Community colleges are more impacted than ever. Help students bound to a community college, develop a proactive approach. Tell them to

- Enroll at two or more community colleges. Community colleges have reduced or cancelled their summer and winter classes. They have reduced sections during the regular school year. So to get 15 units per semester of courses that count for transferring, students should enroll at two or more community colleges. They should be willing to travel a little further to get the classes they need.
- Take their placement tests now and take them seriously. How they do on these tests affects their placement in math and English classes and can slow them up by a year.
- Tell any academic or transfer counselor, they plan to go to a four year college and want to get there as quickly as possible.
- Only take classes that count for transfer to a four year college. They should find the IGETC (UC transfer) requirements for their community colleges and only take classes from that list. CSUs honor that list as long as students take Speech as well. Private colleges have their own requirements but IGETC covers most, except for USC.
- Find their major requirements. Most four year college majors have prerequisites. Students need to take these classes as well. They can find UC and CSU major requirements on www.assist.org. Private colleges have their own requirements.
- Be persistent in getting classes. They will have to go to first day of classes and beg professors to add them.
- Get involved on and off campus. Community college students who are involved in student government, sports, and other activities get priority enrollment. Four year colleges also want active kids.
- Access support programs on campus. Each community college has support programs, including EOPS and other programs for first generation or low-income students. They help students get priority enrollment.
- Apply for Scholars and Honors programs if they have high GPAs now or have high GPAs after 15 units. These programs have transfer agreements with top UCs and more.
- Apply for financial aid and Board of Governor Fee Waivers. There is financial aid for community college students. In California, their Cal Grant application is not due until the fall. But they can apply for it now. Also your lowest income students may qualify for fee waivers for books and other expenses.
- Take advantage of transfer readiness workshops at their campuses.
- Drop classes right away that they know are too hard and will lead to low grades or a withdrawal.
- Ask for help from anyone who can help!!!!!!!!!!!!!