

# The Importance of Early Advising and Postsecondary Pathways for Student Success





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### Introducing your presenters today!



# Who are you?





# Questions to consider...

- How do your current practices support students in their postsecondary efforts and aspirations?
- How are you applying an equity lens to your practice?
- What do you need to work on?
- What training is needed?
- How can you strengthen current efforts to support young men of color and moderately qualified groups?



### **Equality**



The assumption is that everyone benefits from the same supports. This is equal treatment.

### **Equity**



Everyone gets the supports they need (this is the concept of "affirmative action"), thus producing equity.

### **Justice**



All 3 can see the game
without supports or
accommodations because
the cause(s) of the
inequity was addressed.
The systemic barrier has
been removed.



### **CPS Framework**

To ensure equitable outcomes for all students, postsecondary guidance should be adapted to meet students at their current stage of adolescent development as well as addressing their specific needs.

Awareness (Grades 6-9)	Identity & Student Voice
Access (Grades 8-10)	Career Awareness & Exposure
Readiness (Grades 9-11)	Pathway Identification & Selection
Success (Grades 10-13)	Pathway Matriculation



### **CPS Graduate Profile**





### Graduate Profile

CPS graduates are powerful and othical civic actors, learners, leaders, community members, thinkers, and decision-makers. Greductes pessess the knowledge and skills to pursue their interests and achieve their postsocondary goals. Whether entering the workplace, training grograms, or higher education, they are socially, amotionally, and ecodomically propored and are able to think critically and creatively to solve problems.

They are culturally sensitive and informed decision-makers capable of understanding multiple perspectives and eager to contribute to civic life. CPS graduates are dynamic and balanced individuals able to establish productive personal and professional relationships and live rich and rewarding lives.

Possess the knowledge, skills, and confidence to successfully gursue gersons. professional, and give goals

- to equire knowledge, problem solve, revise, preeto, and innovate
- Consider variou sources and perapestives when solving problems . • Able to seek support to evercome or drawing conclusions.
- Apply content-agelette reading alcilla to think critically.
- Sock to understand and eak questions | 4 | Use notive and edguined languages to and appak effectively to a variety of
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  - Enthusiestically participate in class and soliaborate with teachers and



Inquisitive Learners

Domenatrate a commitment to the growth and dove opment of themselves and others. Consider multiple perspectives when making decisions. Willing to speak boldly, take on challenges, and step up for the betterment of others.

- . Foo confident in their identity, including their sexual orientation and racial, othnic, and gender
- . Be ewere of their own bisses and their impact on themselves and
- . Engage courageously and productively in conversations about difficult or controversial topics.
- Honor multiple perspectives in order to collaborate, creatively solve problems, and build consensus.
- Analyze power dynamics and work to advance equity.
- · Managa othical dilammas with temperance, humility, and grace.
- . Exhibit integrity and accountability through their actions and their
- . Continuously reflect to grow as a leader and to support the growth of



Ethical and Collaborative Leaders

Engage publicly and collaboratively in pursuit of the common good. Imagine new goas bilities and take justice-oriented actions almod at strengthening our communities and our democracy.

- · Contribute to building a positive culture and a strong community.
- Use their values and perspectives to inspire others and build connections.
- Be informed about democratic institutions and social, political, oconomic, and environmental justice
- Nurture a social and political consciousness in order to meeningfully participate in a catoral and political processes.
- . Critically examine varied sources of information and understand how they shape our bigges, values, docisions, ections, and policies
- power and use the power they possess to advocate for change.
- . Seek to understand diverse norangetives and take informed action in solidarity with others for the bottorment of the community.



**Decision-Makers** 

Engaged

Community

Members

### Definition:

Reflection personal strongths and interests to shape their paths. Actively seek out information and resources to inform parcer and oducation glanning and decisionmaking. Sock out and respect others' opinions. Are practive and visionary in setting. and schleving goals.

- . Identify the akilla and predentials rong and to onter a profession of eformation and support to do so.
- leant to their individual skills. strengths, and interests in designing an actionable gian for the future
- Know how to explore education and 1. Achieve financial literacy and be
  - Demonstrate on once mind when
  - Anny eccionic learning to real-world a tuet one.



