Access to Success Initiative

Sponsored by the
Education Trust and the
National Association of System Heads
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.”