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TO: Champions of Student Success

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RE: Student Success Symposium: From Research to Practice
January 5-7, 2015
Embassy Suites, San Marcos, TX

I am pleased to share this invitation to join us in San Marcos for our inaugural Student Success Symposium on January 5-7, 2015. Presentations will focus on accomplishments related to student learning and success in the first year of college, including but not limited to developmental education and programs, and services positively impacting student persistence and retention. Finally, a ½ day workshop designed to strengthen academic coaching programs will be offered as the symposium concludes.

Below is information describing highlights and goals for this year's Symposium. I hope you will share this information with faculty and staff engaged in student success efforts on your campus and look forward to meeting them in San Marcos as 2015 begins. Symposium highlights include:

- Keynote presentations highlighting best practices enhancing student achievement in college
- Focused break-out presentations on results achieved through the strategic implementation of programs and services, including but not limited to:
    - Academic Advising
    - Academic Coaching
    - Developmental Education
    - First Year Seminars and Learning Communities
    - Peer Mentoring
    - Programs Enhancing the Success of Under-Represented Males in College
    - Title V Developing Hispanic Serving Institutions programs
- Networking opportunities during breaks, over meals, and at area establishments

The goal of the Student Success Symposium is to provide opportunities for faculty and staff to share experiences from and examples of their efforts at improving course completion, retention, and progress toward certificate and degree completion. Collaborations will develop as colleagues explore opportunities to advance student success on their campuses through campus-to-campus networks developing as a result of participation in this event.

For More Information

Information on proposal submission and registration is available on the web at http://studentsuccesssymposium.education.txstate.edu.

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