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Dual-Enrollment Correlated to Improved Graduation Rates

A new study from the Community College Research Center at Columbia University finds that high school students taking these dual enrollment courses are more likely to attend college and earn more degrees than their peers who do not.

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Articles of Interest

Free community college may sound like a fantasy, but it is happening right now in nearly 200 communities across the nation. Perhaps no state understands this better than California, where nearly 50 communities are delivering free community college through “College Promise” programs.

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A new policy (Assembly Bill 705) is in the works that would end reliance on standardized testing which has been criticized for trapping students in remediation and jeopardizing their chances of earning a college degree. The Bill would require community colleges to consider high school GPA or coursework in determining whether a student is ready for college level math and English classes.

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The debate continues on how to help students graduate in a timely manner by making changes in remedial and math requirements at the 23 campus CSU system. The Academic Senate passed a resolution citing that the process involved was “flawed” and not in the best interest of the students.

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Assemblyman and former LACCD Trustee Michael Santiago (D-Los Angeles) has proposed Assembly Bill 19 to have the first year of community college in California free. The bill faces serious opposition from Governor Brown’s finance department and the amount of money it will cost the State providing financial assistance to students who may not need it.

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Coming & Goings

Following a unanimous vote by the South Orange County Community College Board of Trustees, Dr. Gregory Anderson has been appointed the new President at Saddleback College. His first day on campus will be October 16th.

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Finally

Despite a massive spending increase (roughly 50% per student) on K-12 programs, tests to measure “Common Core” standards have revealed very little improvement. What has this costly rework of school curriculums accomplished?

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