

The Academic Success Center

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Study Skills Coaching and Workshops

Math Success Services

- Peer-Assisted Learning
Supplemental Instruction and Tutoring
- The Comerica Scholars Learning
Community
- First-Year Seminar (FYS 1010)
- Pre-College Outreach



Peer-Assisted Learning (SI and Tutoring)

Periodic, structured opportunities to reflect and integrate learning

Goals

- Lower attrition rates in historically difficult courses
- Improve learning and student grades
- Increase student graduation rates

How?

- Students learn how to process information.
- Students gain experience applying effective study strategies.
- Students become more actively engaged in the course.



Supports 32-35 high-enrollment, “traditionally difficult” courses

Fall 2013

2,032 student participants

7,323 SI session visits

Winter 2014

1,698 student participants

6,817 SI session visits

SI participants earn $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 full letter grade higher than students who do not participate in SI.

Strengthened by departmental funding partnerships:
Computer Science, COE Mission Possible
Graduation Grant, Psychology





Supplemental Instruction Leader/Tutor
Training with Faculty Panel, August 26, 2014



Factors that Support Persistence and Graduation

Academic, Social, Personal Support

Frequent, High-Quality Contact with Instructors and Peers

Student Learning

Tinto, V. (2012). *Completing College: Rethinking Institutional Action*. Chicago, IL: University of Chicago Press.



Who are the Comerica Scholars?

Detroit Compact and Wade McCree Scholarship recipients with 21 ACT and 3.0 GPA

65 Active Participants

The Transitions Seminar

Study Skills Instruction

Introduction to Campus Resources

Financial Literacy

Wellness Education





50% Six-Year Graduation Rate

Connection to Resources

Exploration of Self as Learner

Study Skills Enhancement

Relationships with Faculty and Expectations

Financial Literacy

Common Reading Experience

Understanding of Wellness



One credit can help pave the way for the next 119.



Facilitated study skills sessions for area K-12 students:

- 3 workshops at elementary schools;
- 8 workshops at middle schools; and
- 15 workshops at high schools

...In addition to recruitment work with WSU Admissions.

Pre-College Partnerships

- New Detroit Camp Enterprise
- C2 Pipeline Warrior College Experience
- Ferndale University High School