Adaptable and independent

Cultivate a sense of self in order to persevere through challenges, take ownership and reagonability for actions, and romain flexible in changing direumstances. Critically analyze and synthesize information in order to thoughtfully question or challenge. harmful ideas or systems.

- Engage in short- and long-term goal
- Believe that ability grows with effort. and behavior can be adjusted to achieve goels.
- Sock out constructive foodback to auggort personal and academic growth.
- Take calculated risks and see chellenges and mistakes as learning
- . Sock support in the face of adversity. . Form opinions after analysing reliable information and considering different
  - Fee comfortable expressing ideas and goaltions that challenge popular
  - Exhibit social and emotional resilience and flexibility to adapt to changing direumstances and environments
  - Engage in soft-reflection, set gools, and take initiative to advance personal growth, learning, and



# What is Developmental Advising?

Allows for a holistic view of each student to maximize their educational experience in effort to foster their future success.

"is concerned not only with a specific personal or vocational decision but also with facilitating the student's rational processes, environmental and interpersonal interactions, behavioral awareness, and problem-solving, decision-making and evaluation skills."



# **Domains of Developmental Advising**

Foundational Skills

Career Awareness & Alignment

Academic and Financial Readiness



### **Foundational Skills**

The scope of this domain and its domain areas emphasizes social, emotional, employee, and transfunctional noncognitive factors at each stage of student development that drive success in postsecondary and career settings

- → Self Development
- → Accountability & Determination
- → Relationships & Collaboration



### What does this look like?

Self Exploration Survey
Career Exposure
Purpose & Self Worth
Critical Thinking Development



# **Career Awareness & Alignment**

Its scope includes cognitive knowledge and skills, market influence, professional opportunities, and vocational abilities.

- → Labor Market Awareness
- → Professional Identity
- → Vision



### What does this look like?

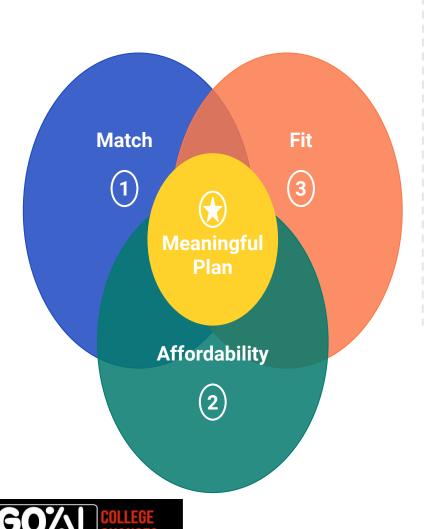
Compensation Awareness
Understanding Industry & Job Availability
Strengths Exploration

(Ex. CPFTA, Dual Enrollment, Genesys Works, etc...)



### **Academic & Financial Readiness**

Its scope includes navigating postsecondary selection, financial planning, and persistence.



- Match = Admissibility
  - How likely am I to get into a college, institution, option?

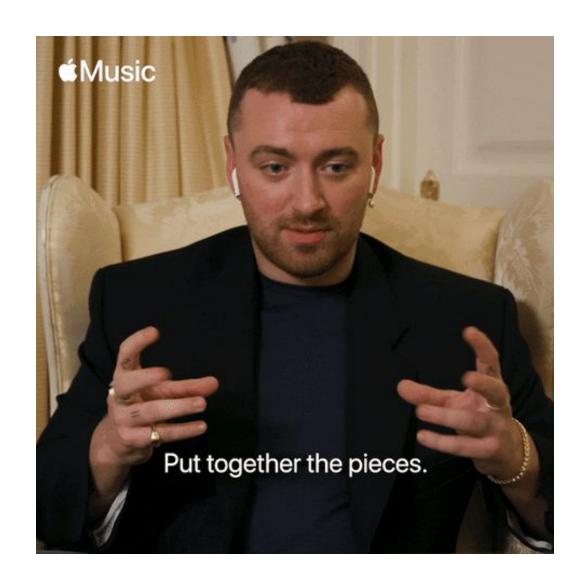
Affordability = Cost, Risk, Return

What is the cost, risk, and potential return of each pathway for me?

Fit = Sense of Belonging & Preferences
Where will I find what I need and want in order to be
successful?

