

- Allan Hancock College Cabrillo College Cuesta College Monterey Peninsula College
  - Moorpark College
     Oxnard College
     Santa Barbara City College
     Ventura College



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#### California Central Coast Community College Collaborative (C6)

August 2021 - July 2024

- Innovative cross-disciplinary, multi-institutional collaboration among STEM programs from eight community colleges
- Model program of leveraging existing STEM support structures and sharing best practices to address inequities in STEM outcomes for Underrepresented Minority (URM) groups
- Overarching focus on creating culturally sensitive, relevant, and responsive learning environments
- Sharing of expertise, successes, challenges, and structures
- Partner with four-year universities and industry to increase URM academic and professional success

### **Project Goals**

- Goal 1 Narrow the Hispanic success rate gap in STEM gateway courses. By doing so, more students will persist
  to the next level and eventually transfer.
- Goal 2 Increase the number of Hispanic STEM students transferring to universities.
- Goal 3 Hold a Fall Research Symposia to celebrate CC student research and project experiences.
- Goal 4 Increase student awareness of their academic path and their sense of belonging in STEM.

## **Three Pillars of Support**

- Research Opportunities
  - o Fall Research Symposium
  - University Partnerships
  - Industry Internships
- Academic Support
  - Embedded Tutoring in gateway STEM courses
  - Tutor/Instructor Trainings
- Professional Development/Career Exploration
  - Workshops/Student Panels
  - o Industry/Professional Support and Mentorship
  - Alumni Mentors and Guest Speakers
  - Alliance Spring Gathering
  - Faculty Professional Development
  - o Individual CC Activities



# **Activities Accomplished**

- Monthly Alliance meetings (10, beginning November 2021)
- Subaward Contracts completed
- Embedded Tutors (beginning Spring 2022 at AHC)
  - Calculus 1 & 2; General Chemistry
- Spring 2022 Workshops (88 student participants from 6 colleges)
  - Academic Success Strategies for STEM Students
  - o Maintaining Balance and Health in a STEM Major & Avoiding Burnout
  - o Professional Communications for STEM Students
  - How to Create an Amazing Student Bio
  - Exploring STEM Careers
  - o Transitioning to University Fall 2022 for STEM Students
  - Finding and Applying for STEM Scholarships
- MPC competed in a Duck Race event
- Summer 2022 internship placements (2 funded by AHC LSAMP)

## 2022/2023 Goals

Research Symposium –
 October 14, Cal Poly SLO
 Collaboration with CP LSAMP, College of Engineering; College of Liberal Arts
 C6 LSAMP students will showcase their projects through poster presentations
 Industry Sponsorship/Networking



- Expand internship opportunities for all C6 college students
- C6 website: C6-lsamp.org
- Student panel presentations to support university transfer
- Build Alumni Mentor Network
- Spring 2023 C6 student/faculty group activity
- Embedded tutor and faculty training across C6
- Strengthen partnerships with university LSAMP programs
- Mentorship Roundtable series with industry partners (AHC)

### **Grant Leadership**

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- Co-Pl's

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