LEARNING COMMUNITIES DESCRIPTIONS

**Learning Communities provide supplemental support to a group of students who share one or more classes in a theme-based program. Learning Communities provide the support students need to succeed by featuring specially selected faculty and academic assistance for students, such as a dedicated counselor for those participating in the Learning Community.**

**1. APASS**  (Asian and Pacific American Student Success) is a new learning community at Laney College to help Asian and Pacific Islander students achieve their educational goals. Students who participate in learning communities will get special assistance and generally complete more course units, earn better grades, form strong relationships with instructors, counselors, tutors and other students who serve as an effective support system.

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**2. CALWORKS**  (California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids) is a state funded program that works collaboratively with the County Department of Social Services. The CalWorks Program at Laney College also promotes welfare reform and supports the goal of helping individuals achieve self-sufficiency and independence from the welfare system. Laney College CalWorks offer the following services at no charge: Program and service Coordination, subsidized child care, supervised tutorial, work-study/work experience/internships, job development/placement.

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**3. CARE** (Cooperative Agencies Resources for Education program) is a supplemental component of its parent program, EOPS. It is designed to motivate, encourage and support single parents on welfare who desire Job-relevant education in order to break the dependency cycle and become self-sufficient.

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**4. EOPS** (Extended Opportunity Programs and Services) is a state funded program which provides educational opportunity for non-traditional student who are educationally and economically disadvantaged. EOPS provides support services for students who demonstrate the potential to succeed in higher education. EOPS provides the services include counseling, peer advising, tutoring, transfer, financial assistance and career/personal development.

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**5. GATEWAY to COLLEGE** Gateway to College empowers youth who have dropped out of high school to earn a diploma and college credit in a supportive environment. The program promotes student success and readiness by grouping students into learning communities for their first term, offering intensive literacy development, maintaining rigorous academic standards, and providing individualized support. After successfully completing the initial foundation term, students will transition to taking classes with the general student population. Students will focus their studies in a “pathway” or major that is aligned with high school completion requirements and college degree or certificate requirements.

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**6. PUENTE**  The Puente Program at Laney College is committed to prepare students for the challenges of college studies through a two-semester program of college level English composition, counseling, and a mentorship with a successful community professional.

PUENTE is currently in a planning year and will resume in fall 2011

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**7. PROJECT BRIDGE** is a basic skills learning community at Laney College. It serves students who want to improve English and mathematics skills before enrolling in college level classes. Project Bridge has a 12-unit afternoon program and a 6-unit evening program. Classes offer a small group work, individual instruction, and lectures.

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**8. TRIO** Federal outreach and student services programs designed to identify and provide services for individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds. TRIO includes eight programs targeted to serve and assist low-income individuals, first-generation college students, and individuals with disabilities to progress through the academic pipeline from middle school to post baccalaureate programs.

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**9. UBAKA** UBAKA is an African-American focused learning community, but is open to students of all ethnicities. Students share courses in African-American Studies and other areas, and take part in counseling and college success programs.

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