

Inviting more stakeholders to the table: high school discipline-specific liaisons

Johnson County Community College
College Now program
Overland Park, Kansas

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- Located in the suburbs of Kansas City (MO and KS)
- Fall 2010 student headcount just under 21K
- Member of League for Innovation
- 36 percent of students are full time

College Now program

- Serves 2,700 students (as of Fall 2010)
- Partners with 25 high schools
- Service area is one county, with a few classes in one additional county with permission
- We have an active professional development committee comprised of our high school counselors, instructors and our own faculty

High School Liaisons

Prompted by our on-campus reorganization
and the notion of a greater faculty voice

- Other motivations included:
 - More collegial interaction from high school partners
 - Further enhance our strongest college liaisons
 - Press our “less vigorous” college liaisons to step it up

The how-to's of implementing

The packet has a very functional “how-to” for the implementation of this process.

We will review and see what questions you have.

Benefits evident already

Feeling of ownership in the College Now program events: coming early to set-up, asking what can be done to help during discipline-specific time, presenting at professional development events.

A true liaison in academic planning: Working on the common Calculus final updates, discussing textbook selection for Economics.

Observations

There is great potential for a new level of connection with the addition of our new high school liaison. These new stakeholders have taken to their new roles quickly and have already started to redefine what our partnership can become.

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