Meaningful Plan = Pinnacle of Advising
Was my postsecondary plan chosen thoughtfully with the support of high quality advising

# Let's connect the pieces...





# The Chicago Roadmap!





# An Unprecedented Partnership

### A Roadmap for Success:

Two of the nation's largest educational systems, CPS and CCC, along with the City of Chicago, partner to break down institutional silos and help students move to and through college and into careers.

### Goal:

Ensure all our students, regardless of ZIP code, have the same opportunities to get to and through college, paving the way for economic success equitably.

# Chicago Roadmap>>>>



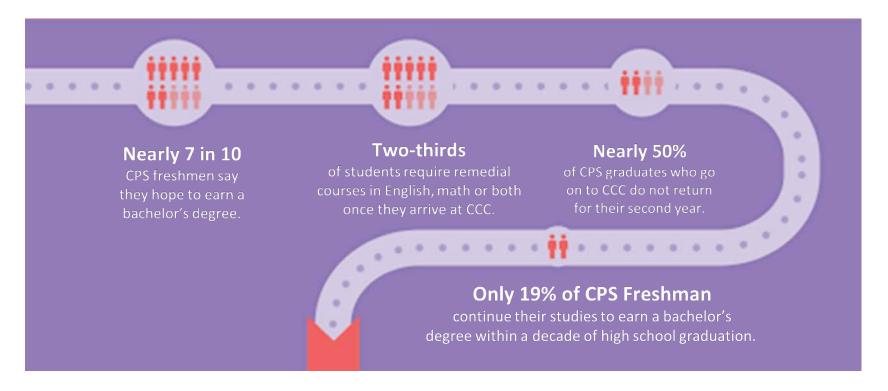
CITY COLLEGES







# Challenging the Status Quote with Stats that Drive our Work



**Lack of holistic student support** → All incoming CCC students are expected to attend orientation, but are often not engaged in opportunities for learning about wraparound supports (i.e., tutoring, wellness center, food pantry, etc.).



**Barriers for diverse learners**  $\rightarrow$  At CPS, just 45% of diverse learners enroll directly in a postsecondary program after high school.

# Roadmap Main Priorities (Domains)

### >>> Academic Readiness & Success

Our Goal: Ensure our students receive high-quality, well-aligned instructional practice across CPS and CCC.

### Maccess to High-Quality Programs

Our Goal: Work with students to get ahead and earn early college credits while in high school.

### Student Advising and Supports

Our Goal: Support students' ability to earn a post-secondary credential within a reasonable time and cost, while providing them with other resources to ensure they graduate from CCC.

### Career Exploration & Preparedness

Our Goal: Encourage students to explore college and career trends earlier and with a path or goal in mind.

# Strong Partnership Between CPS & CCC

Our Goal: Increase alignment between CPS and CCC for a sustained, successful partnership, which will improve the college and career success rates of our shared students.



### Chicago Roadmap>>>>

Transition Zone

**ACCESS orientation -** extended orientation for diverse learners to prepare them for college life and register with their ACCESS center on campus

**Summer Start -** 7-week bridge program introducing graduates to college life and getting them up to college level in gateway subjects

**Enrollment Days** - connects CPS seniors with onsite intentional advising to reduce summer melt and boost fall registration before high school graduation

**Postsecondary Navigators -** in-school support offered at 84+ District, Options, and Charter high schools to guide CCC-bound seniors through enrollment steps and more

**Early College** - dual credit/dual enrollment with laid out pathway options in IT, healthcare, and Advanced Manufacturing model pathways

**Transitional Learning** - senior year english and math courses that allow for direct entry to college level upon passing with a C or better

**Postsecondary** 



Purpose
Pathways workshop to
guide students
through
exploration of
purpose, vision,
values, and
passion,
propelling
momentum to
achievement of
future life and
career goals.

Options for the Future Monthly
Scholarship - one-on-one tuition coverage for graduates for first-year from Options high students with schools. documented disabilities to support holistic college success.

**CHECK THIS OUT!** 



# Big Wins to Date

Academic Readiness & Success	Access to High-quality Programs	Student Advising & Supports	Career Exploration, Experience, & Preparedness
Transitional Math offered in 72 high schools to nearly 4,000 students.  Transitional English offered in 42 high schools to over 2,500 students.	Model Pathways in IT, Healthcare, and Advanced Manufacturing implemented at 23 CPS high schools to streamline early college → postsecondary credits → job prospects.	CCC enrollment increases!  • 30% across all CPS grads  • 94% in Options students  • 48% in diverse learners	Launched 2 cohorts of Youth Apprentices in Healthcare, IT, and Autotech and Advanced Manufacturing.  Hosted over 3,000 middle and high school students across CCC campuses for Career Spotlight Days!





