

DCCCD Incentive Funding Retention Awards Executive Summary

SEED AWARDS:

Southern Dallas County Collaboration for FTIC Students

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Collaboration: MVC and CVC
Award Amount: \$74,954 Award Period: 4 Semesters

Last spring, Presidents Wimbish and Zamora began a series of dialogues with the Educational Strategies Group - a collaborative gathering of educational leaders from Dallas' southern sector. Those meetings formed the basis of this initiative; Southern Dallas County Collaboration for FTIC Students. This pilot program will essentially create a new pedagogical paradigm that is responsive to the specific challenges of serving FTIC students by focusing on the co-institutional development of curricular alignment. Once institutional linkages are forged, students will be able to get 'traction' in their first semester with a four-week, highly specific tutoring workshop followed by a 12-week Fast Track DMAT course.

The first series of activities will commence with co-institutional meetings with both College and ISD representatives to form curricular linkages between the students' recent high school curriculum and college-level curriculum. The need for this alignment was based on a review of a sample Exit Level Math TAKS Test, which indicated that students struggle to work with fractions, an often-cited concern expressed by DMAT course instructors. The second series of activities will focus on the need for FTIC students to experience 'traction' within their first year of college. A tutoring workshop will be provided to students during the first four weeks of a semester, followed by a Fast Track 12-week DMAT course.