



First Gen Symposium

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Prioritizing Student Support in the 'Transition Zone'

Chicago Roadmap, City
Colleges of Chicago



Who are your speakers?



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Who is our audience?

Poll: Are you coming to us from ...

- K-12
- Higher Education
- Community Organization
- Other

Session Overview

- Overview of the Chicago Roadmap
- Roadmap Signature Programs
 - Postsecondary Navigators
 - Enrollment Days
 - Summer Start
 - ACCESS Orientation
 - Options for the Future Scholarship
 - Purpose Pathway Seminar
- Tips and best practices to facilitate success

Chicago Roadmap Overview

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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.



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Challenging the Status Quo....



Nearly 7 in 10

CPS freshmen say they hope to earn a bachelor's degree.



Two-thirds

of students require remedial courses in English, math or both once they arrive at CCC.



Nearly 50%

of CPS graduates who go on to CCC do not return for their second year.



Only 19% of CPS Freshman

continue their studies to earn a bachelor's degree within a decade of high school graduation.

Leading to...

- ▶▶ **Postsecondary Enrollment:** Measured by the percentage of students who enroll directly in a certificate, two-year or four-year program after high school.
- ▶▶ **Postsecondary Completion:** Measured by the percentage of students who complete their postsecondary education, thereby earning a postsecondary credential (certificate, two-year or four-year degree).
- ▶▶ **Employment and Economic Mobility:** Measured by the number of students completing successful job training and placement in Chicago's workforce to create economic mobility and inclusion in our economy.

Through...

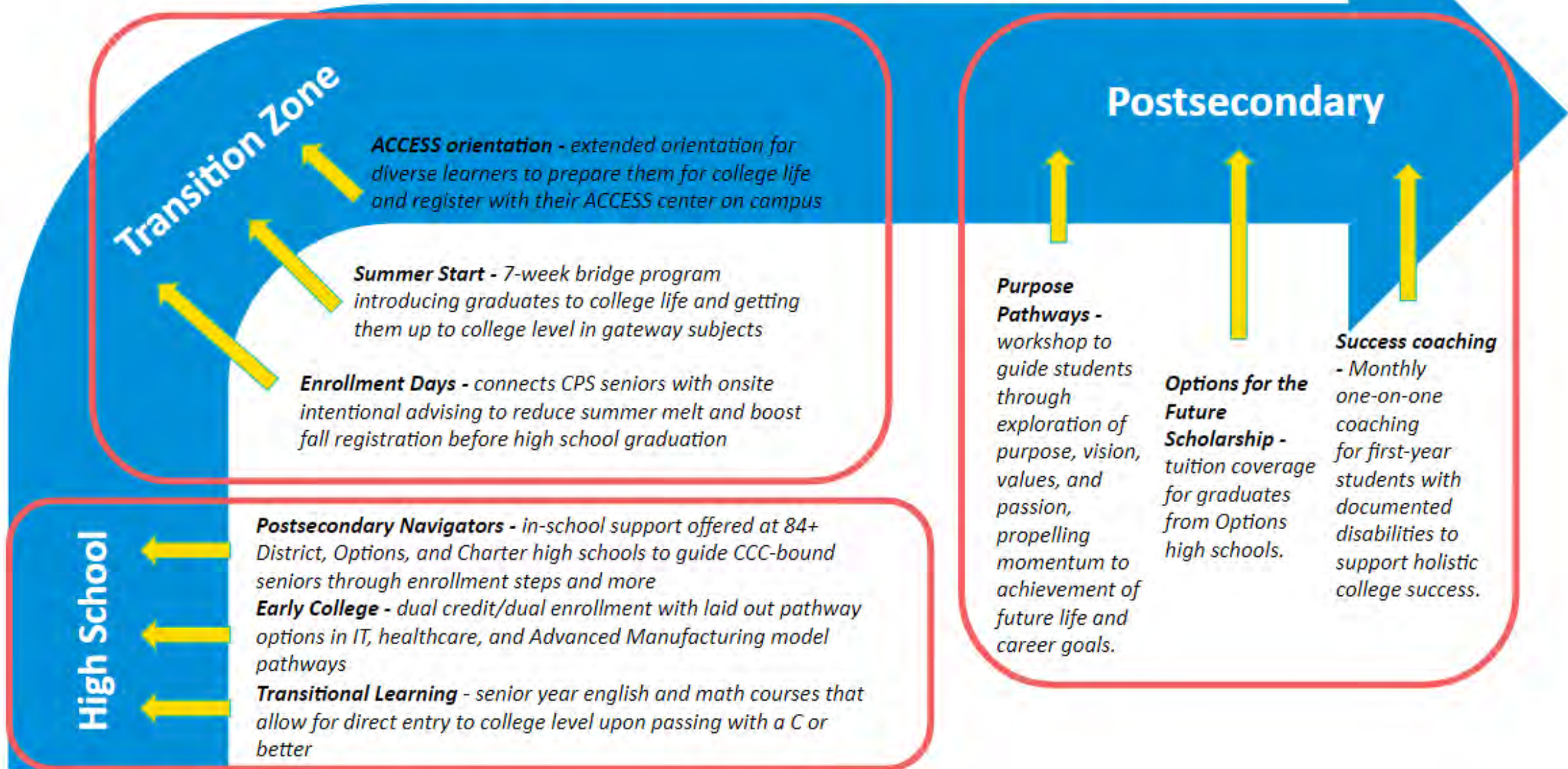
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Chicago Roadmap Signature Programs

