

AREA OF INTEREST COMMUNITIES

Fostering the engagement and sense of belonging of racially minoritized students through a proactive, anti-racist, culturally responsive approach

... a holistic approach to increase success, retention, persistence, and completion ...

... intentionally centering the experience of racially minoritized students ...

... transitioning SMC from “race-neutral” to an actively anti-racist and culturally responsive institution ...

Aoi Communities Methodology:

First Time In College (FTIC) students select one of 7 Areas of Interest (based on their academic/career interest)

<p>7 Aoi Communities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructional Faculty Lead(s) • Counseling Faculty Lead(s) • Academic and Career Counseling Cluster • Peer Ambassadors • Peer Cohort / Learning Communities 	<p>Aoi-based <u>Student Care Teams (SCTs)</u> for racially minoritized students include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCT Coach • Peer Navigators • Financial Aid Contact • Health and Wellness Contact 	<p>Cohort of “Undecided” Students served by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructional Faculty Lead(s) • Academic & Career Counseling Cluster • Peer Ambassadors
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What do Aoi Communities do?

<p>Targeted Student Programming</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faculty interests and research • Applied learning opportunities • Student research opportunities • Transfer opportunities • Workforce & Career opportunities • Scholarship/financial resources opportunities 	<p>Peer Cohort / Learning Communities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aoi-based Summer Bridge • Aoi-based Orientation and Onboarding • Regular interactions with smaller cohort of students • New noncredit courses which are introductory, anti-racist, and culturally responsive (to help undecided students select an Aoi) 	<p>Proactive, Holistic, Intentional Support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relational approach to services • Identifiable team of practitioners
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Arts, Media, and Entertainment

Business

Culture, History, and Languages

Education

Health and Wellness

People and Society

STEM

Undecided