

HONORS TRANSFER PROGRAM WORKGROUP RECOMMENDATIONS

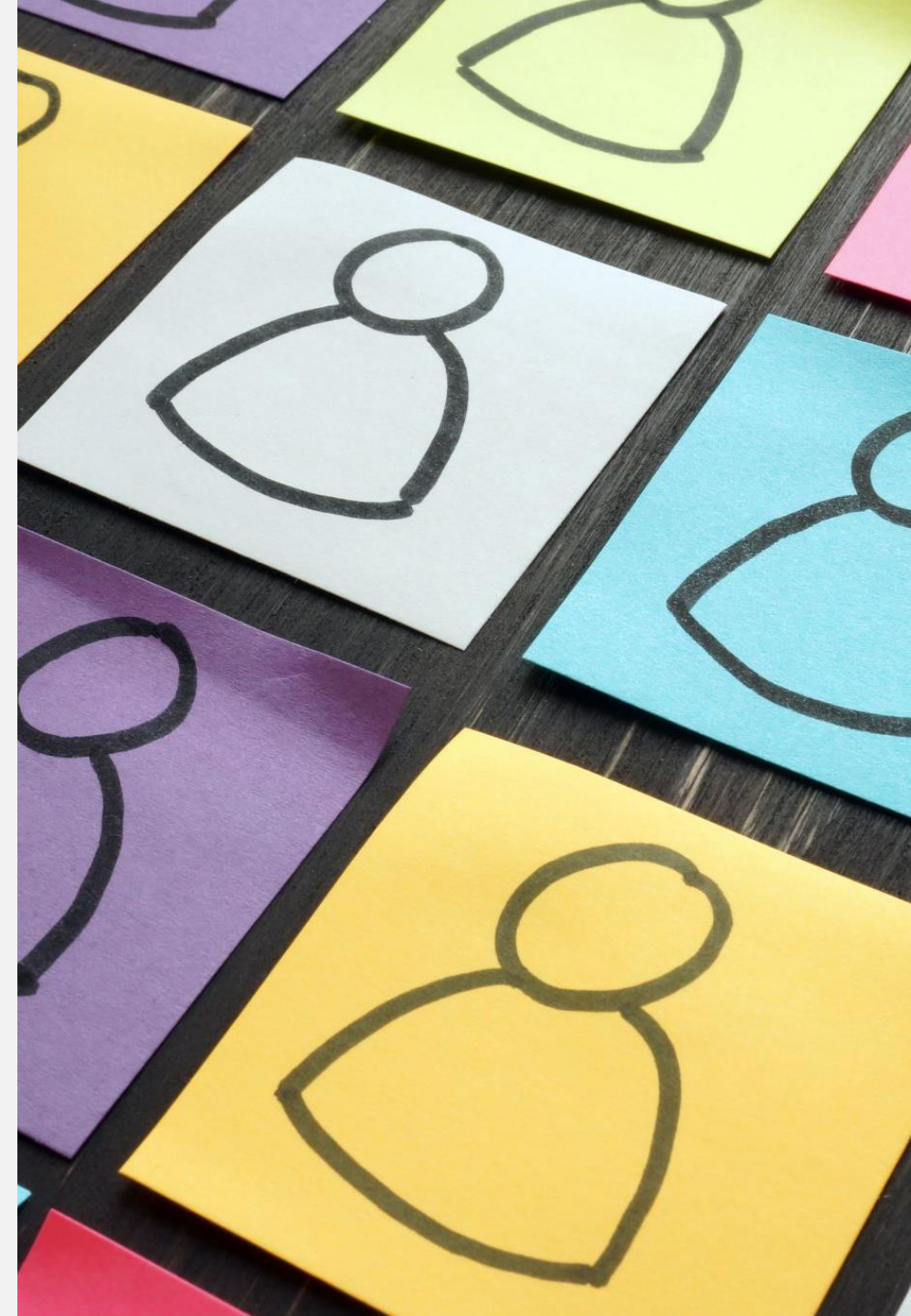
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BACKGROUND

- Honors Transfer Programs (HTPs) combine Honors-level coursework across disciplines, regular counseling support, Honors-specific transfer opportunities, access to scholarships/grants, foundational leadership opportunities, and academically and culturally enriching events like statewide community college honors research symposiums.
- More than fifty two-year colleges around the state of California have an Honors Transfer Program.
- Honors Transfer Programs are designed to be flexible and reflect the values and commitments of the district. HTPs are for all of our students. The Honors Transfer Council of California ([HTCC](#)) ensures and requires equitable practices everywhere from recruitment to course offerings and admissions practices.

WORKGROUP CHARGE

- **Work group charge:** to investigate the establishment (or not) of a local honor's program at SRJC.
- **Any work group outcomes expected:** recommendations outlining necessary steps required to establish (or not) such a program, including but not limited to suggested next steps and identifying necessary parties involved.



WORKGROUP
RECOMMENDATION

The Honors Program Workgroup voted unanimously to recommend that Santa Rosa Junior College move forward with the creation of an Honors Transfer Program (HTP)..

Unanimously voted to recommend an SRJC HTP meet the requirements of the Honors Transfer Council of California (HTCC) and UCLA Transfer Alliance Program (UCLA TAP)

HONORS ORGANIZATIONS

Recommend*:

- Honors Transfer Council of California
- UCLA Transfer Alliance Program

Recommend Revisiting Later:

- National Collegiate Honors Council

*Requirements to join these organizations were provided in the workgroup report



REASONING – MISSION, VISION, AND VALUES



- A conscientiously designed program will “encompass excellence, freedom, and responsibility in academics that promote civic engagement, a love of learning, and success for all students,” encourage “innovation, collaboration, and restorative justice that identifies and removes oppressive structures,” and highlight “our commitment to sustainability and social equity.”