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Visual of Roadmap Signature Programs

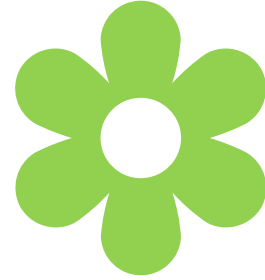


Postsecondary Navigator Program



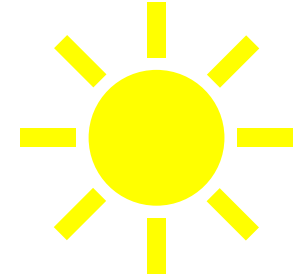
Working with all Seniors in high school:

- Getting familiar with CCC
- Programs & Pathways at CCC & Career Exploration
- Application Support
- FAFSA Support



Developing Caseload of CCC-bound students:

- Help with all steps of the application process through summer or Fall enrollment
- Placement testing
- Enrollment Days prep
- Summer Start outreach



Working with ALL CPS-CCC applicants:

- Expand caseloads to all applicants and manage outreach from utilizing Tableau
- Helping students connect to right person on each campus as needed
- Support through enrollment

Enrollment Days

Intended outcomes for students

- Gain understanding of and interact with college departments
- Confirm and celebrate post-high school plan at CCC
- Face-to-face course selection assistance
- Soft hand off to post-secondary support services and next steps



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Guide to Enrollment Days for CPS High Schools
Enrollment Days May 13-17, 2024

City Colleges of Chicago (CCC) invite you to Enrollment Days where the CPS Class of 2024 will prepare for their postsecondary journeys at CCC for the Summer and/or Fall 2024 semesters.

High school seniors are invited to visit City Colleges of Chicago to explore the opportunity to attend college and receive support services.

Register
Register your student group to receive a list of participating schools. Registration is required for all students. Registration is available at [enrollmentdays.ccc.edu](#).
Steps to register are:

Enrollment Tours
Attend a 1.5-hour tour and networking session at the school of your choice. Registration is required for all students. Sign up for tours at [enrollmentdays.ccc.edu](#).

Submit Roster
All schools will be expected to provide a roster of students who have applied to CCC at all of the attending enrollment days.

Enrollment Days
Staff and students attend enrollment days at participating schools. CCC staff will be on hand to assist with questions and provide support services. Staff will be on hand to assist with questions and provide support services.

Placement Testing
Visit your school to complete placement testing. Placement testing is required for all students. Placement testing is available at all participating schools. Sign up for placement testing at [enrollmentdays.ccc.edu](#).

