

## Summer Bridge: Equity in Practice Training

### Agenda

- Welcome
- Introduce Dr. Tiffany Puckett, NIU
- Equity in Practice training / Q&A
- BREAK
- Introduce Christina Jacobo & Cristina Rodriguez, Cal Poly Pomona
- Summer Bridge presentation / Q&A
- QUICK BREAK
- Next steps
- Office hours / Ask us anything!



#### **Dr. Tiffany Puckett**



#### **Occupation**

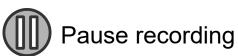
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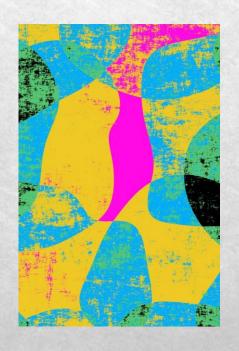
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Equity in Practice: Bias, Microaggressions, and Difficult Conversations

Tiffany Puckett, J.D., Ph.D.

#### Bias – Merriam-Webster's Dictionary

"prejudice in favor of or against one thing, person, or group compared with another, usually in a way considered to be unfair." Implicit Bias – Merriam-Webster's Dictionary

"a bias or prejudice that is present but not consciously held or recognized"

#### Implicit Bias

Implicit bias is "the attitudes or stereotypes that affect our understanding, actions, and decisions in an implicit manner. Activated involuntarily, without awareness or intentional

control. Can be either positive or negative. Everyone is susceptible"

(Kirwan Institute, 2016, p. 14).

### How We Develop Bias

**Our Culture** 

The Media

Our Family and Friends

The Interactions We Have With Others

Our Experiences

Our Perception of Social Value

Our Work and School Environments

#### Ways Bias Are Communicated Across Campus

| Syllabus   |
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| Classroom Lectures                               |
| Instructional Material                           |
| Classroom Discussion                             |
| Staff Meetings                                   |
| Department Meetings                              |
| Campus Programming                               |
| Verbal Exchanges                                 |
| Nonverbal Communications                         |
| Emails   |
| Implementation of Campus Policies and Procedures |
| Hiring Process                                   |
| Firing Process                                   |
| Promotions                                       |
| Implementation of Programs                       |
| Selection of Campus Programming                  |

#### Ways to work on your own bias!!

| Think Before You Speak              |
|-------------------------------------|
| Ask Questions                       |
| Develop Self Awareness              |
| Consciously Change Your Stereotypes |
| Expose Yourself to Others           |
| Attend Ally/Bystander Training      |
| Reduce Your Stress Levels           |
| Develop your Cultural Competence    |
| Practice Mindfulness                |
| Adjust your Perspective             |
| See People As Individuals           |
| Put Yourself In Their Shoes         |

#### Reducing Bias on Campus!!

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| Blind Grading                                      |
| Blind Interviewing                                 |
| Acknowledge Bias                                   |
| Offer Diverse Student and Staff Programming        |
| Allow Opportunities to Engage Diverse Perspectives |
| Increase the Use of Empathic Communication         |
| Create an Inclusive Campus                         |
| Require Accountability for Decision making         |
| Create a Diverse Applicant Pool                    |

### Microaggressions – Merriam-Webster's Dictionary

"a comment or action that subtly and often unconsciously or unintentionally expresses a prejudiced attitude toward a member of a marginalized group (such as a racial minority)"

### Examples of Microaggressions

Where are you from? She is so Articulate I am not a racist. I have Mexican friends. You speak good English Using pictures of students of only one ethnicity or gender on the school website. Use of the term "illegals" to reference undocumented students. **Ignoring Religious Traditions** Calling students out in class because of their backgrounds.

Giving student tasks or roles that reinforce particular gender roles

Pronouncing student's name incorrectly, even after they have corrected you.