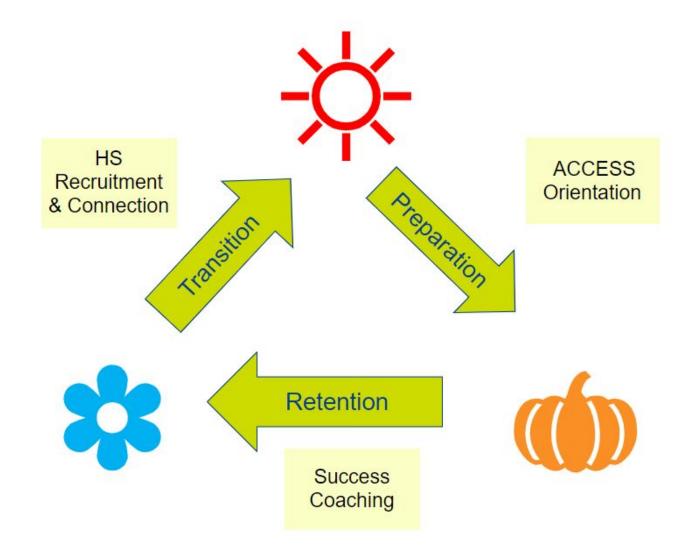


# Supporting Special Populations through Game Changers for Equity





# **Disability Specific Programming**

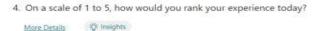




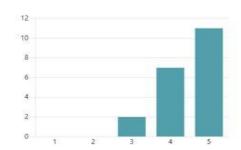
### **ACCESS Orientation**

Time	Activity	Location
9:30-10:15	Check in	Main Room
10:15-10:25	Welcome	Main Room
10:25-10:45	IceBreakers	Main Room
10:45-10:50	Travel	Workshops
10:50-11:15	Workshop 1	Workshops
11:15-11:20	Travel	Workshops
11:20-11:55	ACCESS	Theater
11:55-12:25	Lunch	Main Room
12:25-12:30	Travel	Workshops
12:30-12:55	Workshop 2	Workshops
12:55 - 1:00	Travel	Theater
1:00-1:25	DRS	Theater
1:30 - 2:00	Student Panel	Theater

66 students attended day 125 family members47 students registered for ACCESS (71%)



4.45 Average Rating



Session Time	Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D
10:50 - 11:15	Intro to College	Intro to College	Student Services	Student Services
11:20 - 11:55	ACCESS	ACCESS	ACCESS	ACCESS
12:30 - 12:55	Student Services	Student Services	Intro to College	Intro to College
1:00 - 1:25	DRS	DRS	DRS	DRS
1:30 - 1:55	Student Panel	Student Panel	Student Panel	Student Panel

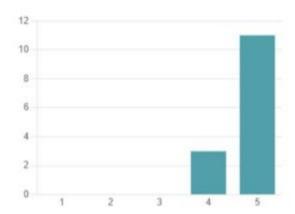
### **Success Coaching**

- 19 total students fully\*\* participated in coaching in FA22
  - 100% registered for Spring classes
  - 75% of the classes they took were passed with a C or better

\*\*fully refers to students who met with coach 2 or more times throughout the semester

13. Overall, how would you rank your experience with Success coaching this semester?

> 4.79 Average Rating





### **College Readiness**

High School Support (200 CPS high schools, almost 4,000 graduating diverse learners)

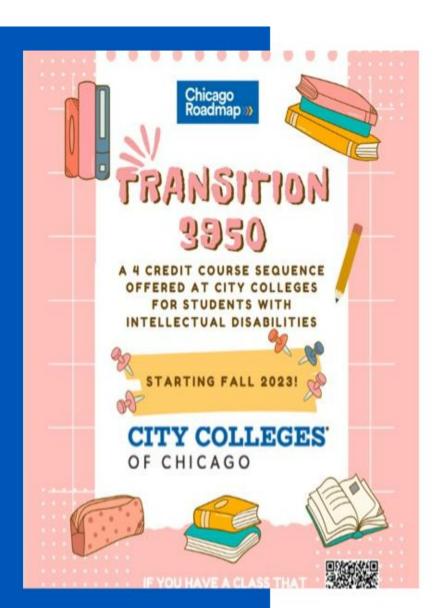
- Case Manager communication
- College tours
- School based college fairs & professional dev
- College readiness workshops
- CPS Transition Fair