Financial Aid
After completing the FAFSA or FAFSA application, students should request and meet CCC financial aid requirements for the fall or summer semester.

Continued Enrollment Support
CCC staff will provide support services to all students. CCC staff will provide support services to all students.

Questions about Enrollment Days?
Contact Terrell Valls at Terrell.Valls@ccc.edu

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Enrollment Days May 13-17, 2024

All seven campuses at City Colleges will be hosting graduating seniors from CPS who are heading to CCC. With Enrollment Days, students can tap into the programs, resources and support they need to successfully begin their fall or summer 2024 semester as a new college student.

At Enrollment Days, students will:

- Receive hands-on support with enrollment steps
- Explore academic programs and register for college courses
- Tour campus and learn about student resources
- Meet future classmates and take home college swag



SU22 & 23: 75% of participants self identified as first-gen

Summer Start: 7-week summer bridge program

Who is it for?

CPS graduates who are CCC-bound.

Wanting to kickstart college, improve competency/comfortability in math/English, meet peers, get acclimated to campus

What does it do?

Provides free 3-4 credit class + built-in:

Academic Support (re-take placement tests)

Connectedness/belonging activities

College Success

Reduces summer melt

Increases retention

Improves sense of belonging on campus

What have we learned?

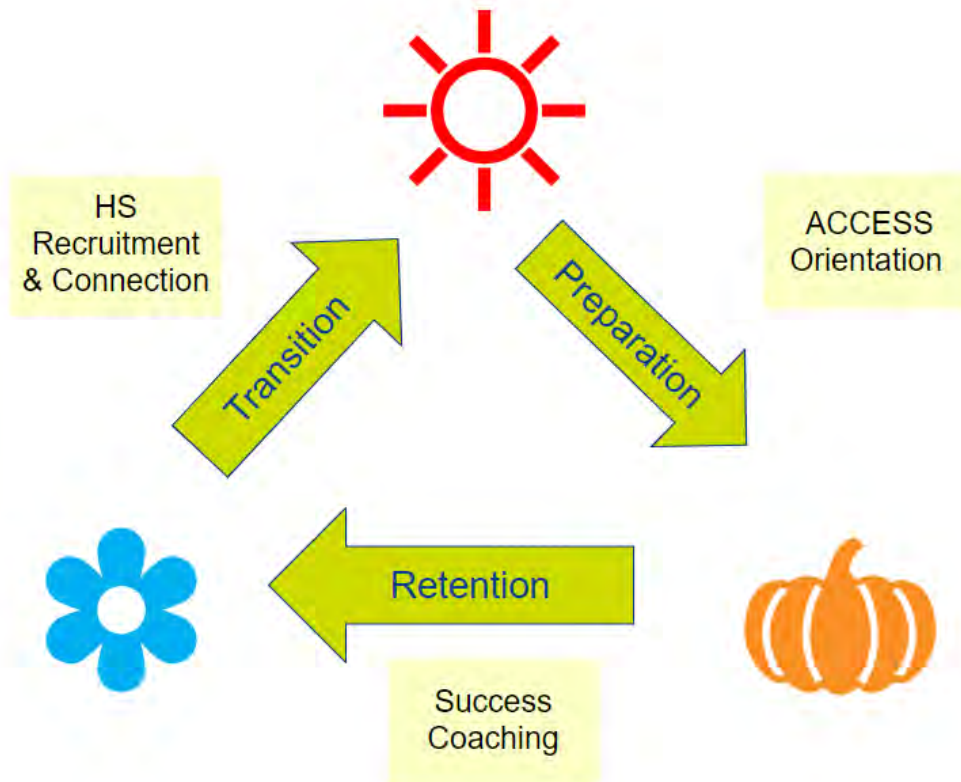
Need to meet students where they're at with accessible 'choose your own path' model

Leverage space to...

get students acclimated to college and instill confidence that they **can** complete

Develop soft skills to increase persistence

Accessibility Support Program



STEP 1: ACCESS Orientation

- Serves as extension of traditional orientation for students with documented disabilities
- Builds community, trust, connections
- Reduces stigma, anxiety about accessing accommodations in college

STEP 2: Success Coaching

- Cohort-model; builds community among first-semester students
- Focuses on soft skills: time management, self-advocacy, coping skills
- Learned we need to better build connectedness to keep students engaged – peer mentors, workshops, etc.

