Getting to Year 2 @ CSU!

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Overview

- OTP Background
- The Issues
- The Conference
- Supporting Your Students
Mission:
- to assist in the orientation and transition experience of transfer, first year, and second year students by providing comprehensive and intentional programming, services, and outreach to promote students’ academic and personal achievement through active engagement within our diverse campus community.
First-Year Programs
- Preview First-Year Orientation
- CSU Connect Orientation (new 2010)
- Outdoor Preview Orientation (new 2010)
- Ram Welcome: Experience CSU!
- The First Year Mentoring Program
- Getting to Year 2 @ CSU Conference (GTY2)
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- Second-Year Programs
  - Ram Welcome Back
  - Year 2 @ CSU: Second Year Program

- Transfer Programs
  - Next Step Transfer Orientation
  - Ram Welcome: Experience CSU!
  - Transfer Mentoring Program
Pop Quiz!?  
Second Year Student Issues

- Reduced motivation
- Declining performance
- “newness” has worn off
- Intensified curriculum
- Choosing a major or career
- Reality hits
- Feeling of institution not being as supportive as first year
- Move off campus, feel less connected
- Peer issues
- Identity issues
Why a Conference for First Year Students in their Second Semester?
Getting to Year 2 @ CSU Conference

Overview

- Created in 2007-2008
- One day conference for first year students (in their second semester)
- Students are able to select breakout sessions applicable to assisting students’ transition to a second year
- Sessions promote academic and personal development
  - Examples:
    - academic skills
    - transitioning to off-campus life
    - study abroad opportunities
    - how to be successful in the classroom
- Students can pre-register or show up on site. Those who pre-register receive “Year 2 @ CSU” T-shirt and GTY2 Notebook
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Program Goals

- To assist in a successful academic and personal adjustment, increasing retention
- To reinforce messages sent to students during other orientation transition
- To increase preparation of first year students for a second year at CSU by providing information on such things as transitioning to off-campus life, academic resources and more
Provide knowledge base of resources available

To encourage acknowledgement as a part of campus community

Provide faculty/staff members opportunity to create connections with students
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Conference Format

- Check-in (all day long)
- Breakfast (an intimate conversation with Faculty Member)
- 6 session blocks (50 or 75 minute sessions)
- Lunch & Keynote Speaker (CSU Alumnus)
Example sessions:
- Manage your Stress!
- Different Ways to Get Straight A’s
- Making Your 2nd Year an Outdoor Adventure
- Research Opportunities in the Natural Sciences
- Charge it! Using Credit Wisely
- Off Campus Jeopardy!
- Find a Career that’s the Best Fit For You!
- Motivation, Goal-Setting & Balance!
Anthony grew up in the inner-city of Denver, Colorado in the Park Hill community. During childhood, he overcome a drug-addicted father, an abusive home; the death of loved ones, including his sister; and the prevalence of Denver gangs in the 1990's. Despite the odds being against him, and after almost being kicked out of school his sophomore year, Anthony went on to graduate with a major in Speech Communication and a minor in Ethnic Studies, as the first person in his family to graduate from college. He graduated with honors, being named, "Key-Plus student of the year," "Distinguished First Generation Scholar".

Upon graduating, Anthony moved to Denver to teach in Denver Public Schools through Colorado Uplift. Since then he has returned to graduate school at Denver Seminary and is currently working towards becoming a social entrepreneur and raising up innovative leaders who will help change the world.

He believes, as another stated, "Great people do not have to know a lot of things, but they do need to know a few things, that are very great, and be willing to live for them and to die for them."
Encourage your students to attend! This is a great way to get skills and knowledge your students need to succeed in their Year 2 @ CSU!
Questions?

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