Pathways to Success for Hispanic Students as Registered Dietitians ("Pathways")
Award # 2017-38422-27107
California State University, Northridge

Demographic:
- Latino/a: 46.4%
- White: 23.4%
- Asian American: 11.2%

Tuition & Fees:
- $6,587 in-state students
- $17,747 for out-of-state students

40,000 Students
4,000 Faculty/Staff
Pathways Objectives

1. **Attracts and supports** students from underrepresented groups to prepare them for food and agriculture careers;

2. **Enhances** the quality of postsecondary instruction by offering lactation education and experiential learning courses;

3. **Provides** information and access to food, agricultural and related careers through collaboration with the USDA FNS, FSIS, and WIC.
Project Partners

High Schools

LOS ANGELES MISSION COLLEGE

CSUN
MARILYN MAGARAM CENTER FOR FOOD SCIENCE, NUTRITION AND DIETETICS
Expected Outcomes

- Increase in transfer rate of full-time Hispanic nutrition science students from LAMC to a four year university
- Full-time Hispanic nutrition science students will be retained from freshman to sophomore year at LAMC
- Increase enrollment of full-time Hispanic nutrition science students at LAMC and Hispanic undergraduate nutrition science students at CSUN
- Increase in transfer rate of full-time Hispanic nutrition science students from junior to senior year at CSUN
- Undergraduate & Graduate Dietetic Fellows supported by the grant will graduate within 3 years
- Increase enrollment of full-time Hispanic graduate nutrition science students at CSUN
- Undergraduate and Graduate nutrition science Hispanic students will be certificated as Lactation Educators

Pathways

For Food Science, Nutrition & Dietetics
Activities / Progress Update

Undergraduate & Graduate Dietetic Fellowship Program
Outreach to Local High Schools
Lactation Education Certification
Peer & Faculty Mentoring
Workshops and leadership skills
Scholarships
Academic and Transfer Support for Community College Students (Mission Community College)
Best practices

• Comprehensive Mentoring to Ensure Success
  – Peer Mentoring (one on one) – current graduate students working with new students
  – Peer Mentoring Workshops
  – Faculty Mentoring
  – Support Groups

• Research Opportunities through the Marilyn Magaram Center
Challenges

• Contracts and implementation with LAMC

• Outreach Scheduling Efforts
Next Step

• Work with NEVHC to establish the experiential Learning Experience
• Enroll all students in the lactation courses and lactation Experiential Learning Experience
• Ongoing outreach, recruitment, mentoring and research
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