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Partners



- Non-profit consortium of 17, public and private higher education institutions in NH
- Founded in 1966
- Mission: advancement of higher education in the state
- Coordinates collaborative initiatives among admission, library, career, information technology, and academic offices
- Professional development
- Promotes greater awareness of higher education in the state
- Forum for discussion of vital issues in higher education



- Non-profit consortium of 24, public and private higher education institutions in NH
- Founded in 1997
- Integrates community service and civic responsibility of its member institutions
- Improves the quality of teaching and learning throughout New Hampshire institutions of higher education
- Promotes citizenship education by expanding higher education's role in educating students not only for careers and jobs but also for their roles as active and engaged community members

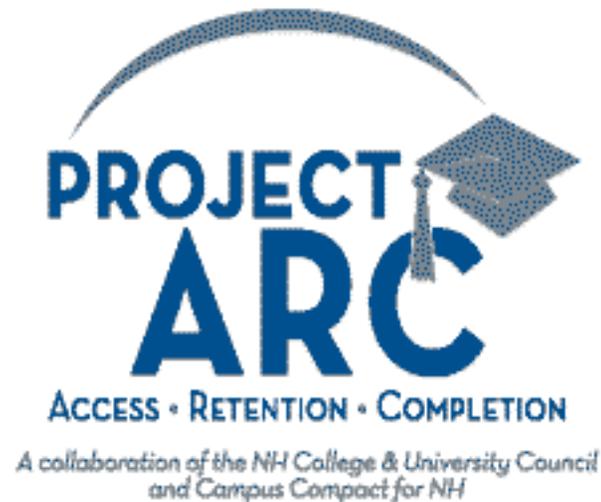
Members

- University System of New Hampshire (4-Year Public)
 - 4 institutions
 - Multiple campuses
 - 26,996 students
- Community College System of New Hampshire (2-Year Public)
 - 7 institutions
 - 13,142 students
- 4-Year Private Higher Education Institutions in the State
 - 12 institutions
 - 23,370 students

Total = 73,000+ students

Project ARC (Access, Retention and Completion)

Project ARC was created to encompass a number of access initiatives under the same “access” umbrella



- **Admissions Committee**
- **Latino Initiative**
- **Access New Hampshire Initiative**
- **AmeriCorps VISTA**
- **State Scholars Initiative**

Admission Directors Committee

What it is?

Admissions Directors have been meeting since 1966 on collaborative recruitment projects for the Granite State

- 17 Admission Directors
- 24 Campuses represented
- Meet 5 times throughout the year



Admission Directors Committee

Projects

Guidance Counselor Tour

- Week-long tour program
- For high school guidance counselors
- Available to a limited number of college transfer counselors and independent counselors
- No cost to the counselor or the high school



VisitNHColleges.org

To promote New Hampshire as a destination for Higher Education

Mini-Fairs

- 35 high schools
- Over a three-week period
- Reaching out to thousands of students

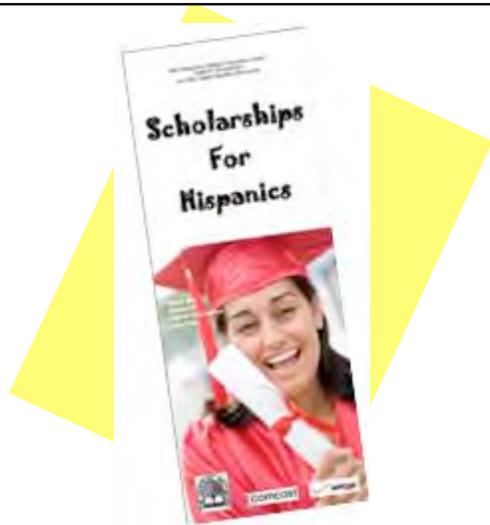
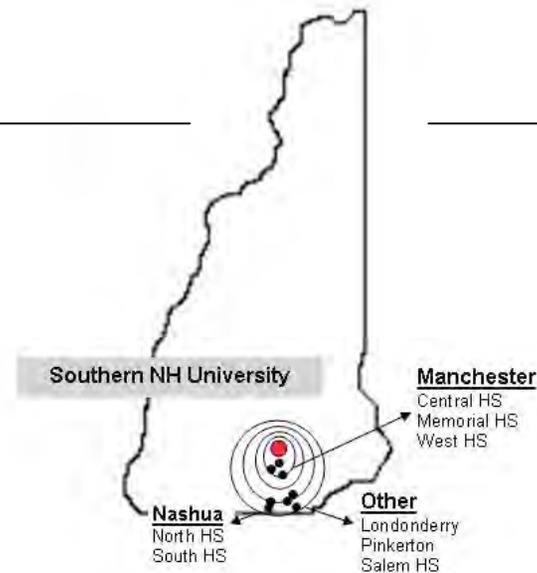


