



# The Key to Collaboration: Establishing K16 Relationships

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Get **Focused!** Stay™

## Your panel

- ▶ **Dr. Diane Hollems, Co-founder, GFSF**
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## Session Overview

- ▶ Panelists description of their relationship building
- ▶ Outreach to the community and to parents
- ▶ CA community college Guided Pathways Initiative and how GFSF is an onramp
- ▶ Barriers to building relationships and pathways
- ▶ Discussion about the importance to students of the K12-to-college collaboration
- ▶ Q & A

# Panelists Introductions and Description of K14-16 Relationships

## Outreach to Community and Parents

- ▶ How have you promoted Get Focused...Stay Focused!
  - ▶ within your high school or college?
  - ▶ at Board presentations?
  - ▶ in working with parents?

# CA Community College Guided Pathways Initiative and GFSF as a Student Onramp

## Importance of the seamless transition

- ▶ Achieving the student “seamless transition” as they matriculate from high school to college has alluded educators for decades.
- ▶ For high schools that adopt the 4-year GFSF program, students will arrive at college with a well-crafted and researched 10-year career & life Plan as well as a Skills-based Education Plan.
- ▶ As colleges re-imagine student services and pathways, it will be vital to have high school colleagues at the table.
- ▶ Building strong relationships takes time and effort, but so worth it!

## Barriers to establishing relationships and student pathways.....

- ▶ Must have a strategy
- ▶ Need to meet with decision-makers
- ▶ Begin with the easiest place to start—converting existing CTE articulation agreements into what might be a college Guided Pathway
- ▶ All students need effective and comprehensive (not online surveys) career exploration in order to succeed—trying to build without it, will set everyone back.
- ▶ Must be willing to work through something together in order to pilot and test.





## Importance to STUDENTS of the K12-to-college collaboration

- ▶ Everything we do should keep students at the focus and forefront
- ▶ It's important for each educational institution (high school and college) to think and plan for what's best for students BEYOND their doors:
  - ▶ For high schools—the journey with your students isn't over at graduation. They need effective matriculation
  - ▶ For colleges—the journey with your students isn't over at credential completion or commencement. They need help in transitioning to the workplace or transfer.

## What Questions Do You Have?

- ▶ WHAT IS THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE YOU'VE FACED IN WORKING TOWARD EFFECTIVE COLLABORATION?
- ▶ FROM THE GROUP—HOW CAN THIS BE TACKLED AND SOLVED?

THANK YOU!

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