# **The College Readiness Coalition**





#### TSC's Four Priorities to Achieve Our Vision & Mission

- Pathways
- Success
- Community Involvement Establish mutually beneficial public, private at community – based partnerships to expand awareness, leverage resources and promote services and programs
- Institutional Effectiveness

#### Values

- Integrity
- Access Reaching out to our diverse communities, expanding linkages with industry and strengthening our partnerships with area ISDs and universities to create accessible and affordable educational pathways for our students, faculty and staff
- Service
- Excellence
- Innovation
- Success

# Five Foundational Pillars for The College Readiness Coalition

- Creating a College Going Culture
- Preparing for College Readiness in 7<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> Grades
- College Readiness Defined
- ECHS
- College Connection

#### A College – Going Culture

- Grades P-6
- Banners in Classroom
- Select a College to Attend
- TSC Ambassadors
- Draw on Your Expertise
- Draw on National Expertise

#### **College Readiness Preparation**

- ▶ 7<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> Grades
- Visit College Campuses
- Motivational Speakers
- College is For All Campaign
- Draw on Your Expertise
- Draw on National Expertise

#### **College Readiness Defined**

- Grades 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>
- TSI Complete
- STARR / TAKS Complete
- SAT or ACT Scores
- AP Courses

#### **College Readiness Rewards**

- Dual Enrollment Academic
- Dual Enrollment in TSC Career and Technical Education Academies
- Early College High School
- College Connection Mike Shannon

- Completing a college application and meeting with a college representative were ranked the top two most helpful activities for preparing for further education.
  - Central Texas Student Futures Project, Ray Marshall Center, The University of Texas (2009)

- Many high school students find the college enrollment process intimidating.
- College Connection provides hands-on, one-on-one support to assist every student through each step of the college admission process.

- Create an expectation that everyone can attend college.
- Goal is 100% participation of high school seniors.
- All high school graduating seniors receive acceptance letters to TSC the same night they receive their high school diploma.

Takes place on high school campus.

- Customized program to meet individual school needs.
  - Suggested Activities
    - Complete Apply Texas
    - Complete FAFSA
    - Attend Orientation

#### What's Next?

- Develop planning teams
- Determine dates
  - Target late March to early May
- Design individual programs
- Implement and assess

# Funding for 2012-2013 Planning & Implantation of The Coalition

- \$100,000 Proposal
- Strong Partner Identified
- Your Commitment will be Crucial

#### Seeking Funding for 2013-2018

- Develop the Title and Mission
- Dream Big Write a \$10,000,000 Five-Year Proposal
- Ask
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#### Project Title – Some Titles That Have Been Suggested

- Commit to College
- The Cameron & Willacy County Promise: College for All
- Promesa: College for All
- I am Somebody
- College Readiness Coalition: College for All

Your Ideas...and Q & A



#### Next steps

- Think about it
- Commitment to Participate: December 17, 2012 to <u>robert.aguero@tsc.edu</u>
- Dream Big
- Dr. Tercero's Closing Comments