

1991-First Exemplary Award

Winner: El Camino College

El Camino College's Project Success is a recruitment and retention program targeting African-American high school graduates from the inner city areas of Los Angeles. College research indicates many African American students drop out because they feel isolated and without adequate support. The program addresses these feelings through special attention, mentoring, and assistance in accessing support services.

Winner: Fullerton College

Fullerton College's Math Assistance Telephone Hotline is a student-initiated program began in the fall of 1990. The telephone tutoring service allows students – most of whom have family and work responsibilities outside of school hours—to get immediate help with homework without returning to the college. Careful guidelines are in place on the amount and type of assistance that the tutor may provide. Access to immediate help enables students to keep up with daily assignments; alleviates frustration and discouragement; and allows students to get help when and where they need it.

Honorable mentions:

Evergreen Valley College's ENLACE program which gives special attention to the retention, matriculation, and transfer of educationally disadvantaged Hispanic students to four-year colleges and universities.

Laney College's Group Study Project, which encourages cooperative learning and study sessions in mathematics by students who traditionally "go it alone." The study groups, led by specially trained students, meet several times weekly as a structured group activity focused on further understanding of concepts developed in the classroom.

Santa Barbara City College's Transfer Achievement Program, which was introduced in 1988 to provide an integrated and cohesive set of services to students from under-represented ethnic minorities who showed potential for transfer to four year universities and colleges.

Santa Rosa Junior College's College Success Program, which is designed to get students off to a good start at the college.