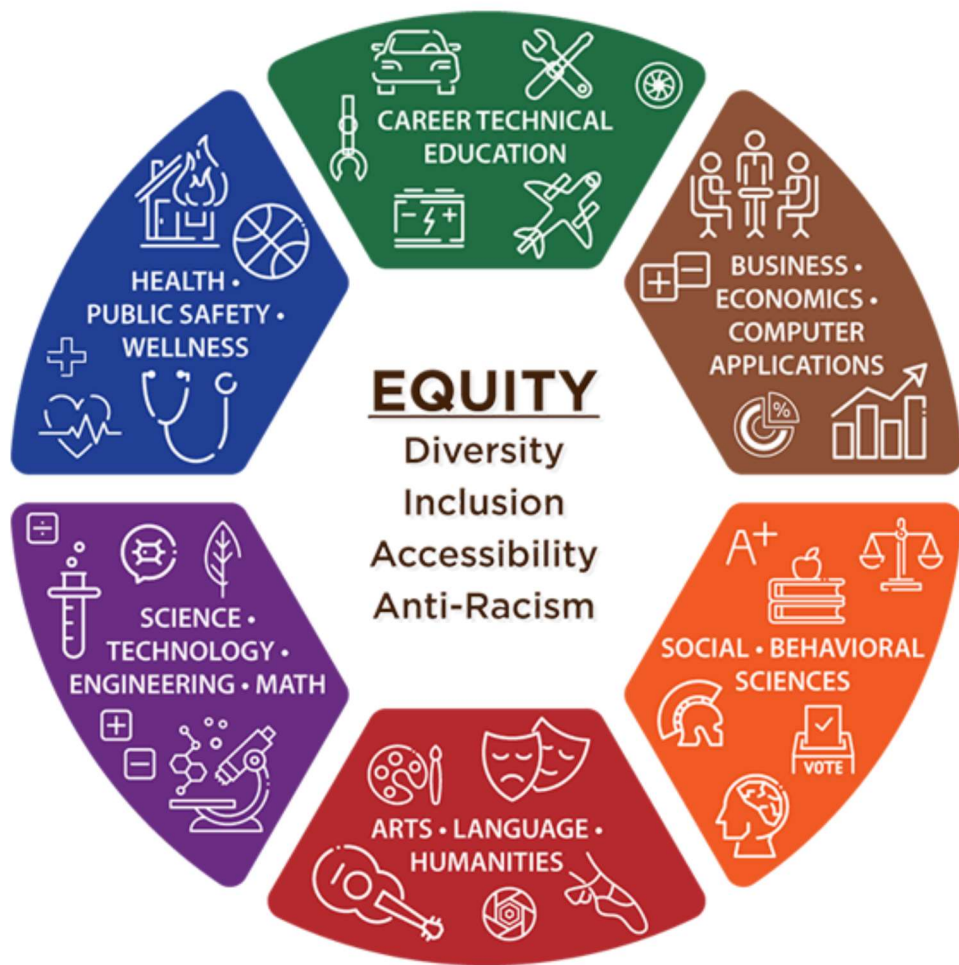
The Four Pillars of Guided Pathways

The "Four Pillars of Guided Pathways" are a framework designed to enhance student success and streamline the educational journey in higher education. These pillars provide a structured approach to help students navigate their academic path effectively. Here are the four pillars of Guided Pathways:

First Pillar: Clarify the Path (Career Exploration, Setting Goals, and Finding Programs)

Second Pillar: Enter the Path (Individually Customized Pathway, Prescriptive Task-based Advising, and Intelligent Resource Recommendations)

Third Pillar: Stay on the Path (Visual Progress Dashboard, Nudges & Reminders, Community-based Support, and Student Help-Desk)

Fourth Pillar: Ensure Learning (Analytics, Data Warehouse, and Built for Deeper Integration with College Systems)

Areas of Study

What are Areas of Study?

Areas of Study are collections of academic majors (degrees and certificates) within a career area that have related courses.

Understanding students Areas of Study will help students choose a major and degree based on their interests, knowledge, skills, and abilities.

UPCOMING: Student Success Teams

The purpose of the Student Success Team is to increase collegiality among faculty, classified staff, students, etc. to increase retention, persistence, and success outcomes among disproportionately impacted students.

Success Teams will include:
- **Counseling Faculty**
- **Teaching Faculty**
- **Data Coaches**
- **Students**: Student Ambassadors, Peer Mentors, etc.
- **Support Services:** Admissions & Records, Financial Aid, Graduation, Transfer, Career, etc.
- **Affinity Groups:** EOPS, CalWORKS, UMOJA, FYE, and SYE

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