

Title V HSI “Lanzamiento” Initiative Report, September 15, 2021

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Thank you, President Thompson, Senators

I’d like to begin by sharing that this week is National Hispanic Serving Institutions’ Week.

This is an appropriate occasion to highlight our designation as an HSI and some of our current endeavors with our HSI *Lanzamiento* initiative.

Furthermore, I’m pleased to greet you today from Long Beach, CA, (I took a walk earlier today and to my dismay—many people do not wear their masks!) Where the National Community College Hispanic Council’s Annual Leadership Symposium is taking place.

Robert Holcomb and I are scheduled to conduct a workshop presentation about our *Lanzamiento* initiative Friday morning and we’re joined at the conference by our colleague Hilleary Zarate.

We’ve shared the PowerPoint slides from our presentation with Senate President Julie Thompson, so that it can be distributed to all of you.

And now...some nice statistics!

- This semester, we have over 1,300 students enrolled in 47 *Lanzamiento* course sections. (We had planned 10 sections for the first year). We also forwarded the link to the instructors’ list to president Thompson.
- *Lanzamiento* students have dedicated access to a variety of grant resources: embedded tutoring, peer mentorship, Library support, mental health services, financial aid workshops, counseling, transfer center programming, and cultural events, including Latinx lecture series.

Lanzamiento instructors join together in thematic Communities of Practice. These are some samples of our CoP’s:

- Validation Theory, Dr. Laura Rendón
- Transformative Syllabus
- Cross Disciplinary Partnerships
- Culturally Responsive and Sustaining Pedagogies
- Maya and Inca Mathematics

In sum, as grant year 1 draws to a close.

- We have implemented all year 1 activities
- We’ve captured promising student performance indicators
- And maintained a sound budget with anticipated carryover funds heading into grant year 2.
- You can review all quarterly reports and meeting minutes at the HSI webpage, which is indicated within the PowerPoint slides.

Again, Happy HSI Week, and deep appreciation goes to the many stakeholders, including many faculty members, who make this work possible.

Lanzamiento—together we launch!