CSU College Corps Program
Admissions and Recruitment: Vince Lopez, Director

Context

MISSION STATEMENTS
Office of Admissions and Recruitment:
Support student success and the University’s enrollment goals by facilitating the recruitment, admission, and transition of prospective students into the Cal State L.A. community.

CSU College Corps:
Provide students with individual assistance with academic advising, college exploration, college course preparation, and financial aid awareness essential for college enrollment.

Learning Outcomes

- Students will be knowledgeable about college admissions knowledge and financial aid awareness.
- Students will understand the CSU system.
- Students will understand the importance of taking the Early Assessment Program (EAP) augmented section of the CSTs.
- Students will understand the importance of taking the PSAT and SAT tests.

Methods

- Identified 250 10th graders at one of the three schools (Huntington Park College Ready Academy, South East High School and Wilson High School) and provide services through their 12th grade year.
- One-on-one academic advisement sessions with peer advisors.
- Class presentations regarding college admissions and financial aid.
- Group workshops on study skills, academic planning, and test preparation.

Results

CSU College Corps Student Participant Count

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10th Grade Pre-/Post-Test Results
The tests measured students’ general knowledge of college admissions, financial aid and the CSU system.

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<td>Pre-test (Oct 2009)</td>
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Next Steps

- Continue to work with students through the 12th grade.
- Recruit additional students into the program to fill vacated seats.
- Encourage students to complete the Early Assessment Program (EAP) augmented section of their 11th grade CSTs.
- Encourage students to prepare and take the PSAT, and the SAT or ACT.

Student Feedback

- “I really didn’t know anything about college admissions before I started the CSU College Corps program, now I know a lot more.”
- “Information about financial aid was really helpful.”
- “The peer advisors were really friendly and patient.”