# Examples of Difficult Conversations with Students

| Controversial Topics – Race and Politics                       |
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| Political News   |
| Classroom Content  |
| Student Disrespecting the Instructor                           |
| Student Disrespecting other Students                           |
| Student Not Paying Attention in Class                          |
| Social Justice Discussions                                     |
| The Student Said Something Inappropriate in Class or Via Email |
| The Student Acted Inappropriately At a School                  |

**Sponsored Event** 

# Tips for Having Difficult Conversations with Students

| Show Respect  |
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| Create a Framework for Discussions                                    |
| Connect the Topic with the Subject Matter of rhe Course               |
| Have Goals in Mind For the Discussion                                 |
| Encourage Students to Listen to their Classmates                      |
| Encourage Students to Ask Questions                                   |
| Give Everyone the Opportunity to Voice their Opinion                  |
| Establish a Classroom that is Conducive to Divisive Conversations     |
| Don't Trigger Your Students/Be Aware of Trauma                        |
| Providing Classroom Rules for Discussions                             |
| Set Time Limits for Each Speaker                                      |
| Create Prompts for the Discussion                                     |
| Add a Section Related to Discussions and Respect in Your Syllabus     |
| Role Play the Conversation  |
| Enlist the Assistance of the Department Chair or Another Staff Member |

#### THANK YOU



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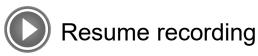


