



K14 Education Consortium
Agenda for Friday, February 3, 2017
8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
Public Safety Academy (PSA), Room 18

OUR PURPOSE

It is important to strengthen partnerships with K-12 to continue on-going communication and collaboration in regards to planning efforts for cross-functional discussions throughout the Districts. Discussions could include, but are not limited to, general education, Basic Skills classes, Career and Technical Education courses, linking classes to employment skills, encouraging categorical programs, faculty improvement, success rates of students, specific activities designed to reinforce key reading, writing, speaking, and computational competencies, increasing Student Services and addressing the needs of students from year to year.

Chair: Pamela Ralston, Ph.D., Vice President of Student Learning

Recorder: Mary Lou Marrujo

1. Call to Order/Welcome and Self-Introductions

2. Action Items

2.1 Approval of Agenda

2.2 Approval of December 2, 2016 Minutes

3. Group Discussion

3.1 pLEDGE Program – Dr. Joel Kinnamon, Superintendent/President, COD

3.2 Promise Grant – Karen Tabor, Dean of Math & Science, COD and
Amanda Phillips, Interim Dean of Counseling, COD

3.3 Educational Master Plan – Dr. Pamela Ralston, Vice President of Student Learning, COD

3.4 Summer School Dual Enrollment or Concurrent Enrollment opportunities for PSUSD students?
What Courses are available and where will the courses be held? – Michelle Valenzuela, PSUSD

4. Adjournment

Next Meeting:

Friday, March 3, 2017 – 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

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MISSION

College of the Desert provides excellent educational programs in basic skills, career and technical education, certificate, transfer preparation, associate degrees, noncredit and distance education, which are continuously evaluated and improved. Our programs and services contribute to the success, learning and achievement of our diverse students and the vitality of the Desert Community College District, surrounding areas and beyond.

Aurora Wilson
Chair, Board of Trustees



Becky Broughton
Vice Chair

Bonnie Stefan, Ed.D.
Clerk

Dear Colleagues:

Fred E. Jandt, Ph.D.
Member

I am writing to advise you of a new College of the Desert (COD) program guaranteeing one year of college to local high school graduates from the 2017 graduating class who would like to attend COD.

Mary Jane Sanchez-Fulton
Member

Isiah Estrada
Student Trustee

We know that an education makes a difference for each student, every family, the entire community and our shared economy. We do not want cost to keep students from choosing to pursue higher education.

Joel L. Kinnamon, Ed.D.
Superintendent/President

The new COD pLEDGE program is designed to remove economic barriers to the first year of college while providing critical guidance, skills and support that is essential to achievement of individual educational and career goals. Research shows that students who enroll full-time, participate in work experience programs and without financial stresses have achieved higher grades than their peers, continue their education beyond their first year at a higher rate than typical students, transferred to four-year colleges or are better prepared to enter the local workforce.

The year of guaranteed tuition and fees at COD will begin in 2017 for incoming freshman graduating from local high schools. Applicants must apply for all eligible state and federal financial aid including FAFSA, Cal Grants. COD counselors and financial aid staff are available to guide students through the process. Participating students must commit to full time enrollment during the year as well as participating in mentoring or internships, completion of career preparation workshops and maintaining academic performance.

In the weeks ahead we will be sharing more details about the pLEDGE program, but I wanted to share this good news with you in advance of later public announcements. I will be sharing more information about the pLEDGE at the February 3rd Education Consortium meeting, where I know many of your staff will be in attendance. Additionally, I will be contacting you to schedule time to meet in the next few weeks where we can begin to build a framework around this latest component of our partnership in support of our students.

Until then, please do not hesitate to contact me with question or for more information. I appreciate your support and commitment to our students, our college and our community.

Sincerely,

Joel L. Kinnamon, Ed.D.



PL EDGE Program

How to be considered for the COD pEDGE program:

Only 2017 high school graduates (or equivalent) from the Coachella Valley are eligible.

1. Complete steps 1-6 on the "Getting Started" link on the COD home page.
2. Apply for financial aid at www.fafsa.gov by completing all financial aid requirements, having a completed financial aid file with the COD Financial Aid Office, and meeting the academic and progress requirements of the college. (AB 540 students, see information below. *)
3. Submit both an EDGE and a pEDGE application online at www.collegeofthedesert.edu/EDGE.
4. Graduate with a high school diploma (or equivalent) in 2017.
5. Complete Summer EDGE Program and enroll in courses identified on your abbreviated student educational plan.
6. Enroll as a full-time COD student for fall and spring semesters (12+ units per term).[†]
7. Maintain a college grade-point average (GPA) of at least 2.0.
8. Serve 10 hours of community service over two semesters at COD.[‡]
9. Complete career pathway workshops at the COD Career and Workforce Solutions Center prior to transfer and/or graduation.

* All AB 540 students are required to complete the same requirements with the exception of step #2 above. All AB 540 students must complete a California Dream Act application at www.CalDreamAct.org. In addition, AB 540 students must also download (or request from the COD Admissions & Records Office), sign, and submit a California Nonresident Tuition Exemption form to the COD Admissions & Records Office. The form is available and may be submitted online through the student portal at the "MyCOD" link on the COD home page by clicking on "A&R Forms" then "AB-540" and completing the form.

[†] Students with disabilities may be eligible to take fewer than 12 units with DSPS counselor approval.

[‡] Students who are currently employed may be exempt.

April 1, 2017 - Deadline to apply online for admission to COD

May 1, 2017 - Deadline to complete the following:

Orientation
Assessment
Application for Financial Aid
EDGE application



For more information on this exciting program, please contact: Katie Chartier, Assistant Director, COD First Year Experience/EDGE Program at 760.776.7635.