

Dear colleagues,

One of the factors supporting student success is the need for students to be “engaged” in order to be successful. For the last two opening days, the college invited Darrick Smith to talk about “Culturally Responsible Teaching” and Darla Cooper to talk about “Helping Students Achieve the Six Success Factors”. Hopefully, these two speakers inspired some thought as to what you could do to participate in the success of students.

Since you all work directly or indirectly with students, we need your input as to how we, as a team, could increase student success through student engagement. We have five questions we would like to ask you to think about before we meet on September 19th:

1. **Level of Academic Challenge-** When have you become more engaged when challenged to do more? What about this experience engaged you? (Example: working harder on a project than you thought you would, or studied harder for something than normal.)
2. **Student Faculty Interaction-** When have you become more engaged due to a relationship with a boss, professor, or other leader? What about that contact engaged you and why?
3. **Supportive Campus Environment-** When has being given support led you to being engaged? How would you describe the support you were given.
4. **Enriching Educational Experiences-** Describe a circumstance where getting involved in additional or outside experiences enhanced your learning and engaged you?
5. **Active and Collaborative Learning-** When did participation in a work or home or school activity engage you? What about it drew you in and kept you engaged?

At the summit, we want to hear what engages you and how you think we can translate that, along with what we have heard and seen with our students, to engaging ourselves and engaging our students in student success.

We look forward to receiving your input and taking steps to implement your wisdom,

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