

The DEGREES Project

Fall 2022-Spring 2023

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Who We Are:

The [Dedicated to Educating, Graduating, and Retaining Educational Equity Students \(DEGREES\) Project](#) seeks to provide enhanced services to students with a special focus on underrepresented students to make timely progress to their degrees and to reduce the achievement gap. Our services include, but are not limited to: peer advising & mentorship, faculty advising and mentorship, student success workshops & events, 24/7 tutoring, campus resource advising, and free testing materials.

Points of Pride

- We have an annual summer training for DEGREES Project faculty and staff
- We support and serve all URM students (15,000+ each year)
- Embedded advising with faculty in each of the seven academic colleges
- Monthly DEGREES Project Newsletter

Data Outcomes

- Via EAB, DEGREES Project advised a total of 756 students (not including events & activities). *unfortunately data is not conclusive; not all interactions were logged—point for improvement*
- All 15,000+ students are emailed with helpful resources on a weekly basis
- Student Academic Success Day serves over 1000 students, staff, faculty, and community members each year.

Signature Programs

- **Student Academic Success Day (SAS):** an annual campus wide event to promote student success that brings together over 1000 staff, students, and community members
- **K-12 Principals and Leaders Summit:** an annual event to recognize K-12 education equity leaders and to discuss best practices to foster college and career readiness
- **Mentorship Institute:** a convening to empower students, faculty, staff, youth, and community members to become the best versions of themselves.
- **DEGREES Project Monthly Newsletter**
- **Mid-Term Munchies:** A week to promote a stress-free environment and mindset to assist students during mid-terms

Events and Activities

- Welcome Back Campaigns 9/1
- How to Successfully Register Promo Video 9/13
- Navigating Passions in the Major Sessions (each faculty advisor hosted an event the week leading up to SAS Day 2022): A&L 9/20, BUS 9/20, ECS 9/21, EDU 9/21, HHS 9/22, NSM 9/22, SSIS 9/23
- Student Academic Success Day 2022—9/26
- Game/Movie Day & Tabling 10/17
- Squish the Stress Activity Workshop 10/18
- Hornet Joy Workshop 10/18
- Affirmation Thursday 10/20
- DEGREES Project tabling in quad 10/21
- BSU Study & Chill (Advising support) 10/24
- Do You Have Confidence? Workshop 10/24
- Building Confidence Series 10/31
- Registration Labs 11/7-12/18
- Equity Pitch Competition 11/15
- Destress Tote Bag Decoration in Quad Activity 11/30
- Demystifying Graduate School 12/1
- Registration Labs 1/18-2/10
- DEGREES Project Open House: Welcome Transfer Students 2/8
- March for Diversity 2/28
- African Dance Workshops 3/9 & 4/19
- Supporting ASI Elections 3/26
- After Hours Advising: Sunday-Thursday, 9pm-11:30pm

Community Partnerships

- Sacramento Kings
- SMUD
- Chase Bank
- Los Rios
- SCUCD
- Capital Christian School
- Project Optimism
- Eric Thomas, Motivational Speaker

Fall 2021-Spring 2022

Points of Pride

- Peer mentorship & advising
- Faculty mentorship & advising
- Shifting services 100% virtual during Covid 19 pandemic

Data Outcomes

- Via EAB, DEGREES Project staff saw a total of 933 students (not including events & activities).
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- All 15,000+ students are emailed with helpful resources on a weekly basis
- SAS Day serves over 1000 students, staff, faculty, and community members each year.

Signature Programs

- **DEGREES Project Vent Sessions:** A virtual environment forged to foster student belonging, a welcoming space, and an opportunity for students to share their emotions and how they're navigating life during the pandemic.
- **DEGREES Project Recognition Ceremony (Virtual):** The event is designed to underscore and celebrate student persistence family and friends
- **DEGREES Project Temperature Checks:** Interpersonal campaign launched to gauge student progress during the semester
- **Faculty Features:** Faculty sharing helpful tips and words of inspiration in our Monthly Newsletter
- **Participation in campus-wide Anti-Racism Convocation**

Events and Activities:

- Community Partner: Youth Zoom Hang-out 6/24-7/29
- Mentorship Institute 7/21
- Welcome to DEGREES Workshop 8/24 & 9/2
- Time Management Workshop 9/13
- Student Academic Success Day 2021 9/27
- Optimism Awards (Campus & Community Event) 9/27
- Closing the Equity Gap Workshop 9/27
- Spiritual Roundtable 9/27
- Community College Roundtables Discussion 9/27
- Business Roundtable Discussion 9/27
- Study Skills Workshop: Studying for College Exams 10/6
- Time Management Workshop 10/21
- First Generation College Celebration Social Media Campaign (November)
- Preventing Procrastination & Staying Motivated Workshop 11/18
- Self-Care Workshop 12/6

- Organization & Study Technique Video Promotions 12/6 & 12/7
- DEGREES Coach IG Takeover 12/6-12/8
- Finals Crunch Workshop Week 12/6-12/10
- How to Create a Study Guide 12/8
- Preventing Procrastination & Staying Motivated 12/8
- Game Night 12/9
- Movie Night 12/10
- Leadership Workshop w/Greater Sacramento Urban League 12/15
- GVAR Basic Info 12/19
- Welcome to DEGREES Workshop 1/20 & 1/27
- DEGREES Project Scavenger Hunt 2/1
- Scholarship & Application Writing Workshop 2/8
- Study Skills Workshop 2/8
- WPJ Portfolio Session 2/18
- Time Management Workshop 2/22
- SASEEP Scholarship Promotions 3/2
- GVAR & Foreign Language Requirement Workshop 3/9
- Work/Study Session 3/14
- Mid-Term Munchies 3/14-3/18
- Study Skills Workshop 3/15
- Work/Study Session 3/16-3/18
- Registration Labs 4/5-4/15
- Demystifying Graduate School Workshop 4/14
- Wise Word Wednesday 4/27 (all semester)
- Demystifying Graduate School Workshop 4/28
- Game Day 5/9
- Movie Night 5/10
- Self-Care Workshop 5/11
- Finals Crunch: De-stress week
- Study Tips & Tricks 5/12
- DEGREES Project Social 5/13

Community Partnerships:

- Greater Sacramento Urban League
- Sacramento Black Chamber of Commerce
- Sacramento Kings
- SMUD
- Chase Bank
- Los Rios Community College District
- Sacramento City Unified School District
- Capital Christian School
- Project Optimism
- Jeremy Anderson, Motivational Speaker

Promoting events for: Male Empowerment Collaborative, Educational Opportunity Program, ASI, APIDA Center, MLK Center, SASEEP