Social Sciences Division Conference
In collaboration with Dean Parker and the social sciences department, General counselors Benjamin Barboza, Katie Messina and Emmanuel Lopez participated in the Social Science Division Open House and conducted two workshops on March 14, 2017 in the Event Center. Approximately 60 students attended between the two sessions. Counselors presented to students in Social Science courses on the services Chabot College counselors provide and how to prepare for your counseling appointments. We also shared critical information regarding general transfer information and talked about careers in counseling. Students also had the opportunity to participate in an interactive question and answer period. Overall, students were engaged and learned the importance of seeing a counselor early in their college career and how it can help them navigate their educational journey at Chabot.

Chabot Dream Team
The Chabot Dream Team is composed of Faculty and Classified professionals in student services, including Katie Messina from general counseling. It is an equity work group dedicated to providing resources and support for ‘Dreamer’ students. The team offers 2-3 workshops per semester for students and community members. For Spring 2017 we hosted an Immigration Law workshop that took place on Thursday, April 20th from 5-7pm in Room 455. The event will have a general “Know Your Rights” presentation and an opportunity for students to have individual consultations with immigration attorneys. Visit our website, www.chabotcollege.edu/dreamers/ for more details.

Health Careers Day
General counselors Yetunde Osikomaiya, Heather Oshiro and Sadie Ashraf participated in the Health Careers Day on April 17, 2017. Health Careers Day was led by Chabot Faculty Jessica Lange under the Health and Bio Sciences LPAT and was a collaboration of efforts between Pathways and the High School/College Counselor Collaborative. Over 200 Students attended the event. General Counselors presented a workshop to students on what it takes to be a successful college student and how to prepare for college in High School. We continue to look forward to collaborating with pathways across campus to organize similar events to support students in their transition from high school to Chabot.

Southern California College Tour
During Spring Break 2017, about 40 Chabot students traveled to Southern California to visit 6 different private and public universities. Counselors Benjamin Barboza and Patricia Molina and classified professionals Art Barboza and Emily Chan provided support for the students on the trip. This collaboration between special programs and general counseling under the Chicano Latino Education Association successfully exposed students to campuses they might not otherwise consider applying to. In addition to visiting campuses students were able to create connections with faculty and classified professionals, network with students and representatives from different campuses, and create a family among one another. Students were also exposed to a bit of Los Angeles art and culture by visiting Self Help Graphics, a staple of the art community in Los Angeles to participate in a printmaking workshop. Students interested in attending this trip should keep an eye out for next years trip.
Early Decision campus tours
This semester featured a pilot of our Expanded Early Decision program supporting San Lorenzo, Tennyson, Mt. Eden and Hayward high schools that was organized by Alan David. These high schools not only received Early Decision presentations from our counselors but also application support from staff from Admissions and Records and Assessment. As extra support following all the Early Decision presentations, over 150 High School Seniors went on specialized assessment field trips to our campus. Chabot covered cost for shuttling students between their high school campus and the college. The high school students received snacks and lunch so they do not go into their assessments hungry. After the assessment, our very own Peer Advisors gave tours of building 700 so these future students can meet some of our current students while also learning where to access various services.
Staff from Counseling, Assessment, Admissions & Records, Online Services, Special Programs, and our liaisons from the high schools helped make this project a success! Special thanks to Liz Morales (ETS), Kari Wesley, Diane Chang, Katrin Field and rest of the Chabot staff for all the support!

Peer Advisors in General Counseling
Thanks to the support of Counselor Assistant Kari Wesley who is assigned PA support, as well as Cynthia Johnson, Bionca Sparrow, and Karen Metcalf, as well as Counseling faculty Juztino Panella and Reena Jas as trainers and facilitators, we have had another successful year of peer advisor support for our general counseling division. Below is a list of a few ways in which home-based Peer Advisors supported students.
- Help guide students to student support services
- Assist with Early Decision presentations and shared personal academic experiences with high school students
- Assist high school students with Chabot College applications
- Lead campus tours for prospective students
- Support and assist in PSCN 25 sessions
- Support students and counselors in undecided major workshops, SEPA workshops, family Night, and registration day.
- Assist and supports students at CTC with applications, registration, and provide proper guidance when needed.

In appreciation for their work, and additional training, we are providing a “Ropes Course” event on May 5th at UC Berkeley.

H. S. Counselor Professional Day
H. S. Counselor Professional Day On March 15, 2016 from 9-3 p.m General Counselors Yetunde Osikomaiya and Heather Oshiro planned and facilitated a professional development day for High School counselors in collaboration with CPT and the Chabot area counselors collaborative. Approximately 60 high school counselors attended a day of workshops (Ed planning, community and campus resources), information sessions, and a tour of our Chabot Manufacturing department/pathway. General Counseling and special programs faculty/staff attended from 12-3 and connected with Counselors from our feeder High Schools. The main purpose of the day was to support High Schools counselors in facilitating the transition for their students from high school to college and discuss resources and opportunities available for their students.