### Cal Poly - Pomona





Cristina Rodriguez







## Today's Agenda







2 Summer Bridge Program Overview



Cost and Funding



Program Highlights & Data Collections



5 Implications for Further Practices

### **EOP Summer Transitions Team**



Cristina A. Rodriguez

Coordinator of EOP Transition Programs



Assistant Coordinator of EOP Transition Programs | Academic Advisor



Temporary Staff
Summer Bridge Residential Program
Assistant



Temporary Staff
EOP Transition Programs Assistant

Christina Jacobo

### SSEP Department Leadership Team



Leticia Guzman-Scott

Executive Director

Student Support & Equity Programs



Dr. Sara Gamez

Director

Student Support & Equity Programs

### EOP: A Movement

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Summer Bridge







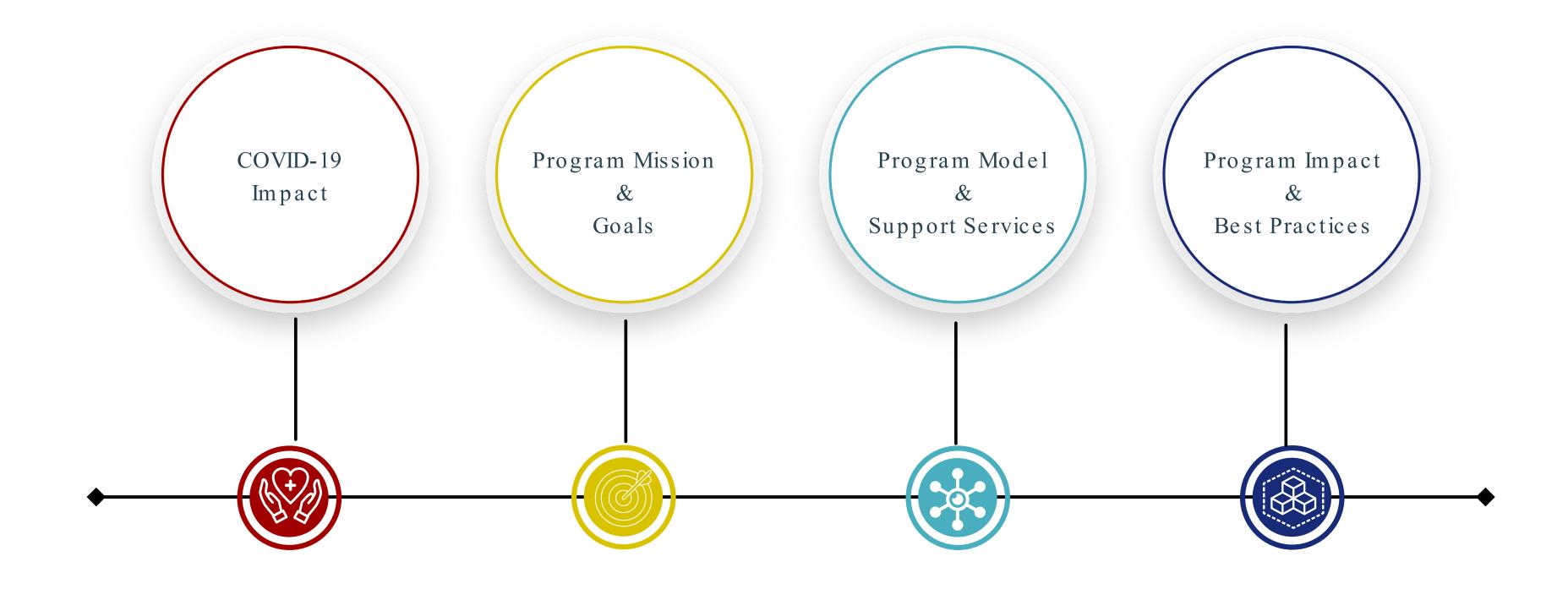




Serving underrepresented, low-income, first-generation college students who demonstrate the motivation and potential to succeed in college.

# Summer Bridge 2022 Program Overview ARRM yourself for the college challenge!

ATTITUDE | RESPECT | RESPONSIBILITY | MATURITY





### Program Mission

Summer Bridge is a unique FREE five-week (3-week Residential & 2-week commuter) summer transition program designed to provide holistic support services that support EOP students transition from high school to Cal Poly Pomona.

### Program Goals

- 1.) To expose students to academic and social expectations, university policies and regulations, and campus resources and services.
- 2.) To help students develop meaningful relationships with faculty, staff, student leaders and peers.
  - 3.) To cultivate academic and personal support networks that will enhance their college experience and support their overall success through graduation and beyond.



### Program Model

SB Program Dates: 2<sup>nd</sup> Summer Session

Residential Component: Week 1 - Week 3 Commuter Component: Week 4 - Week 5

### Program Framework

CPP Polytechnic Identity | Learn By Doing

First Generation Student College Experience

Community Cultural Wealth | Asset-Based Approach



### Core Elements

Students are introduced to a wide range of resources and benefit from the following:

#### **Educational Support**

Enrollment in a 3-unit Summer Course
EOP Advising Seminars and 1:1 Advising
EOP Learning Community

#### **Community and Social Events**

Community Building Activities

Student Leadership Opportunities

Exposure to Campus Life

#### **Student Development**

Student Success Coaching
Peer Mentoring
Personal Wellbeing Workshops

#### **Enrichment Opportunities**

Residential Life/Commuter Experience

Motivational Speakers

Cultural and Academic Activities

(Cultural Centers, Career Center, Financial Aid, etc.)



### Program Benefits

Students have an opportunity to engage in a variety of co-curricular activities that promote community building, leadership development, personal wellness and so much more!





SB Participants
Express having a
stronger sense of
belonging when they
begin their first Fall
term.



In addition, participants are provided with continuous support until graduation through our EOP Services.

### Program Eligibility & Admissions Process

#### Eligibility Process

- 1. Must be admitted to both CPP and EOP.
- 2. Must have attended CPP Orientation/ Advising Registration prior to Summer Bridge program dates.
- 3. Must complete the Summer Bridge Application Process and meet all program deadlines.
- 4. Must be able to attend all Summer Bridge program dates and components.

#### Application Process

- 1. Must Attend Online SB Information Sessions.
- 2. Submit and Complete the SB Application components.
- 3. Confirm SB participation.