**REASONING
—
SYNERGISTIC
POTENTIAL**

The Student
Research
Conference

We the Future
Conference

Intramural Speech
and Performance
Tournament,

Arts and Lectures
Series

WOLM events

Transfer Center
Events

Intercultural
Center Events

Cinema Series

Learning
Communities

REASONING – (SOME OF THE MANY) STUDENT BENEFITS

Colleges report 90-97% of their HTP students transferring to a four-year (West Valley College and Glendale Community College).

Opportunities for original, semester-long, self-initiated research projects

Deeper relationships with faculty-mentors

Develop research skills for major and/or for graduate school

The opportunity to do exciting and challenging coursework geared toward those who wish to achieve beyond what is normally required for lower-division classes

STUDENT BENEFITS (CONT.)

Access to scholarship and grant opportunities

A supportive community of staff, faculty, other highly motivated peers

The opportunity to participate in the statewide community college honors research symposium held at either Stanford University or UC Berkeley each spring ([Bay Honors Consortium](#))

Field Trips/Events

Leadership Opportunities

Equity will be at the forefront of an SRJC HTP as it will be designed with the intention of removing the historic barriers that have oppressed and othered our students.

There is potential to model this program after and embed the courses into successful equity-focused learning communities like the Punte Project, APASS, and Umoja—programs proven to increase the **persistence** and **retention** rates of our students.

We would be only HTP in the North Bay. We can market this to potential students.

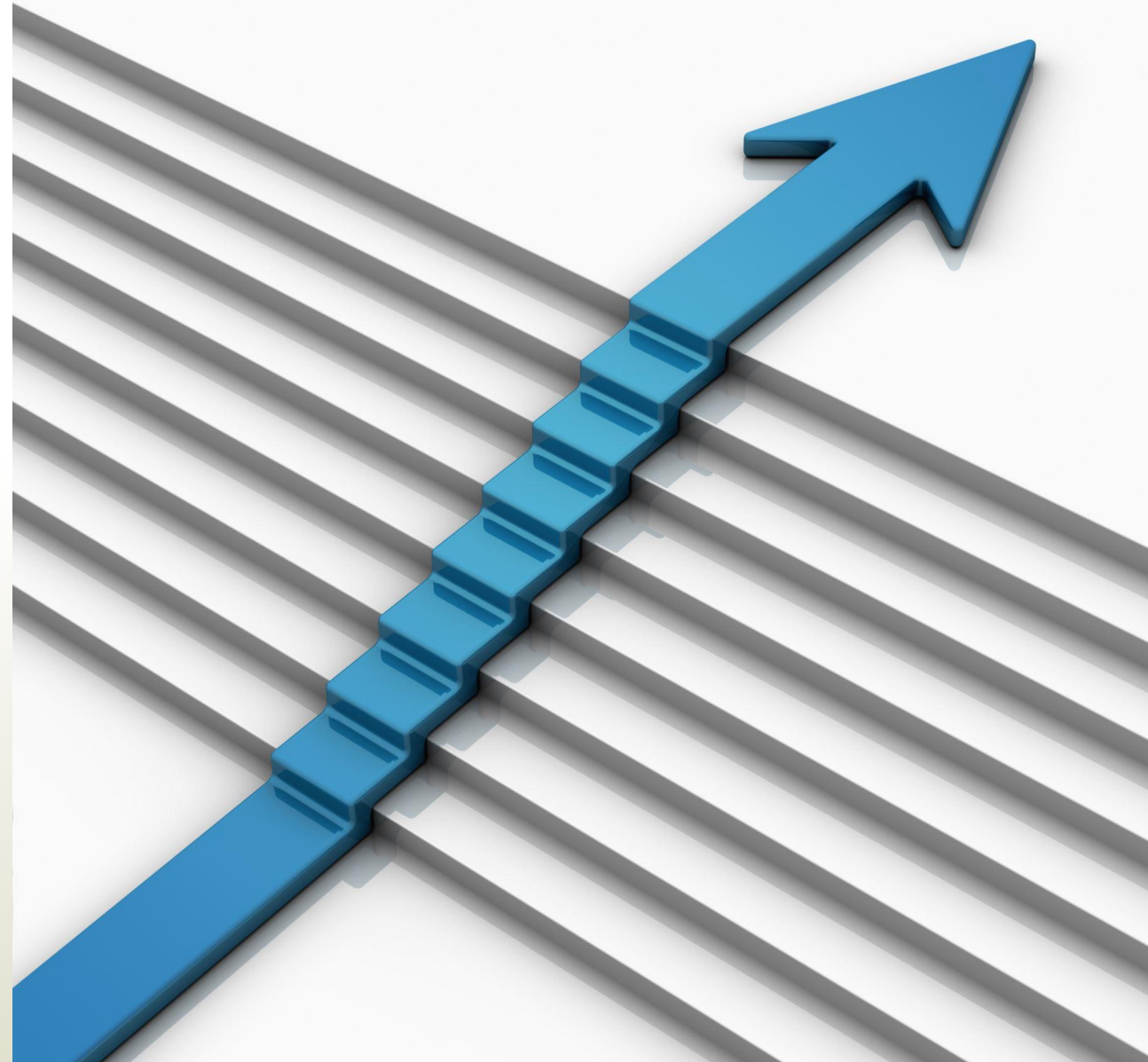
REASONING – OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

POTENTIAL NEXT STEPS

With the requirements for HTCC and UCLA TAP in mind:

After much research and discussion, the Honors Program Workgroup believes an HTP would greatly benefit our students, and we are recommending the district move forward with the creation of an honors transfer program at SRJC.

The workgroup is happy to provide our full research document if/when that is helpful in the future.





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YOU!