Using Current Campus Resources to Increase Retention in your Classroom... this quarter!

Foothill College PD Day Winter ‘15
Retention: What works?
Evidence-based practices:

- Class attendance
- Alert and intervention
- Tutoring
- Supplemental Instruction
- Experiential learning
- Goal setting, action planning

Class Attendance

• Class attendance is the BEST predictor of academic performance in college!
• No, really! Better than SAT, high school GPA, standardized admissions tests, study habits and study skills

Increasing student attendance

• Have an attendance policy (and follow it)
• Regularly **remind** students about the importance of attending
• Know your students’ names, call on them by name
• Notice when they miss class
  • Use messaging feature in Etudes (or just email) to send quick message e.g. “We missed you in class today, hope to see you tomorrow.”
• Send a message to students who’ve not logged in to your online class
Increasing student attendance

- Use in-class activities that require their presence, and count toward grade
  - Group work
  - Blue-book: minute paper / muddiest point
- Use polling/quizzing technology
  - At beginning of class to get them there on time
  - Assess understanding of pre-class reading assignment (benefit: accountability!)
  - e.g. clickers, PollEverywhere, Drop Thought, etc.
How can you get your hands on the clickers ASAP?

• Students can rent them in the bookstore; OR
• Several departments/divisions have classroom sets you can check out – ask your Dean/Dept. Chair
• [http://www.turningtechnologies.com/higher-education](http://www.turningtechnologies.com/higher-education)
• If interested, email holcroftcarolyn@fhda.edu - I am happy to give you a one-on-one demo and walk you through procuring what you need, OR
• Turning Technologies very responsive – contact at [http://www.turningtechnologies.com/contact-sales](http://www.turningtechnologies.com/contact-sales) and they will help you get what you need
Alert and intervention

• **Early Alert** = identifying a struggling student BEFORE it’s too late to succeed

• **Intervention:**
  - Communicating with student so they realize they’re at risk
  - Providing services to mitigate the danger, e.g.:
    - Supplemental instruction
Alert and intervention: what can faculty do NOW?

• Early Alert: ID’ing risk is primarily a faculty responsibility
  • Monitor attendance
  • Provide assessments early and often
    • May be formal, informal, formative or summative (quick to implement!)
    • Communicate clearly with students re: their performance
  • Once faculty know who is at risk, then what?
Alert and intervention: what can faculty do NOW?

• **Option 1**: Reach out directly to student (face-to-face, phone/email)
  • Direct individual student to other **specific** resource(s)
    • OK to send student to web page with ALL resources listed, but direct them to the ONE or TWO you think they need first
    • Great to list resources on your syllabus! But personal referral from YOU most likely to have impact
  • Urge use of supplemental instruction
Welcome to Foothill College's Online Student Services, which allows you to easily access services in one convenient location. Foothill provides students with comprehensive student services, regardless of course location or delivery method. Below are overviews of key services available on this site.

**Get Admitted**

Learn how to apply to Foothill, get your Collegewide ID and use the college registration and student information system, MyPortal.

**Register for Classes**

This section provides quick access to key registration information including your date to register, the class schedule and catalog, the MyPortal registration guide, information on how to add and drop classes and wait list information.

**Academic Advice**

Access Foothill's counseling service, schedule an appointment with a counselor and monitor your progress toward a degree through DegreeWorks.

**Pay for College**

Use these tools to apply for financial aid, check the status or your aid application, calculate your fees and pay online.

**Finding Your Way Around Campus**

Use our downloadable campus services map to find the departments or services you are looking for!
Alert and intervention: what can faculty do NOW?

- Option 2: Alert designated student success personnel so THEY can reach out to the student

- **General** early alert: 

- Refer student to a counselor
Alert and intervention: what can faculty do NOW?

