SMC IS #1 …
BUT WE HAVE TO DO BETTER

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SMC’s completion rates are low

Only 7.1% of incoming freshmen (non-F1) in Fall 2013 completed a degree or certificate within three years (by 2015-2016)

The rate only slightly improves (by 4%) when tracking completion for four years (2016-2017)

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<th>Three-Year Graduation Rate</th>
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*Preliminary data
The rates are even lower for our students of color

White (N = 1199): Three-Year Graduation Rate 14.0%, Four-Year Graduation Rate 19.5%
Hispanic (N = 2489): Three-Year Graduation Rate 4.2%, Four-Year Graduation Rate 7.3%
Black (N = 576): Three-Year Graduation Rate 2.6%, Four-Year Graduation Rate 5.7%
Asian (N = 488): Three-Year Graduation Rate 10.7%, Four-Year Graduation Rate 18.0%
The Challenge of the Completion Agenda

Characteristics of Students Most Likely to Drop Out*

- Low-income
- Enrolled Part-time
- Needing Remediation
- Historically Underrepresented Ethnic/Racial Groups
- First-Generation College

Fall 2015 SMC Population Reflect these Characteristics

- 53% received need-based financial aid
- 63% enrolled in fewer than 12 units
- 68% placed into pre-transfer level
- 48% Black, Hispanic, or Native American
- 56% First-generation student

*Source: The Education Advisory Board
The Challenge of the Completion Agenda

Given who are students are, which is UNLIKELY to change significantly, what we need to figure out is:

“What are the boxes?”
The Momentum Points
Accumulation of 30+ College Units (grade D or better) in First Year

First-time Freshmen in Fall 2015 (No F1 International Students), N = 5056

10.3% of incoming freshmen in Fall 2015 earned 30 or more degree-applicable units in their first year. At this pace, these students can complete a 60 unit associate degree in two years (on time)
The Momentum Points
Accumulation of 15+ College Units (grade D or better) in First Year

First-time Freshmen in Fall 2015 (No F1 International Students), N = 5056

39.5% of incoming freshmen in Fall 2015 earned 15 or more degree-applicable units in their first year. At this pace, these students can complete a 60 unit associate degree in four years.

Earned 15+ College Units by College Preparedness Status

- College Ready (N = 1264): 69.3%
- Underprepared (N = 3492): 30.4%

Earned 15+ College Units by Ethnicity/Race

- Asian (N = 416): 55.3%
- Black (N = 502): 21.7%
- Hispanic (N = 2592): 31.8%
- White (N = 1265): 56.9%
The Momentum Points
Completion of College English (1 or higher) and Math (20 or higher) in First Year

First-time Freshmen in Fall 2015 (No F1 International Students), N = 5056

18.6% of incoming freshmen in Fall 2015 completed (with grade of D or better) both English 1 and an associate degree applicable math or higher (Math 20 or higher) in the first year of enrollment.

Completed College English and Math in First Year

- College Ready (N = 1264): 46.8%
- Underprepared (N = 3492): 9.4%

Earned 15+ College Units by Ethnicity/Race

- Asian (N = 416): 30.0%
- Black (N = 502): 8.8%
- Hispanic (N = 2592): 15.0%
- White (N = 1265): 26.2%
Graduates and “extra” units

Among students who earned a degree* in 2015-2016, 96% earned “excess” or “extra” units*

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*First-time degree earners; does not include F1; only earned one award; excess units calculated by subtracting 60 from the number of degree applicable units earned
SMC vs. Statewide

SMC is ranked 34th out of 113 California Community Colleges in terms of six-year completion rates (certificate, degree, transfer, and/or transfer-ready)

1. De Anza 64.4%
2. Irvine Valley 63.4%
3. Moorpark 63.2%
4. Foothill 62.6%
5. Diablo Valley 62.2%
6. Santa Barbara 61.8%
7. Las Positas 61.3%
8. Orange Coast 61.2%
9. Ohlone 61.0%
10. West Valley 59.9%
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34. Santa Monica 50.5%

*Source: Student Success Scorecard

Six-year completion rates ranking out of 113 CA community colleges