Navigating the college experience can be a challenge; with EXCEL you are not alone!
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What is EXCEL

- Support System
- Advice
- Guidance
- Personalized Educational Planning
- Academic Growth
- Premier Leadership Opportunities
Who Are Our Students?

Ethnicity: 61% Hispanic

Gender:
- 72% between age of 18-24
- 68% Female
- 31% Male
- 1% Other

Age Group:
- 44% Online
- 56% In-Person

Course Modality:
- 69% Part Time
- 31% Full Time

Academic Load:
Data
Persistence, Earned Hours, Degree Awards, and Transfer Rates

Overall Findings – Educational Outcomes

The EXCEL program exhibits moderate – strong effects on five educational outcomes.

The EXCEL program has served 863 students and 267 EXCEL students have completed an award.

Four-Year Graduation Rates

Consistently, EXCEL students have higher four-year graduation rates than their comparison group counterparts.

Overall findings indicate that the EXCEL program has a strong effect on graduation rates, with students consistently outperforming their comparison group counterparts across all cohorts.

The chart shows a comparison of graduation rates between EXCEL and the comparison group for EMCC Cohorts 1 and 2, GCC Cohorts 1 and 2, EMCC Cohort 3, and GCC Cohort 3. The graduation rates for EXCEL students are consistently higher than those for the comparison group.
Figure 14 – Overall Percentage of Cohort who Completed an Award (Degree or Certificate)

* Indicates statistical difference at the α=.05 level.
How Did We Do It?

“Without EXCEL, it would be hard to get through college. I want to emphasize that it has been a BIG help.”

-EXCEL Student
Our Program Elements

Carino
Care

Comunidad
Community

Familia
Family
Carino

How do we focus on carino (care)?
Resources with Intentionality

Serving the whole student: Valuing academic and professional goals

**Campus Food Pantry**
Snacks, Water, Non-perishable items

**Rentals/Vouchers**
Calculators, Laptops, Hotspots, textbooks, Membership fees

**School Supplies**
Custom Planners, Writing Utensils, Notebooks, Binders, Folders, Index Cards, etc

**Basic Needs**
Bus Passes, Emergency Assistance for utilities, rent and medical needs, SNAP Outreach

**Scholarships**
The EXCEL Annual Scholarship, Tuition Assistance, Summer Bridge

**Community Resources**
St. Mary’s Food bank, A New Leaf, Earn to Learn, MesaCan
One on One Meetings

Not just academically focused, they serve as wellness checks for students.

**Academic**
- On Campus Resources
- Navigating Canvas
- Navigating Student Center
- Academic Planning
- Building Class Schedules
- Communicating with Professors/Professors

**Skills**
- Time Management
- Tips for Studying
- Organization
- Stress Relief
- Implementing Google Apps
- Resume/Cover Letter Building

**Student Life**
- Navigating Personal Life
- Share Accomplishments
- Voice Concerns
- Career Exploration
- Building Rapport
- Birthdays on Mentor Calendars

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**Flexibility**

We meet students where they are

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Activity

Asafuturescape.org
How do we contribute to the aspect of comunidad (community)?
Student Leadership Opportunities

**All Arizona Academic Scholarship**

**Chelsea Lee**
Estrella Mountain Community College
Major: Nursing
College Honors/Activities: ALL Arizona Recipient, Presidents List, WIRCCS Scholarship recipient, PTK member, President’s List

**Associated Student Government**

Opportunity to immerse into college campus

**Marina Castaneda**
Glendale Community College
Major: Social Work
College Honors/Activities: All Arizona recipient, PTK member, Associated Student Government

**PTK & Honors**

Scholarship and leadership opportunities...

**Abel Haddis**
Glendale Community College
Major: Computer Science
College Honors/Activities: All Arizona Recipient, PTK Member, Associated Student Government Vice President and Secretary, Male Empowerment Network

**Student Senator**

**John Matthew Garcia**
Glendale Community College
Major: Nursing
College Honors/Activities: All Arizona recipient, Maricopa student senator, Presidents List, Presidents Scholarship Recipient, Psi Beta Member
Program Specific Workshops
Financial Literacy Workshops/Family Advocacy Workshops

01 Money Management
Wants vs Needs

02 How to Support Your Student
Soft skill, school supplies, vouchers, members fees and bus passes.

03 Financial Aid 101
Understanding eligibility
FA Specialists helps each student individually

04 Entrepreneurial Panel
Networking with EXCEL Alumni

05 Tuition Match Programs
MesaCan Earn to Learn

06 SNAP Benefits
SNAP Specialist helps student fill out application
How do we foster a sense of familia (family)?
As Coordinators & Mentors: Relationship Building

**Orientation**
Meet the team & learn more about the program resources.

**Volunteer for School Events**
Rev Up Registration, Welcome Week, Student Success Fair, Graduation, Convocations, Ask Me Booths,

**Discussion Boards**
Canvas i.e fun and engaging

**Summer Institute**
Event is designed to inspire and motivate students for success

**Relationships**
A Culture of Mentorship

**End of the Year Celebration**
Celebrate & recognize graduates
Professional photos taken
Retention Strategies
# Retention Strategies

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The Future of EXCEL
A new opportunity to grow and expand our program elements to serve 6 HSI Colleges in the Maricopa County Community College District.
Thank You

No boundaries, just EXCEL!