STEP 3: Persistence to future semesters

- 100% of FA22 success coachees registered for SP23 classes

Options for the Future Scholarship

Commitment to Students

- Award is in operating budget for CCC
- Drop-out retrieval, alternative and juvenile justice
- Application is 1st generation student focused
 - "What are you most excited about coming to college?" "Nervous about?"
 - "Do you need a laptop for college?"
 - "What are you planning to study? It's OK to be undecided."

Cohort model

- Welcome kick-off events
- Check in webinars each semester
- Feedback surveys to check in and provide hand offs to specific CCC services and programs
 - Accessibility supports (ACCESS)
 - Wellness Center
 - Tutoring
 - Purpose Pathways



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Funding Opportunities

Options for the Future Scholarship

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High school seniors who graduate in 2024 from one of the Chicago Public Schools listed below can pursue a degree full-time or part-time at City Colleges of Chicago at no cost—for tuition and books.



What Does the Scholarship Cover?
City Colleges will provide waivers for all eligible tuition and books not covered by financial aid.



How Long Is the Scholarship Good For?
You will have up to three years to use the funds, but you must enroll at City Colleges by fall 2024 to begin.

Who qualifies?

- **Seniors** who graduate from an Options Network school at any point in the school year (December, June & August)
- Must enroll by Fall 2024
 - Immediate matriculation effort, but award stays open all year

Purpose Pathway Seminar

Who

- First-semester CCC students who graduated the prior term from a CPS high school
- Marketed for students who are undecided in their major and/or career trajectory

What

- Self-exploration seminar centered around development of goals through purpose, passion, and value sorting

Where

- Sessions held virtually over Zoom once per week for 8 weeks

Why

- 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.
- Rooted in Ikigai - finding the reason for being based on the students' whole self



Tips, Best Practices, Next Steps

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What's Next?

Discussion: what can/would you take from what we presented and implement at your institution?

What questions do you have for us?

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Appendix



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Purpose Pathway Seminar Objectives

Session 1: Finding Your Bliss

Objectives:

- Create a community of learners that will foster trust and respect
- Identify workshop series outcomes
- Learn about life purpose and how it relates to personal, academic, and professional success

Session 2: What's Culture Got to Do With it?

Objectives:

- Define culture
- Identify components of personal culture & community
- Explore role of culture on life purpose & mission

Session 3: Who Do You Think You Are?

Objectives:

- Begin crafting a personal vision statement
- Identify core values & the role that our values play in defining life purpose

Session 4: Making the Career Connection

Objectives:

- Identify career interests that relate to life purpose
- Explore difference between vocation and profession
- Learn about campus resources that support career exploration.
- Learn how the CCC catalog can serve as a valuable tool in your journey

Session 5: How Do I Get There?

Objectives:

- Practice identifying goals to support academic, personal and professional success
- Identify action steps that will support goals
- Create a timeline for achieving key milestones

Session 6: Overcoming Barriers to Success

Objectives:

- Learn about types of barriers that may impact success in achieving goals
- Define growth mindset and how it can support overcoming barriers
- Learn about resources both on and off campus that provide support for overcoming barriers

Session 7: Life Purpose & Professional Success: Making the Connections

Objectives:

- Increase awareness about the role of purpose, passion, mission, values in professional success
- Identify professional experiences & connections needed to achieve life purpose
- Explore strategies for gaining valuable workplace experiences

Session 8: Purpose Pathway Celebration!

Objectives:

- Unveil Purpose Pathway vision board to CCC leadership
- Receive certificate of completion
- Celebrate completion of the Purpose Pathways workshop series with friends and family