North State ROOTS, Office of Civic Engagement (OCE)
Wednesday, September 14, 2022 Meeting Notes


Survey results: 18 respondents (graphs on next page)
Suggested discussion topics- Rural access to online courses and/or
In person support for those who don’t have broadband. Recruitment of educators from under-represented backgrounds, specifically native and multilingual

Recruitment and retention of north state students- overwhelmingly most support for:
  • Financial support for high schools to bring students for campus visits
  • Paying current Chico State students to go back to their high schools and talk to HS students about going to college

What are the best practices? Getting students on campus increases the likelihood they’ll apply, and a strong sense of belonging increases their chances of staying. These are more from the student affairs side – there are other strategies from an academic perspective.
Admissions has expanded their partnership with Butte College and focus on service area high school students. Campus folks discussed more intentional organization of North State students.

Updates:
  • Medical library grant received to provide rural access to health resources (Newell, Magnus, Mendenhall)
  • Regional K-16 grant awarded to North State Together and county networks
  • Last year, we had three students complete the requirements for Giving Back Home. You can learn more about their civic contributions in Collaboratory: Gabriela, Roxzel, and Yarely.

Announcements and FYI
  • Mechoopda Land Transfer ceremony September 23rd 9:30 – 10:30am at the Butte Creek Preserve
  • 60th Anniversary Farm Celebration November 5th 3:30 – 11pm

Meetings are second Wednesdays 12-1 pm on Zoom.

October 12
November 9
December 14
Spring meetings TBA
What are your priorities for discussion items during our monthly meetings?  
18 responses

- Faculty presenting collaboration: 10 (55.6%)
- Partners presenting particular needs: 11 (61.1%)
- Regional students sharing their story: 8 (44.4%)
- Faculty/staff sharing updates: 7 (38.9%)
- Monthly theme for brainstorming: 9 (50%)
- Time for regional partners to talk: 8 (44.4%)
- I’m hoping to attend to learn about: 1 (5.6%)
- Hearing what other rural areas are doing: 1 (5.6%)
- Listening to regional partners: 1 (5.6%)

We have some money to support student recruitment and retention from our region. Of these ideas, which do you think would be more successful?  
18 responses

- Stipends or mileage for student: 5 (27.8%)
- Financial support for high school students: 11 (61.1%)
- Scholarships for under-represented students: 6 (33.3%)
- Financial support for students to attend: 6 (33.3%)
- Paying staff to do in-person visits: 5 (27.8%)
- Paying current Chico State students: 11 (61.1%)
- Paying staff (or grad students) to again, I'd like to learn what other...: 5 (27.8%)
- Focused outreach to first year students: 1 (5.6%)
- If Enrollment is Job One, I would: 1 (5.6%)
- Recruitment - a personal connection: 1 (5.6%)