

Achieving the Dream

Achieving the Dream (AtD) is a national initiative to help more community college students succeed. AtD is a leader in championing evidence-based institutional improvements, such as long-term, sustainable commitments to improving student success, achievement in closing gaps, momentum building, changing student lives, and helping neighborhoods flourish.

Achieving the Dream now leads the most comprehensive non-governmental reform movement for student success in higher education history. Together we are helping community college students have a better chance of realizing greater economic opportunity and achieving their dreams. Student success means so much more than a personal goal secured. It means improved skills, better employability, and economic growth for families, communities and our nation as a whole.



Each AtD institution focuses on closing achievement gaps and accelerating success among diverse student populations, low-income students and students of color. The goals of the initiative are to advance individual and system-wide strategies, ultimately providing measurable and sustainable outcomes for students and colleges alike.

Data
Reform
Equity
Achievement
Movement



AtD Principles

1. Committed Leadership
2. Broad Engagement
3. Equity
4. Data driven decision-making
5. Systemic institutional improvement

Ultimately, the initiative seeks to help more college students realize greater economic opportunity and achieve their dreams.

Success is what counts.

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