The Latino Initiative

Projects

College Access Convention

- Motivational keynote speaker
- Student panel (role models)
- College fair
- Campus tour
- Financial aid workshop
- College planning materials
- No cost to the student or the high school



Scholarship for Hispanics

- One of the largest databases of scholarships for Hispanics in the State
- Local scholarships and resources
- Regional scholarships and resources

The Latino Initiative

Projects

Outreach/ Communication Campaign

- Financial aid nights at local HS and CBO
- Annual Latino Festival - Manchester
- Annual Multicultural Festival - Nashua
- Monthly Hispanic Networking Meetings
- Promotional ads
- Promotional materials
- Website information in Spanish

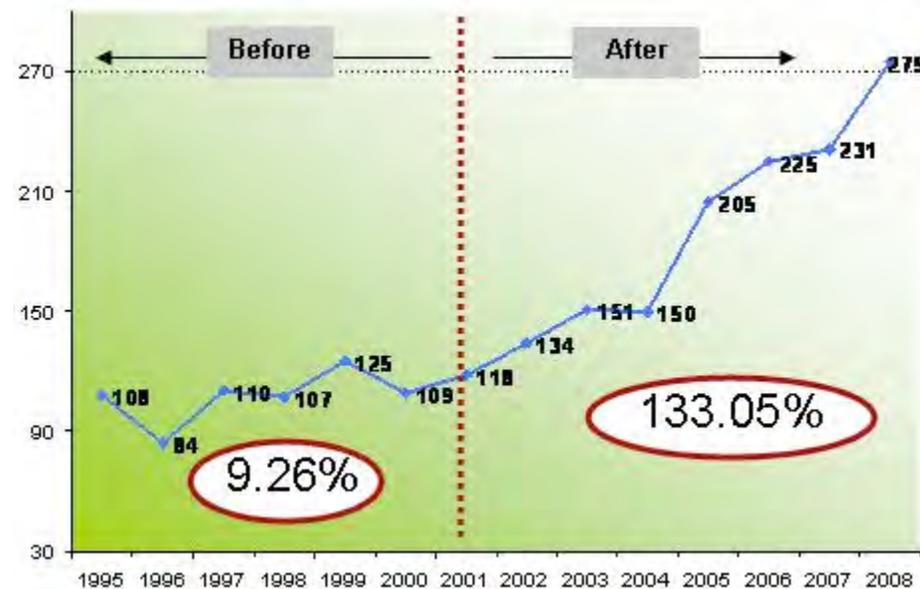


The Latino Initiative

Outcomes

- Approx. 50 Financial Aid nights at HS and CBO - **400** students/parents
- Information booths at multicultural events - **200** students/families
- One-on-one counseling - **200** students/ parents
- IDA Program for Higher Education - **5** students
- 7 College Access Conventions - **1200+** students
- Networking and Increased educational aspirations

NH's Hispanic SAT Test Takers



The Access NH Initiative

Mission

To increase opportunities and pathways to assist underrepresented students in accessing higher education opportunities.

