Regional education leaders form partnership to boost college and career success

Sacramento - Public education leaders from Sacramento State, the Elk Grove Unified School District and Cosumnes River College will formalize an agreement among their institutions to provide opportunities in career and technical education, and help students more easily transition to, and succeed in, college.

Institutional leaders will formally sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to establish “Sacramento Regional Pathways to Success: An Elk Grove Partnership for College to Career” at 1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 4, at Florin High School.

Sacramento State President Alexander Gonzalez, Elk Grove Unified School District Superintendent Steven M. Ladd and Cosumnes River College President Deborah Travis will announce the new partnership to better retain and prepare students for college readiness or gain a career technical education that will allow students to pursue employment and enter the workforce.

“Our region’s best opportunity for lasting prosperity is keeping local talent local, and Sacramento State is proud to work with our partners in Elk Grove to create greater educational and career possibilities for local students,” says Gonzalez. “We want all students to know that our three campuses are here to help them achieve their loftiest ambitions.”

“The collaboration among three of the largest academic institutions in Sacramento County represents a vital commitment to our students and community that will create a seamless pathway from preschool to college and careers,” says Ladd. “This agreement encourages our talent pool to stay in our region, build businesses, accelerate innovation and become the leaders of tomorrow.”
“Cosumnes River College shares an unwavering educational vision with the Elk Grove Unified School District and Sacramento State. It is a focus on the success of all students and the economic, social and cultural prosperity infused in the community with their accomplishments and involvement,” says Travis. “This partnership will give local students enhanced learning experiences in the academic environment, with business and industry, and throughout the community. Our goal is to enrich their individual educational pathways and develop their skills with the confidence and readiness they need to navigate college and their future careers with ease.”

The partnership’s goals include: engaging students, families, Elk Grove and Sacramento business and civic leaders, community organization leaders and education leaders in supporting the college-to-career effort; providing a rigorous education that prepares each child for college or job and career training; providing students and families a clear and understandable roadmap to college and career success; and partnering with students, parents and community stakeholders to provide opportunities in career and technical education, or to help students more easily transition to, and succeed in, college.

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