Shared Governance, Shared Focus on Student Success

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16 Colleges, One System
Leveraging TAACCCT Funding

- Wisconsin’s technical colleges received multiple TAACCCT grant awards with unique focus areas: manufacturing; information technology; and healthcare
- Goal to increase access to educational systems particularly for Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) workers, veterans, the unemployed, under-employed, and low-skill workers
- Further develop credit for prior learning opportunities and Career Pathways
The state’s postsecondary partners have agreed on the goal of increasing the state’s attainment rate to 60 percent by 2027.
Postsecondary Attainment

Wisconsin & National Postsecondary Attainment

- Wisconsin: 47.2%
- National: 45.8%

Focus on Equity in Postsecondary Attainment

- Identify and target underrepresented populations
- Engage student success stakeholders to share best practices in postsecondary attainment
- Engage K-12 partners to further develop the foundation for and bridges to postsecondary
- Engage employers, legislators, community organizations, etc. to better understand the importance of postsecondary attainment to Wisconsin’s future success
Student Success ... aligned, accelerated

Objectives

- Refine data infrastructure, dissemination to drive student-focused, data-based decisions
- Establish communities of practice to broaden, accelerate use of proven, high-impact strategies
- Align state and national completion initiatives
- Leverage knowledge and experience through JFF Student Success Center Network
Strong Start to Finish is a collaborative network working to significantly increase the number and proportion of low-income students, students of color and returning adults who succeed in college math and English and enter a program of study in their first year of college.
Discussion, Reflection
Q & A

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