Funded By

Jane's Trust (2007)

Programs

- Campus Advisory Group
- Partnership Group
- Mini-Grants
- College Access Convention
- College Fair for ESOL Students
- Access Newsletter
- Access Resource Book
- Access Fellows
- College Access Showcase



The Access NH Initiative

Based on the success of the Latino Initiative, in 2006, College Presidents unanimously agreed to expand its focus to include outreach efforts to a statewide diversity initiative, encompassing all underrepresented students in higher ed.

Targeted Audience

- All minority groups in the state (primarily in the southern tier of the state)
- ESL students (primarily in the southern tier of the state)
- Rural students, (primarily in the northern part of the state)
- Low-income students (Statewide)
- First generation college students

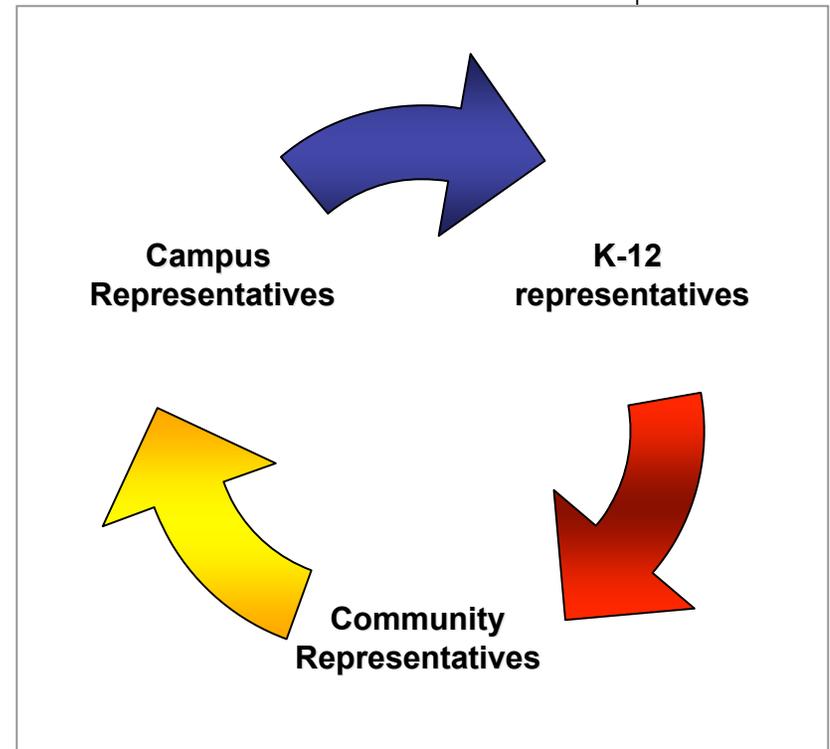


The Access NH Initiative

Projects

Campus Advisory and Partnership Groups

- Provide advice and campus connections
- Assist in the implementation of goals and priorities
- Identify campus/student needs and resources
- Create awareness among potential partners and programs
- Identify opportunities for collaboration and cooperation
- Share research data
- Build a network



The Access NH Initiative

Projects

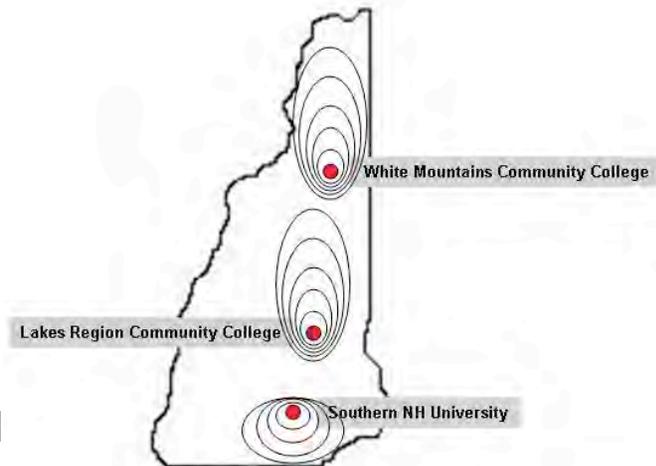
Mini-Grants

- 31 grants awarded to 45 institutions (Higher Ed, K-12, and Community-Based Organizations)
- totaling \$18,539.00
- 2,222 students served (just over \$8.30/student)
- 15 grants helped support the launching of new programs/initiatives



