

What is Project Succeed?

Project Succeed is a campus-wide initiative funded by the U.S. Department of Education. Its focus is to improve the 5-year graduation and retention rates and close the achievement gap for Under-Represented Minorities (URMs) at SJSU.

Block Scheduling

Since Fall 2015, we have increased the number of colleges participating in block scheduling each year. The block scheduled students were assigned schedules that included at least two shared classes with other students in their declared majors.

Currently, we have block scheduled incoming Fall 2018 freshman in the College of Engineering, Business, Science, CHaHs, Social Science, and Education. Also, we have block scheduled freshmen from three majors in H&A-- Art/Design Studies, Music and Dance. This Fall, 79.2% of SJSU freshmen were block scheduled.

Contact Cindy Kato for more information

First Year Experience

In June 2018, we offered two successful FYE workshops. The first was designed to help faculty create FYE in their own courses (GE and major). In the second, we hosted faculty and staff who were already involved in our FYE pilot program for a day of intensive work on assessment plans for the Fall 2018 FYE.

Building on the successful FYE pilots in Fall 2017, we have expanded our pilot courses for Fall 2018. We will offer sections of Stretch English that will pair up with FYE Area E courses as well as expanding the number and type of courses (both major courses and GE) that will provide students with an evidence-based FYE. We will continue to offer 1-unit FYE courses and an expanded unit-less on-line FYE, *Spartan Ready*. We will survey the students again this fall to assess their perceptions of their first year experience and we will formally assess the learning outcomes in

Upcoming Opportunities

Block Scheduling Lunch Event
August 31, 2018, 11-1 pm Sweeny Hall 331– For faculty who interested in learning about block scheduling and faculty who have participated in previous years. Lunch will be served. To RSVP, please use this link: tinyurl.com/blocklunchSJSU

[We are offering two visualization workshops](#)

Workshop 1: Presenting Data Effectively: An introduction to the science of communication and strategies for effective data visualization
September 28, 2018, BBC 32
9 am-12 pm (noon)

Workshop 2: Effective Data Visualization: A hands-on, deep-dive into applying data visualization strategies
September 28, 2018, BBC 32
1 - 4 pm

Presenting data effectively leads to people actually reading our data and reports. When we can engage people with intentional reporting, our audience will be more engaged and able to take informed action.

The workshops will be facilitated by Jennifer Lyons of Evergreen Data. To RSVP and get more information about the workshops, please use this link: tinyurl.com/DataVizSJSU

Peer Mentors
[Do you want to request a Peer Educator for your class?](#)
Interested Faculty should apply by October 15, 2018 at <http://peerconnections.sjsu.edu>

each of our first year experiences.

Contact Maureen Smith for more information

Faculty/Staff Mentor Program

The faculty/staff mentor program has done amazingly well in this last year matching over 200 pairs of students and faculty/staff. We think we can do much better and are in the middle of the process to upgrade our software and to include other key SJSU partners. Our goal is to support a culture of mentorship through a one stop mentoring application.

Contact James Morgan & Diana Seah for more information

Student Living Learning Communities

In Fall 2018, we will launch three Advisory Councils.

(1) Academic Success Advisory Council working in the areas of Transition, Experiential Learning, and Career/Professional Development

(2) Rainbow Village Advisory Council in collaboration with the Pride Center.

(3) Black Scholars Community Advisory Council in collaboration with the African American/Black Student Success Center and MOSAIC.

We will employ an online student engagement approach through the CANVAS Spartan Ready module for residential students and the CANVAS course for the Theme Communities. Three Peer Mentors will work with the first year community. This year we are excited to implement a Residential Curriculum that focuses on student learning. The new Coordinator for Academic Strategies and Tutoring is Teddy Tsau, He will oversee the Spartan Hub.

Contact Lina Anastasovitou for more information.

Peer Educators

A staff member, two faculty members, and a peer educator attended the International Students As

Partners Institute to learn about current best practices around the globe. The concepts were similar to what we've been envisioning.

In Fall 2018, there will be 112 peer educators in 142 different course sections, working with 65 unique faculty members with a total of 8,691 students. These peer educators work as peer mentors, embedded tutors, classic tutors, and supplemental instruction leaders.

Peer Connections has added 4 new graduate assistants bringing the total to 5. The peer educators work with 6 professional staff and 1 faculty liaison. To kick off the fall semester, a *Students As Partners* symposium was held for 31 faculty who are either working with peer educators in the classroom or are interested in learning more about this endeavor.

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