**Governors State University**  
Student Affairs and Enrollment Management: Reaching Vision 2020

**Focus Area:** College Pathways Program  
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**Implementation Year:** Fall 2018-Spring 2019

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**Goal 1:** Designed and implemented an event for high school students that produced professional development opportunities and enhanced higher education readiness.

### Strategic Objectives

- Created a Student 2 Student Engagement Conference, (S2S), where high school and GSU students are were the sole proprietors of the event.
- Created a mission, vision and purpose for the conference.
- Solidified presenters for the conference through active faculty participation.
- Raised $3,225.00 within 6 weeks of the conference.

### Action Items

Collaborated with selected faculty, staff and students as well as Crete Monee High School students to build a S2S Committee.

**Conference Theme:** “Level UP: Navigating the Road to Success”

Sessions created:
- Involvement & Engagement: On-campus Involvement, Community Engagement, Service Learning and Study Abroad.
- Money, Money, Money, Money: FAFSA, What Happens After FAFSA? Scholarships, Budgeting, Student Loans, Grants, Student Employment: On and Off Campus, and Internships
- Navigating College and College Expectations: Knowing Your Campus, 1st Generation Experience, Self-Advocating, Good Friend Choices, Excelling In Spite of…, Learning How to Deal With Difficult People, Maintaining Good Grades , “The Code” (Student Conduct), Faculty & Staff Interactions, and Academic Calendar & Deadlines
- What’s Next? Planning For College, Community College vs 4-yr University, Pathways for You: Career Exploration, Accessing Your Interest, College Honors vs High School Honors.

There were 25 GSU student presenters and 1 high school student presenter.

### Indicators and Data Needed

(Measures that will appraise progress towards the strategic objective)

There were 210 students from 5 different high schools in the southland area: Hillcrest HS, Crete HS, Rich East and Rich Central HS, and Thornton Fractional North HS.

Each student completed an evaluation for each session they attended. The overall consensus was “good” in ranking the presenters and topics.

### Responsible Person and/or Unit

(Data collection, analysis reporting)

Each session had a DDP facilitators to distribute and collect the session evaluations after the presentation.

### Milestones

(Identify Timelines)

Planning for the conference started October 2018 and was completed February 28, 2019

### Desired Outcomes and Achievements

(Identify results expected)

Goal was 150 high schools students from suburban and Chicago students.

### Achieved Outcomes and Results

There was a -23% projection with participants due to the EMBARC-Chicago program dropping from the original count. However, each student completed all evaluations.

### Analysis of Results

(Where outcomes met? Exceeded? Progress towards goal. Implications for AY19 Objectives.)

- Overall outcomes were met with 70% good to excellent reviews from participants.
- 25% of participants want to present in the future.