

The Santa Barbara Pathways Program

What is the Santa Barbara Pathways Program and Who Does it Serve?

The Santa Barbara Pathways program is an educational partnership serving students (and their families) attending schools in the Santa Barbara School Districts. The program is a partnership between UC Santa Barbara's Office of Academic Preparation and Equal Opportunity, the Santa Barbara School Districts and philanthropic and community-based agencies. It is currently operating in Dos Pueblos High School and Santa Barbara High School and their feeder elementary and middle schools. A new SB Pathways program will launch at San Marcos High School in March 2007. At that point, program will be providing services in all three of the district's high schools pathways.

The goal of the program is to promote academic success, leadership skills, and increased college-going for low-income, first generation and other underrepresented students. The program relies on significant collaboration and coordination with several UCSB programs including Early Academic Outreach Program (EAOP), the Mathematics, Engineering, and Science Achievement Program (MESA), the Summer Research Mentorship Program, and several other university units and departments. It also engages a number of community-based organizations that provide culturally relevant and appropriate support services and leadership development programs for parents and families, such as MALDEF, Isla Vista Youth Projects, Casa de la Raza, and Future Leaders of America.

What Services Does Santa Barbara Pathways Provide?

The Santa Barbara Pathways Partnership provides students and parents with services that create a seamless pathway to college, particularly for those students who will be the first in their families to attend college. Services include:

Student Achievement

Academic Preparation: Students at Pathways schools receive supplemental academic services through afterschool programs (e.g. Homework Center at Dos Pueblos High School and 'Jumpstart to Pathways' for 5th/6th graders at Isla Vista Elementary School) and summer programs (Tech Trek, COSMOS, Great Books) designed to help them excel in their studies and prepare for college admission.

Mentorship: Undergraduate students from UCSB provide tutoring, mentorship, personal counseling, and support services to ensure that students remain "on-track" for UC and CSU eligibility.

Academic Advising: Student academic progress is monitored by a university trained counselor who works with parents, teachers, school counselors, and mentors to ensure that students are mastering their coursework and taking the appropriate courses for college preparedness.

Leadership: Students participate in a variety of leadership development and enrichment programs, including university summer and college awareness programs, research opportunities, and field trips.

University Connections: Pathways' students interact with university faculty who are experts in the fields of education, sociology, science, mathematics and public policy and more.

Family & Community Engagement

Leadership and Advocacy: Pathways' parents gain a better understanding of the U.S. educational system and greater awareness about how they can best support their child's educational achievement by participating in a model parent leadership program, *Padres Adelante*. Designed specifically for Spanish-

speaking parents, *Padres Adelante* promotes stronger involvement in local school and community issues. *Padres Adelante* programs have been adopted in Santa Barbara by Isla Vista Elementary School and Cesar Chavez Charter School and in other nearby communities such as Carpinteria, Thousand Oaks, and Santa Paula (in Ventura County).

Building Partnerships Between Parents and Schools: A UCSB Program Coordinator acts as a *liaison* between families, schools, colleges and universities, and community agencies, to help parents effectively navigate the educational system from elementary school through college.

Family Resources: Pathways staff works directly with schools, the university, and local community organizations to ensure that educational materials and resources are accessible and user-friendly for Spanish-speaking families.

Promote Policy Reforms to Improve Student Outcomes

CA ENLACE: The locally-based SB PATHways program is part of a statewide network of regional collaborations through the W.K. Kellogg Foundation-funded CA ENLACE (Engaging Latino Communities for Education) Initiative. That network consists of other P-20 Partnerships and several state and national policy and advocacy organizations (NALEO, National Council of State Legislators, National Council of Hispanic State Legislators, Chicano-Latino Intersegmental Convocation, League of CA Cities, CA School Boards Association, CA Latino Caucus, ARCHES-ENLACE) engaged together) in developing a policy agenda to promote increased college-going for Latino students in the state.

Data Analysis: Pathways' researchers and graduate students from UCSB work with local and state educational institutions to collect, track and analyze data focused on strategies and outcomes that help to address the academic achievement gap in local schools.

Research: The partnership disseminates research and evaluation findings to local policymakers and stakeholders to effect systemic change leading to better educational outcomes for first-generation students in local schools.

Santa Barbara Pathways Supporters and Partners

Santa Barbara Pathways has its foundation in the UCSB ENLACE project, begun in 2001 and funded through the W.K. Kellogg Foundation to promote increased college-going rates among Latino students in local communities. Partners and financial supporters include the following: UC Santa Barbara's Office of Academic Preparation and Equal Opportunity, UC Office of the President, Santa Barbara School Districts, Dos Pueblos High School, Goleta Valley Junior High School, Isla Vista Elementary School, Santa Barbara High School, Santa Barbara Junior High School, Cesar Chavez Charter School, Adams Elementary School, Future Leaders of America, La Casa de la Raza, Isla Vista Youth Projects, Parents, Children and Computers Program (PCCP), the Gevirtz Research Center, the Santa Barbara Foundation, the Wharton Foundation, the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, and Marilyn Gevirtz.

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