### Program Admissions Timeline

#### **April**

 Email SB outreach material to admitted EOP students

#### May

- Facilitate SB Information Sessions
- Email SB
   Application
   link to
   students who
   attended the
   Information
   Sessions

#### June

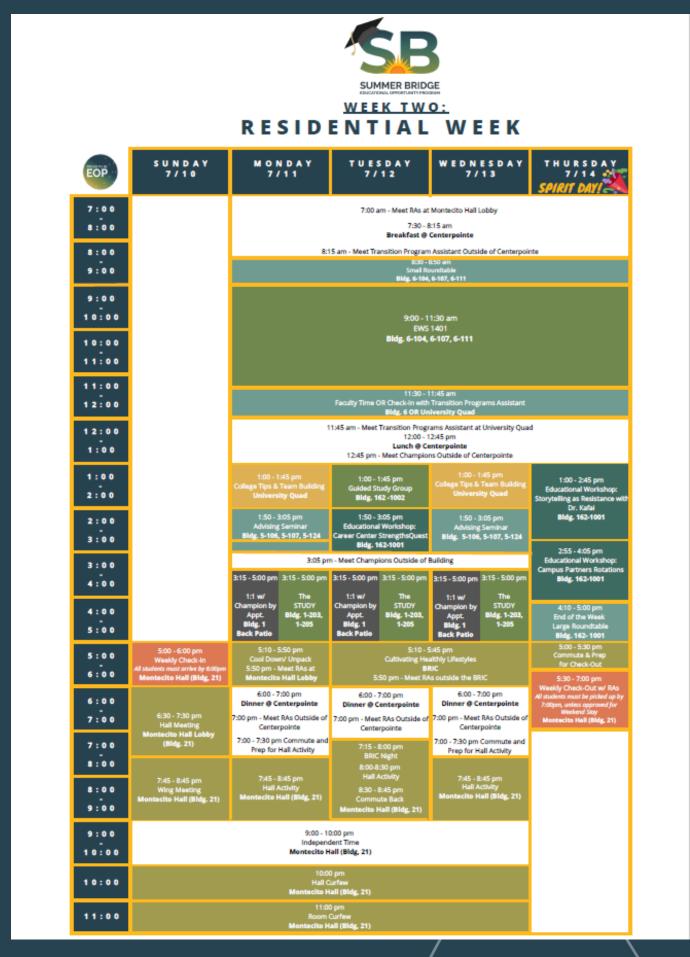
- Verify applicants' income and eligibility and Review applications
- Notify applicants of SB Acceptance
- Students confirm participation in program

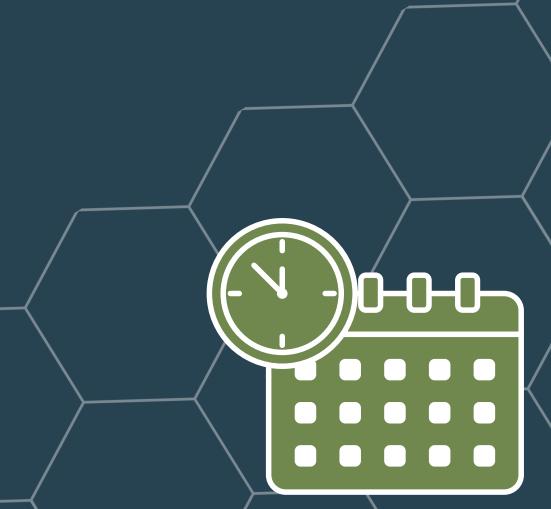
#### July

- Email Move-In instructions and student/family guides.
- Begin Summer Bridge!

### Program Schedule

A day in the life of a Summer Bridger







### SB Partnership: Sample Program Policies

All Program Policies and Procedures are outlined in our Student Guide. Prior to applying, students must read the entire guide and be aware of what is expected in this partnership.



#### Attendance Policy

If you are planning a vacation, doctor's appointment, or any other event that may conflict with program dates, please reschedule dates. There are no "excused" absences.



#### Health & Wellness Policy

If you are sick or not feeling well, please notify Summer Bridge staff.

• If you recently tested positive for COVID-19, had a close contact or experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, you need to report it to the CPP Safer Return Incident Investigation Team by filling out the Self Reporting Form.



#### Guest Policy

Summer Bridge is a closed program. In order to ensure safety of students, participants will be required to stay on campus Sunday-Thursday. Parents, family, guest are not allowed to visit their student during the program. Families may ONLY visit their student's room during the checkin and check-out time frames.



