Reentry Retreat Proposal

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There are currently NO - 0 - ZERO leadership retreats specifically for reentry students - except this program!
Reasons Reentry Students Do Not Attend Other Campus Programs

Feel out of place or "too old"
Content not tailored to their interests
Don't have childcare
Don't feel invited or welcomed
Overwhelmed/stressed

2023 Reentry Retreat Evaluation

"Speakers were wonderful, food was amazing, entertainment was fun. Highly recommend."
Attendance and Budget

- 80 students registered, 40 students attended
  - Attendance at programs across campus still a bit lower since COVID
- 15 children attended the camp
- Stayed within the $5,747.00 budget
"I really enjoyed the retreat. It was a really nice balance of learning and relaxing."

Length and Workshops

- 20 students completed the post-retreat survey
  - 43% felt the program was too long
    - Some students left before the end - consider shortening for 2024
- Students found the Internship and Career Center presentation "Very Helpful"; the Success Coaching workshop and Alumni Panel were "Helpful" to "Unhelpful"
  - Consider keeping ICC portion and replacing Success Coaching and Alumni Panel with networking activities
“Very helpful information and it was fun to meet people that are in the same boat as me.”

Program Length

How was the length of the program?
20 responses

- Too long: 55%
- Perfect amount of time: 45%
- Too short:
Presentation Feedback

Please share your experience with each of the presentations.

Connections with Peers

Did you meet someone new at the program?
20 responses

- 65% Yes, and I have plans to keep in touch.
- 45% Yes, but I'm not sure if we'll keep in touch.
- No
“I really appreciate the time, effort and consideration that went into putting on a fantastic retreat for us attendees. Thank You so much.”

Student Takeaways

- "How to build my resume, gain confidence for future interviews and opportunities at UC Davis"
- "I learned how to format and write a cover letter, that I need to make more time for studying! And that the world is my oyster!"
- "The resume workshop was a complete game changer, I learned so much about how to create a resume, that I should follow my passion, and that there might be more resources available to me than I thought.”
General Feedback

- "Great retreat! An experience that every transfer student should have."
- "It was a great program and I really appreciate this opportunity. I realized that I am not the only one who is struggling with career gap when writing resume. Just knowing this fact helped me become more positive in applying for a job"
- "I thought the event was a lot of fun, well planned and a great way to hear about campus resources specifically pointed toward older students/re entry population."

Suggestions for Changes

- "It would be nice to have more interaction with different majors and group activities, however some people don't like that kind of thing. The magic show was awesome."
- "Overall I thought it was great but was a bit tired and dragging at the end, could maybe be 1-2 hours shorter."
- "I really enjoyed it, but it would be great if we had a section where we could interact more with more students, like introduce ourselves to most tables. or in other other words more networking would really make the event more effective"
2024 Reentry Retreat Proposal
Incorporating feedback from 2023 Retreat

Changes for 2024 Retreat
Planning committee: 5 students
T-shirts for attendees
Adjustments to agenda
Retreat Details

Saturday, January 20, 2024, 9am-2:30pm, Student Community Center
75 student attendees; 15 children of student parents

Revised Agenda

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Children’s activities through Campus Recreation Youth Programs

$60/child for 75 children = $900
Budget

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Learning Outcomes

- Ability to identify personal values and a personal mission statement
- How to translate academic, employment, and related experiences into a resume
- How to network with other reentry students
- Tips on navigating post-graduation endeavors
- Opportunity to feel like a "college student"
Questions?