SSSP Innovation Workshops
During the month of April, SSSP Counselors Benjamin Barboza and Reena Jas coordinated a total of four SSSP related workshops. The first set of workshops consisted of group abbreviated student education planning workshops composed of students intentionally recruited based on missing core SSSP services. The second set of workshops was aimed at students who were undecided or undecided majors. These sessions were aimed at supporting an at-risk SSSP group, undecided students, by providing tools to clarify values, interests, and debunking myths around major and career connection. Peer Advisors were present at all workshops to provide first-hand support to students and share their personal experiences. These efforts were made possible through the support of classified professionals who worked in conjunction with counseling faculty to coordinate schedules, reserve classrooms, provide peer advisor support, and direct flow of student traffic.
Chabot College Parent Night
On Tuesday May 9, 2017 the Student Success and Support Program (SSSP) Counselors, Reena Jas and Benjamin Barboza, hosted our Chabot College Parent Night in the Events Center. The objective of our event was to host incoming students and specifically their parents/guardians/caretakers for a night of information aimed at helping ease the transition from high school to Chabot College. Over 50 individuals (parents and incoming students) attended the event which was filled with representatives from Special Programs, Financial Aid, Instructional Faculty, Counseling Faculty, and included interactive activities, Q&A sessions, and a student panel. Our hope is that we can continue to build upon our efforts to address student and family needs as they embark on the next step of their academic trajectory.

Early Decision Registration Day
On Saturday, May 6th, Chabot College welcomed 387 local high school seniors to our campus for assistance with summer and fall 2017 class registration, 113 students more than last year! Students arrived in Building 700 as early as 7:30am eager to register for their classes More than 70 students, who were missing a SSSP component and wouldn’t have been able to register on Saturday, completed the online orientation or received an abbreviated SEP on the spot. Student Life provided Gladiator Day type festivities at the center courtyard space where students could find information about Chabot clubs and student government. In a combined effort, high school faculty and staff as well as Chabot counseling faculty, administrators, classified professionals, student assistants, peer advisors, IT, library and security staff took part in the planning and success of one of Chabot’s signature programs. In summary, 530 out of 621 eligible students registered a total of 6632 units over the past weekend. A big Thank You goes to counselor Michael Lai who took the lead in coordinating the event.

Early Alert System: A campus wide collaboration
In an effort led by Counselor Emmanuel Lopez, the Counseling Division collaborated with instructional faculty to create a brainstorming Early Alert system on Thursday April 27th from 12-1pm. The brainstorming session provided an opportunity to collaborate and discover challenges that students face while attending Chabot College. As we begin formulating the Early Alert Program, we will review feedback received and construct a program that will best serve our students and staff. In the Fall we will be creating an Early Alert Faculty advisory board. We look forward to continuing to collaborate with faculty across campus to provide resources that are vital to our students personal and academic well-being.

Transfer Achievement Celebration
Generously funded by the Student Senate of Chabot College, the Career & Transfer Center, with efforts led by Frances Fon, Cynthia Johnson, and Kari Wesly, hosted the 2017 Transfer Achievement Celebration (TAC) on May 11, 2017 in the Cafeteria. This year’s TAC highlights include: Students who were admitted to universities as common as CSU East Bay and as unique as the University of Puget Sound in Washington, a Q&A session made up of alumni panelists and our university partners, and CSU East Bay Smooth Transitions and UC Davis attended to support students transitioning from Chabot to their institution and were available to answer any questions from students and their families. All in all, over 300 people packed the cafeteria! Give yourself a pat on the back for your contribution to these students’ success!

Congrats to our transferring Peer Advisors:

Brenda Dominguez-UC Santa Barbara
Vanessa Virtusio - UC Berkeley
Valerie Vegera - UC Berkeley (Haas)
Nayeli Marquez - San Jose State University
Emilia DiNatale-UC Davis
Louella Lopez - transfer school TBD
Dilpreet Gujral - transfer school TBD
Parveez Mohammad - UC Davis
Sophia Sanchez-Pillot - UC Berkeley
Colleen McHugh - UC Berkeley

We know you will do great in all your future endeavors!
General Counseling Spring Events

February Events

2/16/16- CTC Resume and Cover Letter Basics Workshop

2/24/17-Discover UC Davis campus visit

March Events

3/14/17-Social Sciences Division Conference

3/28/17-CTC Job and Internship Basics Workshop

3/17/17- Counselor PSCN Workday

April Events

4/7/17-"Let Icarus Fly" multiple measures and holistic assessment presentation

4/5/17 & 4/11/17-SSSP SEPA Workshops

4/17/17- CTC Eureka Careers Exploration Workshop

4/19/17 & 4/20/17- SSSP Undeclared workshops

4/20/17- Dream Big presents "Immigrant know your rights" workshop and legal consultations

May Events

5/5/17-Peer Advisor Ropes Course at UC Berkeley

5/6/17-Early Decision Registration Day

5/9/17-Chabot College Parent Night

5/11/17-Transfer Achievement Celebration

General Counseling Hours

Monday: 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM
Tuesday: 8:30 AM - 7:30 PM
Wednesday: 8:30 AM - 7:30 PM
Thursday: 8:30 AM - 7:30 PM
Friday: 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM

To make an appointment, please visit the front desk at counseling or call during the following hours:

Spring Semester Phone Appointment Scheduling Hours:

Monday: 8:30 – 9:30 a.m; 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m,
Tuesday: 8:30 – 9:30 a.m; 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m,
Wednesday: 8:30 – 9:30 a.m; 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m,
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