“FSCJ Promise”

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“FSCJ Promise promotes equity amongst our students by eliminating the barrier of financial debt, ensuring that all of our community members have the chance to receive a quality education.”

DR. CYNTHIA BIOTEAU, FSCJ PRESIDENT
First “Promise” in Florida to provide support for tuition, fees, and books
Graduated from a public high school, in service area, since 2014
Attend full-time in pursuit of an associate’s degree
Must be Pell-eligible and be a first-time in college student
Meet with an advisor and establish an Academic Degree Plan (ADP)
Maintain a 2.0 GPA and serve 60 hours of community service
Less than 20% of Duval and Nassau County graduates attend FSCJ upon graduation.
More than 80% of current FSCJ students attend part time.
FSCJ’s graduation rate is 31% for Pell recipients and 27% for African-American students.
Full-time students are exponentially more successful than those attending part time.
Providing access to underserved students in our community remains a priority.
Removing financial barriers and building a sustainable program was key.
Over $1.5MM in scholarships left on the table over the last three years.
NUTS AND BOLTS TO IMPLEMENT

- Become familiar with the College Promise Campaign
- Identify champions for the work
- Reimagine institutional scholarships
- Decide on the details (who to serve, eligibility, enrollment, etc.)
- Design wrap-around services and establish best practices
- Promote Promise through marketing
- Develop data tracking mechanisms to measure success
To what extent does enrollment in FSCJ Promise influence associate degree attainment?

- Students will be tracked by cohort
- Completion rates at 100%, 150%, 200%
- Course success measures, course retention
- Fall-to-spring persistence and fall-to-fall persistence
- Look at other data variables (age, race/ethnicity, gender, etc.)
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