#### CPP Code of Conduct

The University is committed to maintaining a safe and healthy living and learning environment for students, faculty, and staff. Each member of the campus community should choose behaviors that contribute toward this end.

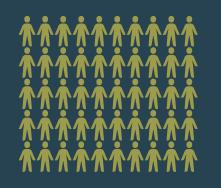
### Break Out Room

Now that you have a better understanding of our Summer Bridge program model at Cal Poly Pomona, what are some best practices you would envision implementing within your program?



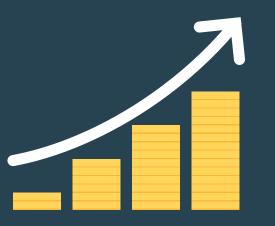
### Program Impact

Over the last decade, SB has celebrated the following successes:



1,219

EOP students served, with 60-140 students per cohort



93%

Average first year retention rate (fall to fall)

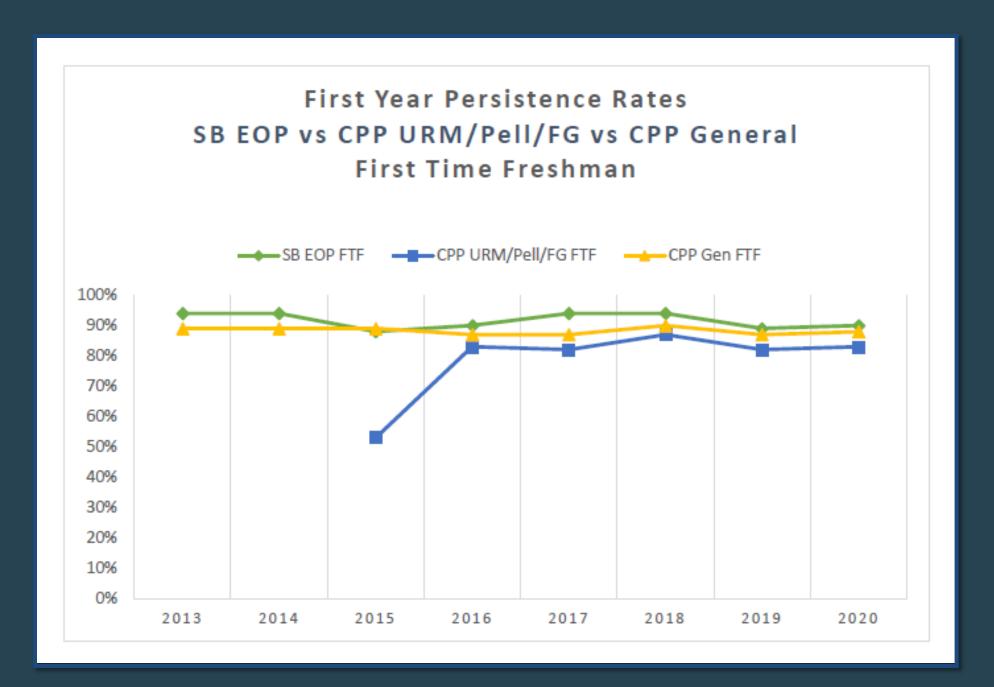


97%

Ethnic Studies course pass rate, with an average grade of B or higher

### SB Data Collections

- Qualitative and Quantitative Data Collection
  - Pre & Post Assessments
  - Focus Groups
  - Summer Course Completion
  - Persistence and Graduations Rates



| Summer Bridge   Persistence Rates |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |          |
|-----------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|----------|
| Year                              | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |          |
| Cohort Size                       | 98   | 107  | 116  | 119  | 106  | 139  | 111  | 80   |          |
| SB EOP FTF                        | 94%  | 94%  | 88%  | 90%  | 94%  | 94%  | 89%  | 90%  | 92% Avg. |
| CPP URM/Pell/FG FTF               |      |      | 53%  | 83%  | 82%  | 87%  | 82%  | 83%  | 78% Avg. |
| CPP Gen FTF                       | 89%  | 89%  | 89%  | 87%  | 87%  | 90%  | 87%  | 88%  | 88% Avg. |

### SB Student Testimonials

Hear it from them!

