Utah Report

Process:

1) Leveraging Complete College American Relationships
2) Linking our work to College Readiness and state priorities
3) Advocating and “Staking our Claim”
4) Draft Legislation

A. Authority designated to define “College Ready”

Statute requiring all education entities in Utah to reference the definition of “College Ready” as adopted/maintained by the Board of Regents whenever any reference is made to high school preparation for postsecondary education.

B. Statewide outreach, data sharing and College Readiness Program

Continue and expand existing state-level outreach and district data sharing pilot in an effort to prepare and support more Utah students in grades 8-12 to graduate from high school college-ready.

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<th>Strategy</th>
<th>Target Audience</th>
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<td>College preparation introduction (Utah Scholars) - As 8th graders prepare to register for first year of high school courses. Presentations made by volunteers emphasize rigor and key classes to take in high school to be college-ready. Administered by USHE in partnership at the district level</td>
<td>8th Graders</td>
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<td>Financial Aid Nights - Open invitation events held at high schools in the evenings for students and their parents to learn about financial aid opportunities and other options to help pay for college.</td>
<td>9-11 Grade Students, Secondary School Personnel, and Parents</td>
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<td>Spring College Fair – Held regionally, these events bring all of Utah’s public college and universities together for parents and students to learn about higher education.</td>
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<td>Development and Distribution of College Guide and StepUp to Higher Education Resources - The StepUp College Guide will be made available annually to schools free of charge to use with parents and students in college planning as well as other collateral and downloadable resources (e.g. posters, conversation starters, games, checklists, parent brochures etc.) will be made available at <a href="http://www.StepupUtah.com">www.StepupUtah.com</a></td>
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<td>Targeted Intervention to help students maintain course progress for college readiness and prep for ACT test in 11th grade.</td>
<td>10th Grade</td>
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<td>Scholarship Support to help students and parents determine if students are “on-track: and to review deadlines and application processes.</td>
<td>11th Grade</td>
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<td>Utah College Application Week (UCAW) and FAFSA Completion Events - (November –March) Awareness activities as well as support from counselors, volunteers and access professionals to assist each senior in submitting at least one college application during the school days as well FASFA completion support.</td>
<td>12th Grade</td>
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<td>Professional Development Workshops on UCAW, state scholarships, and financial aid.</td>
<td>District Personnel and Counselors</td>
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<td>Annual Secondary Counselor and Administrator Conference on how to assist students and family prepare and transition College (two identical events held in N. and S. Utah)</td>
<td>District Personnel, Secondary School Counselors and Administrators</td>
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<td>College Access Network of Utah (CAN U) – coordination steering board that ensures quality programming to k-12 schools to increase college access and success Utah’s low-income and undeserved students. CAN U will provide professional development and opportunities for best practices to be shared, leverage resources, build partnerships, and develop asset maps to increase program awareness and avoid duplication, and data dashboard to measure impact.</td>
<td>Higher Education Access Directors, District Personnel, Community and Business Partners</td>
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<td>High School Feedback Report - Provide USHE cohort data so USHE can report how their graduates are succeeding at USHE institutions (e.g. enrollment information, GPA, course load, how many need developmental support, etc.)</td>
<td>Superintendents/Principals</td>
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C. College Readiness and Completion Subgrant Administration

Expand and enhance the ImPACT Improving Preparation, Access, & Communities Together subgrant program for partnerships between post-secondary institutions and K-12 with outcomes related to college readiness and completion.
Utah’s College Access Challenge Grant 2013-14

**Awareness**
To provide information to students and families on postsecondary education.
- Utah Scholars Initiative
- StepUp to Higher Education Social Marketing Campaign
- Statewide College Guide and Publications
- Loan Default Prevention Pilot
- Rural Financial Aid Nights (Fall)
- Step Up College Nights (Spring)
- College Goal Utah FAFSA Completion Events
- College Application Pilot

**Professional Development**
To support and train school counselors.
- Statewide Conference for Secondary School Administrators & Counselors
- UtahFutures.org Trainings for Higher Ed Partners
- National Training for Counselors and Mentors (NT4CM)
- Comprehensive Counselor Training Initiative (CCTI)
- FAFSA Bootcamps

**Statewide Infrastructure**
To expand and enhance statewide infrastructure which will foster partnerships.
- College Access Network of Utah (CAN U)
- Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education CACG Network
- ImPACT Subgrants: Improving, Preparation, Access & Communities Together
- Concurrent Enrollment for Middle Performing Students Pilot
- Utah’s Higher Education Success Stipends Advocacy
- Utah Specific Scholarship Repository

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