



Academic Academy

BETTER TOGETHER



A²MEND:
African American Men Education
Network and Development

PASS: Brain Food Project

- ▶ PASS – Peer Assisted Study Sessions
 - ▶ Goal: to increase success, retention, and GPAs through embedded tutoring
- ▶ Supplemental Instruction and Tutoring for: ESL, English, Linguistics and Literature
- ▶ Jennifer Dorian (Fresno City College) coordinator of tutorial program
- ▶ Stanbeck-Stroud Diversity Award Winner 2016

Academic Challenges

- ▶ 2/3 of students underprepared
- ▶ Low attendance supplemental instruction and tutoring

Student Needs addressed

- ▶ Food insecurity
- ▶ Academic supplies insecurity
- ▶ Need to belong
- ▶ Feelings of being disenfranchised
- ▶ Need for encouragement to develop self-confidence and self-efficacy



PASS Program – Holistic Student Support

- ▶ Safe haven meeting student needs
 - ▶ Free Printing
 - ▶ Brain Food
 - ▶ School Supplies
 - ▶ Study and Learning Center
 - ▶ A place to be



Brain Food Project

- ▶ Addressing Food Insecurity
 - ▶ Normalize receiving help
 - ▶ Creating a culture shift
 - ▶ Food as a language of love

Pedagogy of Encouragement

- ▶ Empathy, Awareness and Sensitivity (EAS)

Program Success

- ▶ Pass Eligible Utilization of Services
 - ▶ Prior to Program F14
26% attendance (265 unique students)
 - ▶ Post Program F15
85% attendance (1300 unique students)
 - ▶ Disaggregated data – statistically significant outcomes in most categories
 - ▶ <http://www.campustalkblog.com/top-10-brain-foods-that-help-you-study-and-get-better-grades/>