

# Basic Skills Summit



Effective Practices -  
Bridges to Implementation

# FACULTY ENGAGEMENT

- Engaging Adjunct Faculty

- Lisa Silverstein, CCD Faststart Coordinator/Adventure Learning Coordinator

- Faculty Collaboration

- Claire Boyles, Adult ELA/Parent Involvement Coordinator, Poudre School District, former FRCC Dev Ed English faculty

- The Instructor is the Intervention

- Rich Bogdanovich, CCA Math Faculty
- Patti Molai, CCA Lumina Grant Facilitator/Academic Support Coordinator

- Q&A

# The Instructor is the Intervention

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Rich Bogdanovich, Math Instructor

Patti Molai, Lumina Grant Facilitator and Academic Support Coordinator

# The Instructor is the Intervention

- Professional Development
- Tutoring
- Technology Enriched Programs
- A Student Preparation Potpourri

# Professional Development

- o What
- o Why
- o Wishes
- o Winnings

# What CCA Did and Is Doing

- Targeting Dev Ed Faculty for specialized training and development
- Eleven sessions the 1<sup>st</sup> year
- Now institutionalized and on-going

# Why CCA Did So and Continues

- Size of Dev Ed constituency demanded it
- Dev Ed faculty are keys to student “connections”
  - To success
  - Life perspectives
  - Constructive intervention

# Wishes...

## CCA's Hoped-for Results

- o Improved Student Success
  - o Course completion
  - o Grades
  - o Retention

# Winnings...Actual Results

- More data needed but indications are:
  - Completions up 6%
  - Grades slightly higher
  - Retention open

# Winnings...Other Results

- Dev Ed faculty more:
  - Unified and interactive
  - Proficient
  - Understanding of interdisciplinary relationships
- Dev Ed programs better meeting student needs

# TUTORING

- o What
- o Why
- o Wishes
- o Winnings

# What CCA Did and is Doing

- o Encouraged dev ed faculty to tutor students in their own classes before and/or after class.
- o Actively recruited those dev ed instructors who had been attending professional development sessions

# Why CCA Did So and Continues

- Engage Dev Ed students in support systems on campus
- Students may be reluctant to visit tutoring lab

# Wishes...

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# Winnings...Other Results

- Program will be institutionalized into current tutoring program
- Recruited new instructor tutors
- Adding Reading tutoring
- Adding Dev Ed English tutoring
- Source of ongoing faculty engagement

# Technology Enriched Programs

- o What
- o Why
- o Wishes
- o Winnings

# What CCA Did and Is Doing

- Trained Dev Ed faculty in use
- Stock Computer Programs in:
  - English 030-090
  - Math 030-106
  - Reading 030-060

# English – Skills Tutor

- A supplemental teaching tool
- Has components such as Punctuation, Spelling, Grammar and Usage, etc.
- One year experience in 030 – 090
- Too early to tell.....

# Math – Hawkes Learning System

- All courses include traditional lecture
  - Full online option
  - Homework only online option
- Requires 80% proficiency at each step
- One year experience at most
- Accelerated 030/060 offered

# Reading – Reading Plus

- Integral but not exclusive
- Focuses on fluency and efficiency
- Requires 70% comprehension
- Two years experience
- “Profoundly effective” for some

# Wishes – CCA's Hope-for Results

- Improved Competency Levels
- Leading to higher:
  - Course completion
  - Grades
  - Retention

# Winnings - Actual Results

- Much more data needed
- Early and Anecdotal indications are:
  - English - Skills Tutor – Open
  - Math - Hawkes System – Pays Off
  - Reading – Reading Plus - Open

# A Student Preparation Potpourri

- What
- Why
- Wishes
- Winnings

# What CCA Did and Is Doing

- Mentoring...Student Success Specialist
- AAA 101
- Calendar
- ESL Placement
- Student Success Workshops
- New Student Orientation

# Mentoring

## Student Success Specialist

- Attempted Mentoring program using Adjunct Faculty
  - Students not responsive to adjuncts attempt to contact them
  - Adjuncts not on campus and/or available for students to 'drop in'
- Currently in process of hiring Student Success Specialist using successful Case Manager model at other colleges

**AAA 101**

**College 101/The Student Experience**

# Calendar

- Given to all Dev Ed Instructors for distribution in class with explanation of important information
- Available to all students
- Institutionalized and now produced by College Communications

# ESL Placement

- Worked with ESL department, Testing Center and Advising to:
  - Better align LOEP scores and course placement
  - Make course placement mandatory
- Ongoing work to help student understand:
  - That ESL classes are not beneath them
  - That appropriate course placement may actually save them time and money

# Student Success Workshops

- Adjunct instructors present workshops
- English and ESL workshops are relatively well attended
- Math workshops dropped due to poor attendance
- Adding Reading topic workshops this semester
- Math and English/Reading Pre-Assessment Workshops very successful
- Adding Study Skills topics “at your request”

# New Student Orientation

- Focus is Dev Ed students, although other students are welcome to attend
- Topics covered:
  - Technology
  - Resources
  - How to Succeed at College
  - Important Dates
- Four sessions for Spring 2008
  - Good feedback from students
  - Looking for better attendance for Fall 2008

# Winnings – CCA's Hoped-for Results

Engage students *multiple* times in *multiple* ways with *multiple* college contacts to affect:

- Course Completion
- Grades
- Retention

# Winnings – Actual Results

- Instructors, both Adjunct and Regular, are key.
- Mentoring – not successful but led to creation of Student Success Specialist
- AAA 101 –
- New Student Orientation – no data
- ESL Placement – not studied but misplacements decreased
- Calendar – well used
- Student Success Workshops

# Q & A

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