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ACADEMIC
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Chicanx Latinx Retention Initiative



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PURPOSE & NEED

- Supports Chicanx/Latinx students on Academic Notice and Dismissal at UC Davis
- Chicanx/Latinx students face higher rates of academic challenges due to:
 - First- generation college status
 - Low- income backgrounds
 - Systemic barriers and challenges to navigating higher education
- Academic notice/dismissal can be isolating and stigmatized — especially for underrepresented students
- This program directly addresses retention gaps for this student population



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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- One-day, culturally-affirming academic experience
- Combines:
 - Workshops (academic skills, writing, study strategies)
 - One-on-one advising with Dean's Office Advisors
 - Community building with staff & peers
 - Access to key campus resources (basic needs, mental health, career development, financial aid)
- Cultural Empowerment Approach
 - Culture as a source of strength: students lean into their identities and experiences for resilience
 - Redefines academic success through a culturally-relevant lens
 - Creates a safe space to normalize academic struggles and shift the narrative from failing to empowerment



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PROVEN IMPACT

- Students leave with:
 - Personalized academic plan
 - Direct connections to campus resources
 - A supportive peer and staff community to sustain success
- Past participants report:
 - Increased sense of belonging
 - Improved academic confidence
 - Stronger connection to advising and support staff





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FUNDING REQUEST

- Funding of \$25,000 needed to:
 - Cover program materials (workshop supplies, workbooks, resource guides)
 - Facility fee (av, staffing, rental)
 - Provide meals to foster community-building
 - Offer stipends for student panelists who share their stories
- Investment directly supports retention of Chicanx/Latinx students at high risk of leaving UC Davis



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FUNDING REQUEST LINE ITEMS (200 STUDENTS)

FACILITY: Room Rental, Room Set-Up, Equipment Rental, Audio/Video			
1.	Credit Union Center - Full Facility Rental	\$ 3,000.00	
2.	Facility Staffing Fee	\$ 2,500.00	
3.	AV Equipment	\$ 500.00	
4.		\$	
5.		\$	
6.		\$	
		\$	\$ 6,000.00
FOOD: Refreshments, Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner (include estimated cost per person)			
7.	Breakfast Refreshments for students (\$20 per person)	\$ 4,000.00	
8.	Lunch for students(\$10 per person)	\$ 6,000.00	
9.	Light Snacks for students(\$10 per person)	\$ 2,000.00	
10.	Staff & Partner Meal(\$25 per person)	\$ 500.00	
11.	Beverages (Water, Soda, Coffee, Tea, etc.)	\$ 1,000.00	
12.		\$	
		\$	\$ 13,500.00
PERFORMERS, GUEST SPEAKERS, HONORARIA			
13.	College of CAES Academic Advisor - Guest Speaker	\$ 75.00	
14.	College of Bio Sol Academic Advisor - Guest Speaker	\$ 75.00	
15.	College of ENG Advisor - Guest Speaker	\$ 75.00	
16.	College of L&S Advisor - Guest Speaker	\$ 75.00	
17.	Writing Specialist - Guest Speaker	\$ 75.00	
18.	Study & Learning Strategist - Guest Speaker	\$ 75.00	
		\$	\$ 450.00
PUBLICITY/MARKETING: Flyers, Posters, Advertising, Mailing, Printing			
19.	2 large poster (24x36)	\$ 100.00	
20.	6 door signs (11x17)	\$ 120.00	
21.	200 Sí Se Resource Guides for Students	\$ 2,000.00	
22.	1000 Post Cards	\$ 210.00	
23.		\$	
24.		\$	
		\$	\$ 2,420.00
SUPPLIES: Decorations, Online Tools, Software, Licenses			
25.	Name Badges	\$ 200.00	
26.	El Centro Raffle Prizes	\$ 500.00	
27.	Pens	\$ 100.00	
28.	200 T-Shirts	\$ 5,000.00	
29.	200 UC Davis Academic Planners	\$ 2,400.00	
30.	24 Pin Charts	\$ 500.00	
31.	Crayola Markers + Sharpies	\$ 100.00	
32.	Other Supplies	\$ 500.00	
		\$	\$ 9,300.00
		Total	\$25,000





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WHY THIS MATTERS

- Chicano/Latinx students are a growing population at UC Davis, but they face disproportionate barriers to persistence and graduation
- Early intervention during probation and dismissal is critical to retention
- This program represents a high-impact, culturally-relevant intervention that directly supports UC Davis' equity and student success goals



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THANK YOU!