



Access to Success Initiative

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Initiative Goal

- 20 public University Systems representing about one third of the low income students attending public, 4-year universities in the US will pursue aggressive, public goals aimed at improving participation and persistence for low-income and minority students.



Four Areas of Focus

- Increasing student success in remedial courses and other large-enrollment, introductory courses;
- Managing costs and investing in student success;
- Improving preparation among entering students; and,
- Maximizing financial aid for low-income students.



Deliverables

- Data Collection: a common set of metrics to evaluate progress.
- The Education Trust will release the data annually.
- Best Practices models
- Cutting by at least half the gaps in college-going and college success that separate low-income and minority students from other young Americans by the year 2015.



Getting Ahead or Losing Ground: Mobility in America

- “The small fraction of poor children who earn college degrees are likely to rise well above their parents’ status.”
- “...widening gaps in higher education between rich and poor, whites and minorities, could lead to a downturn in opportunities for the poorest families.”