- **Option 2**: Alert designated student success personnel: Early alert for ONLINE students = ishikawaakemi@foothill.edu
  - If you suspect a student is struggling but not sure which resources to direct them to, or
  - If you contacted a student (e.g. who hasn’t been logging in) but gotten no response
Option 2: Alert designated student success personnel:
Teaching & Learning Center

- Tutoring Referral Form:
  http://www.foothill.edu/tlc/ssr_form.php
- Instructor highlights areas of concern
- Student, Instructor and Katie Ha receive email
- Katie follows up with student
Option 2: Alert designated student success personnel: PSME Center Referral

- Contact William Walker
  walkerwilliam@foothill.edu OR
- psmealert@foothill.edu
Option 2: Alert designated student success personnel: EOPS

NO $$$ = DROP OR FAIL CLASS 😞

- Eligibility: CA resident, full time student, qualify for a BOG waiver
- “I can’t buy the book yet”
- “I’m working two jobs” etc.
- Services: textbooks, fees, peer-advising, counseling, summer college readiness program and MORE!
Option 2: Alert designated student success personnel: EOPS

- (650) 949-7207
- Room 8202
  - Open 8 AM M-F
  - Closes at 7PM M/T, 5PM W/R, 3PM Friday
- fheops@foothill.edu
- Personal referral from YOU more likely to have an impact

http://www.foothill.edu/services/eops/contact.php
Option 2: Alert designated student success personnel: Disability Resource Center

• Contact info:
  • Room 5400
  • dobbinsmargo@foothill.edu
    • 650-949-7038
  • adaptivelearningdrc@foothill.edu
    • 650-949-7017
Option 2: Alert designated student success personnel: Veterans Resource Center

- Academic Support Services
- Peer-counseling
- Connect other support services on campus
- Contact info:
  - Room 5403
  - 650-949-7001
  - Carmela Xuereb (xuerebcarmela@foothill.edu)
Retention strategies: F2F tutoring

- **PSME center**: math/science, ANY student
- **Teaching and Learning Center**: writing, reading, grammar, etc... for any student
- **EOPS** – tutoring for EOPS students
- **Pass the Torch**: peer-study program for students enrolled in PTT courses*
- More info about all of these is at:
  - [http://www.foothill.edu/tutoring.php](http://www.foothill.edu/tutoring.php)
Retention strategies: Online tutoring

- **Teaching and Learning Center**: writing, reading, grammar, etc... for any student: [http://www.foothill.edu/tlc/online.php](http://www.foothill.edu/tlc/online.php)
- **Open Study**: online peer-tutoring 24/7, open to any Foothill student
- **SmartThinking**: online 24/7 tutoring resource
  - each student gets 10 hours free! Can request more
- Computer science tutoring 9PM-midnight Monday thru Thursday nights!
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Retention Strategies: Supplemental Instruction

• Goal: bridge classroom and support services
• What is it? How does it work?
• How do faculty find out more?
• What is available on campus?
  • TLC, PSME Center, PTT, EOPS
  • Embedded Tutoring*

*OK, maybe not IMMEDIATE implementation... but it's doable for Spring 2015 Quarter!
Alert and intervention: what can faculty do NOW?

• FHDA is planning district-wide early alert software adoption
  • 3SP Advisory Council will be reviewing, will provide opportunities for feedback

Take advantage!
What else can we do to promote student success?

- Orientation (StudentLingo)
  - remind students to visit a counselor to make/update their ed plans
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- How To Proofread & Edit Your Writing
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- Stress Management Techniques
- Study Tips & Note-Taking Strategies
- Taking Tests Online: Strategies For Success
- Time Management: Strategies For Success
- Understanding & Avoiding Plagiarism
- What It Takes To Be A Successful Student *
- Writing Effective Resumes & Cover Letters

* Video Workshops available in Spanish

These videos will teach you strategies to help you succeed in college.
Access them 24/7 from your dorm room, classroom, office, or home.

www.studentlingo.com/foothill
What else can we do to promote student success?

- Encourage students to make a “game plan” for success in your course
  - Planning designated study times and activities
  - Consider asking them to turn it in
  - Periodically ask how their plan is going, are modifications needed?
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- Student Motivation: The Key To Improving Retention And Student Success
- Student Retention Through An Academic Lens
- The 10 Traits Of Great Teachers: How To Tap Into Student Motivation And Maximize Retention
- Increasing Online Student Engagement And Retention Through Online Human Touch
- Online Student Retention: Assessing Why Students Stay And Why They Leave

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