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The Access NH Initiative

Projects

3rd Annual College Fair for ESL Students

- Saint Anselm College
- 120 ESIOL Students
- Co-organizers with BSLI (Best School Leadership Initiative / 18 ESOL programs in the state)



Access Newsletter

- Calendar of Events
- Awareness / Visibility
- Put access on the forefront of stakeholder's agendas



The Access NH Initiative

Projects

Access Resource Book

- 180 Access Resources broken down in 15 categories
- For student, parents, school counselors and community leaders



Access Fellows

The Access Fellows program is designed to bring local experts in the various topics connected to access and retention to our campuses and partners.

College Access Showcase

- Partnerships to increase student success
- Emerging trends in quality access initiatives
- Best practices in higher education access programs
- Changing demographics and rising costs
- Concerns for quality and accountability
- Assessing campus climate on students institutions and communities

AmeriCorps Vista

National service program dedicated to eliminating poverty by helping individuals and low-income neighborhoods make positive changes for themselves.

Campus Compact for NH hosts a Northern New England tri-state VISTA corps with 10 VISTAs serving at colleges and universities in NH.

Goals:

Develop programming on campuses that will increase access and retention to higher education for low income individuals

VISTAS also provide support for low income individuals currently enrolled in higher education to increase retention and ensure that those individuals are able to complete their degree/certificate program successfully.



AmeriCorps Vista

Develop volunteer recruitment systems on campuses to increase their capacity to provide volunteer programs for low income populations.

Increase and expand the quality of higher education institution programs that provide trained volunteers to community agencies that serve low income populations.

VISTAs may also increase funding, both in-kind and monetary, for college volunteer programs and for community agencies that serve low income populations.

Examples:

Dartmouth College Summer Enrichment at Dartmouth Program (SEAD) Expands the educational opportunities for promising high school students from selected under-resourced urban and rural schools while offering the Dartmouth community a unique opportunity for service learning.

Rivier College/Daniel Webster College and 21st Century After school programs



New Hampshire Scholars

National program that partners business leaders with local school districts to motivate students, beginning in 8th grade, to complete a rigorous course of study in high school

Helps students attain skills they need in work & life: the ability to tackle challenging work & learn what they need to know to do it

Over 70% of recent high school grads wish they had taken more rigorous courses in high school.

Source: Achieve 2005



***College Ready,
Work Ready,
Ready for Life.***

“Follow The Child”

New Hampshire Scholars

Accomplishments

- New Hampshire's Momentum
- Increased course enrollment in active State Scholar districts
- Doubled enrollment in Chemistry
- Tripled enrollment in College Prep Physics
- Doubled enrollment in Algebra II Honors
- Increased enrollment in foreign languages



Active school districts:

Belmont
Claremont
Fall Mountain
Franklin
Gilford
Kingswood
Laconia
Lin-Wood
Litchfield
Merrimack
Nashua
Newmarket
Newport
Winnisquam

Project ARC – The Future

(Access, Retention and Completion)



Questions?

Participant Feedback

Members

Antioch University of New England ♦ Chester College of New England
Colby-Sawyer College ♦ Daniel Webster College ♦ Dartmouth College
Franklin Pierce University ♦ Granite State College
Great Bay Community College ♦ Keene State College
Lakes Region Community College ♦ MA College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences
Manchester Community College ♦ Nashua Community College
New England College ♦ New Hampshire Institute of Art ♦ New Hampshire Technical Institute
Plymouth State University ♦ River Valley Community College ♦ Rivier College
Saint Anselm College ♦ Southern NH University
University of New Hampshire ♦ White Mountains Community College