



# The RP Group

Research, Planning & Professional Development  
for California Community Colleges

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## Report to ASCCC

March 10-11, 2023

### Board/Organization-Related

- **The RP Group Board of Directors has position openings starting in July 2023!** The Board of Directors' Call for Nominations will open on Monday, April 3. If your college/district is located in one of the below regions, we will be electing a Board representative in your area. Please reference the Regional Board Representation Model accordion on the [Board of Directors page](#) on our website to determine whether your college/district is included in one of these regions. The Call for Nominations process will close on April 28, and Board elections will take place May 8-26.
  - Far North
  - San Francisco East Bay
  - North Bay/Peninsula
  - Central Valley South
  - Central Coast/North Los Angeles
  - Los Angeles County
  - Central Los Angeles
  - San Diego/Imperial

### Research and Evaluation

- **Confirmed Statewide Surveys Planned for Spring 2023**
  - **#realcollege Basic Needs Survey**
    - A statewide student survey to understand students' basic needs. We recently partnered with CCLC to administer the #realcollege survey for 2023. Tentative administration date: March - April 2023.
    - Details were emailed to the colleges who joined the #realcollege Coalition.
  - **Common Course Numbering Survey to Districts**
    - A statewide survey to district instruction/academic leads to understand which districts currently have a common course numbering system and how it is structured. Tentative administration date: March 2023.
  - **Allied Health Program Pathways**

- A statewide survey to Allied Health program administrators to understand how Allied Health programs are structured, funded, and supported. Tentative administration date: March - April 2023.
- **Published Reports and Resources**
  - **Statewide College Attendance Decisions Survey Results - Fall 2022**  
Report providing a summary of findings from a survey of prospective and previously enrolled California community college students during fall 2022. The survey included topics to understand the factors affecting students' college attendance decisions.  
[Research Brief](#) - [Codebook](#) - [Technical Tables](#)
  - **Maximizing Gateway English Throughput for International Students in California Community Colleges: Understanding the Predictive Validity of Common ESL Tests**  
Technical report summarizing findings on how well information about international students' initial curricular pathway (English or ESL), level of placement in the pathway, and ESL placement test score(s) can predict their throughput in gateway English. The focus is on the value of different commonly used ESL placement tests, including the Combined English Language Skills Assessment (CESLA) and multiple types of ACCUPLACER tests.  
[2/7 Webinar recording](#) - [Research Brief](#)

## Professional Development

- **The call for proposals for Strengthening Student Success Conference 2023 (SSSC23) is now open!** The deadline for proposal submissions is **Thursday, March 23, 2023, at 11:59 pm**.
  - SSSC23 will be held **October 11–13 at the Hyatt Regency San Francisco Airport** in Burlingame, CA and is presented by The RP Group in partnership with 3CSN, Career Ladders Project, and LearningWorks. This year's conference theme is *Meeting the Moment. Moving Forward*. [Learn more about the conference theme, goals, and strands here](#).
  - **In mid-May, we will notify everyone who submitted a proposal** regarding the status of their submission. Conference registration will open in late April and all presenters on accepted sessions will have access to a discounted registration rate. Please wait until you receive your proposal notification to register for the conference.
  - Please email questions to Lila Tavelli, Professional Development Program Coordinator & Events Manager, at [ltavelli@rpgroup.org](mailto:ltavelli@rpgroup.org).
  - [Learn more and submit your proposal!](#)
- **Registration is rolling for RP Conference 2023!** This year's conference will be hosted in-person at the **San Mateo Marriott San Francisco Airport, April 12–13**, with an **optional post-conference workshop on April 14, 9 am–12 pm**.
  - The RP Conference 2023 theme, *Owning Equitable Outcomes: Using Research & Planning to Change the Narrative*, highlights how IRPE offices and professionals are inspiring change and supporting equitable outcomes for students at their respective institutions.

- We are excited to announce that **Dr. Dawn Lee, Director of Professional and Organizational Development at De Anza College, will serve as this year’s conference keynote speaker.** Dr. Lee will discuss key elements for making positive change for students, with an emphasis on tangible ways IRPE professionals can work with faculty by encouraging creative collaboration. [Learn more about Dr. Lee on our website.](#)
  - **Rooms for conference attendees are available at a special group block rate only until March 19 at 5:00 pm.** Find reservation and other information on the [conference hotel and venue page.](#)
  - Please email questions to Lila Tavelli, Professional Development Program Coordinator and Events Manager, at [rpconference@rpgroup.org](mailto:rpconference@rpgroup.org).
  - [Learn more and register!](#)
- Please join us on **Wednesday, March 15th from 9:00–10:30 am** for our next **IRPE Equity Research & Social Justice Collaborative** discussion focused on methods and practices IRPE offices can utilize to foster campus cultures that are able to activate racial equity data and inspire positive change for racially minoritized students.
    - We cover approaches and strategies to assess institutional data culture, facilitate equity data conversations, and cultivate inquiry and curiosity amongst campus practitioners around why racial equity gaps exist.
    - In addition, the monthly space provides opportunities for cooperative problem-solving and collaboration on racial equity-related efforts across campuses.
    - The March session will be led by **Dr. Marcela Reyes of Irvine Valley College** and **Luis Flores of Merced College.** The topic of the session will be focused on Latina/o/x data disaggregation. The series is hosted on the **third Wednesday of each month.** Here is a [link to register](#) for this free series.
  - There is still time to join us for a new opportunity from our Leading from the Middle (LFM) program: **Leadershifting: Virtual Professional Development Workshop Series – *New Ways of Seeing, Doing, and Leading from the Middle.***
    - **The series includes virtual workshops offered weekly on Thursdays, 1:00-4:00 pm, through March 2023.** There is still time to sign up for individual workshops—our last two will be held on March 16 and March 23. Mid-level administrators; counseling, academic, and adjunct faculty; classified professionals; and institutional researchers and planners are invited to participate. Please note these workshops are intended for individual participants and the curriculum is different from what we offer as part of our LFM Academy.
    - Each workshop in the series provides **leadership skills and knowledge building needed by community college professionals to lead change** from the “middle” in community colleges. The workshops are based on research on effective leadership LFM curriculum, and insights and experiences of LFM alumni engaged in social and racial justice, inclusion, equity, and student success efforts. Many of the skills taught in these workshops are aligned with the American Association of Community Colleges’ competencies for community college leaders.
    - [Learn more and register!](#)