### **Transition 3950**



### College Success

- House Bill 3950
- CPS Cluster Programs
  - · Full classrooms with staff
- Dual enrollment
  - 104 Course sequence
    - Wellness
    - College Resources and Study Skills
    - Academic and Professional Communication
    - Career Exploration

# **Career Exploration and Preparedness**: Improving community college completion rates by addressing structural and motivational barriers

# Purpose Pathways: a self-growth & career exploration workshop

WHO: Recent CPS grads in their first year at CCC. Emphasis on first-gen college goers.

### WHAT:

- Through 7 weeks of expert-guided self-exploration, students identify passions, values, goals, and life purpose.
- Backwards map life purpose onto academic & career plan.
- Build portfolio of products to leverage for future academic and career endeavors.
  - o i.e., LinkedIn page, resume, personal statement, draft cover letter

### WHEN:

- Launch timeline:
  - SP23 pilot with recent CPS graduates
  - o SU23 embedded in Summer Start curriculum
  - FA23 & beyond part of CCC FYE infrastructure

### WHY:

- Addressing the developmental disconnect in choosing a major of study.
- Data shows that the choice of major can have a significant positive or negative effect on the student experience, affecting retention, engagement, student learning, academic standing, setting of academic and career goals, and graduation likelihood.
- Expectancy-value intervention Intentional space for goal setting and long-term planning can help students navigate the complexities of college and connect coursework to their lives, increasing success outcomes.

# GOXL COLLEGE CHANGES EVERYTHING

https://journals.psu.edu/mentor/article/view/61278/60911 https://www.brookings.edu/articles/community-college-completion-rates-structural-and-motivational-barriers/

# Purpose Pathways Spring Pilot Findings

83% self reported as first gen students

Students left the workshop feeling accomplished, happy, hopeful, confident, motivated, and proud.

Pre-survey (N=91)

Post-survey (N=49)

Have not declared a major or have, but might change their mind:



Can think of someone they know who lives the type of life they want for their future:



Know how to define goals to get them closer to ideal future:



### Opportunities at City Colleges of Chicago for Chicago Public Schools Graduates

Are you	$\sim$	This program is for you!	Sign up here!
Someone with an IEP or 504 Plan in high school?	<b>→</b>	ACCESS Orientation - On June 8, Diverse Learners will explore programs/resources on their campus and get help requesting accommodations. Can earn \$250 for attending!  Success Coaching - During fall semester, Diverse Learners will meet with the manager of accessibility support to get help adjusting to college coursework and life. Students will sign up at ACCESS orientation this summer!	Students with documented disabilities can scan this code to book your seat at orientation!
Not yet at college-level in math or English?  Took Transitional Math or Transitional English and didn't pass? Took ALEKS (math) or RTW (English) placement tests and scored below college-level?	<b>→</b>	Summer Start - From June 20th to August 4th, students will take a free class, get tutoring help with math and English, retake the placement tests, and have the chance to earn a \$1,000 stipend for participating. English Language Learners are invited to apply as well.      Level-Up Math - A free 2-week summer program to help students place higher on the math placement test before starting fall semester.	Scan this code to sign up for Summer Start!  Scan this code to sign up for Summer Start!  Scan this code to sign up for Level Up!
Graduating from an Options (Alternative) high school?	<b>→</b>	Options for the Future Scholarship - Graduates from an Options high school will receive this scholarship which covers tuition and books (after financial aid) for up to 3 years.	Scan this code to apply!
Graduating high school with a 3.0 GPA or higher?	→	STAR Scholarship - Students who earn a B average in high school can come to CCC for free!	Just apply to CCC, complete your FAFSA, and register for next semester!
Unsure of what you want to study while at CCC?	<b>→</b>	★ Purpose Pathways - A free 8-week workshop for students to explore their values, passion, goals, and life purpose to select an academic plan that's right for them!	Scan this code to sign the interest form for fall 2023 semester!







# Questions?





# **Takeaways**

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