I'm truly grateful for this opportunity that not all EOP students get to experience. I was introduced to amazing staff who work in different departments at CPP. I've made great friends who I can reach out to during the fall semester and the rest of my four years. Lastly, I learned many tools that will help me become a successful student. Being a first-generation student, I realized that being resourceful is extremely important and Summer Bridge has helped me practice that." -SB 2020 Participant

Just would like to say thank you for this amazing opportunity you have provided for my peers and myself. Without EOP SB I wouldn't feel as comfortable as I am now when school starts.-SB 2022 Participant





### Program Cost & Funding

Participation in SB is funded by the university at no cost to student participants.

The average cost is \$3,000 - \$4,000 per student!

What does that include?

-Room & Board

-Tuition & Fees

-Books & Supplies

### Implications for Further Practices

During the last few years of coordinating and facilitating the Summer Bridge program, we have seen the following barriers/challenges:

- Student Challenges
  Mental Health & Wellness

  - Technology Need
- Program Challenges:Funding Source

  - Ever changing student trends and adapting to the generational needs.

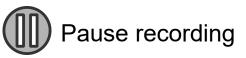








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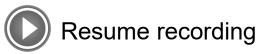






#### **Roadmap to Success**

September 2022 - April 2023



August 2022

 Identify data metrics for SB (and how they relate to KPIs)

- Upload SB Project Plans to Basecamp
- Determine/refine population(s) that will be served/recruited
- Confirm steering committee has recruited all critical members to serve until May 2023

#### October 2022

- Establish budget
- Identify potential funding sources
- Share project plan with campus partners
- Identify and recruit SB program staff, responsibilities, and time commitment





- September 2022
  Finalize committee/working groups for SB
- Develop/refine recruitment strategies and messaging for Admissions teams (See UMKC example in Basecamp)
- Determine dates, modalities, and course offerings (tentative)
- Develop/refine application/intake procedures (See **UMKC** example in Basecamp)

#### November 2022

- Identify preferred courses for SB; work with Registrar for scheduling
- Gather potential students from Admissions and Financial Aid applications
- Establish plan for tuition costs and faculty fees with Finance office and Registrar
- Work with marketing/graphic design to create logos, graphics, etc.



#### January 2023

- Draft weekly and day-to-day schedule of events, speakers, meals, courses, etc.
- Draft handbook for program (i.e. required forms, policies, etc.)
- Develop/refine communication plan for scholars being admitted into the program (before and during program)

#### March 2023

- Confirm/finalize guest speakers, senior leader attendance, room reservations, etc.
- Confirm/finalize housing contracts and meal plans
- Identify participation tracking method

#### February 2023

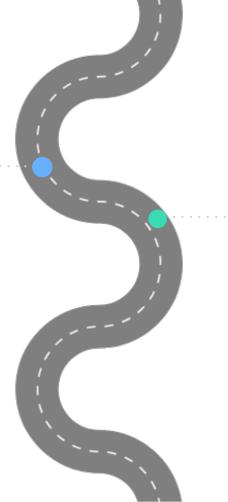
- Determine housing and meal plan options
- Identity Orientation date(s) for all SB participants
- Buy swag/materials for SB students

#### April 2023

- Final recruitment/confirmation emails
- Create maps of campus and SB-related rooms or buildings
- Determine due date for fees, tuition, or other SB costs (FAFSA from prior year)







### **Next steps**

- If you have not already done so, please upload your Data Exercise Sheet and draft Project Plan into Basecamp.
- We will be planning role-alike meetings so individuals in similar positions/with similar responsibilities can get together and discuss successes and barriers they face.
- Per the roadmap we created, you should also:
  - Finalize committee/working groups for summer bridge
  - Develop/refine recruitment strategies and messaging for Admissions team
  - Determine dates, modalities, and course offerings
  - Develop/refine application/intake procedures
  - We will ask team leads to provide an update in October on your programs and how they've evolved since the beginning of the program, as well as your biggest takeaways.