



THE RESEARCH ROUNDUP



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Welcome to our first Research Roundup!

Research is a vital part of our work at the Campaign for College Opportunity. Our research is critical in producing statewide analysis on higher education issues focused on access, completion, accountability, affordability and equity. The research we do, and that of our many colleagues in higher education here in California and all over the country, has the power to transform the way our colleges operate and better serve students.

We have created this Research Roundup to bring you the most up to date research, briefs, books and analyses written that feature the most pressing issues in higher education written by leading scholars and think tanks across the country. We hope the Roundup sparks discussion, debate and idea exchange as we all work toward meeting the needs of our students and our California economy.

This first Roundup features a book co-written by one of our very own board members, George R. Boggs, that is a practical guide for community college leaders to improve the management of their institutions during a time of great change. Our next featured report is by the team at Education Northwest which looks at how the transfer of credits from a community college to a four-year university is a barrier to transfer. Finally, we are pleased to share a new blog by our Faculty Advisory Board Member and UC Berkeley Senior Research Fellow, John Aubrey Douglass, analyzing the effectiveness of attempts by universities to offer more financial aid to lower-income students in the face of rising tuition.

Practical Leadership in Community Colleges: Navigating Today's Challenges

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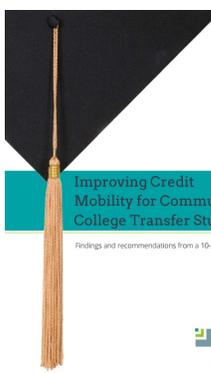


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By George R. Boggs and Christine J. McPhail

In states like California, community colleges serve as the primary gateway to higher education. But community colleges face a myriad of issues including fiscal challenges, changing federal and state mandates, changing demographics and more which must be properly managed or the risk of failing students and the community grows. Report authors, George Boggs and Christine McPhail enlist the help of many former community college presidents in providing strategies that current presidents can use to tackle some of the most pressing issues two-year institutions face.

Improving Credit Mobility for Community College Transfer Students



May 2016
By: Michelle Hodara, Mary Martinez-Wenzl, David Stevens and Christopher Mazzeo

This report takes a deep dive into the issue of credit mobility, the transfer of college course credits from a sending institution to a receiving institution, that students often encounter when seeking to transfer from a community college to a four-year university. The report highlights that community college transfer students often face problems with getting four-year universities to accept their course credits and this extends students' time to degree, increases their expenses, leads to more debt if students are funding their education with loans, and lowers the likelihood of bachelor's degree attainment. The study examines multiple policy approaches to credit mobility across 10 states and makes some recommendations for improving the process.

Are New Financial Aid Policies Keeping College Affordable at Major Public Universities?



August 2016
By: John Aubrey Douglass

In an era of significant disinvestment in public higher education by state governments, many public universities are moving toward a "progressive tuition model" that attempts to invest approximately one-third of tuition income into institutional financial aid for lower-income and middle-class students. The objective is to mitigate the cost of tuition and keep college affordable. But is this model as currently formulated working? What levels of financial stress are students of all income groups experiencing? And are they changing their behaviors? Read the entire blog [here](#).

We hope you enjoy our first Research Roundup and if you have an idea for a feature in an upcoming Roundup, please let us know! Email us at dan@collegecampaign.org. Also join the conversation on our [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

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