

Developing and Sustaining a Successful Bridge Program

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Overview

- ▶ History & Context
- ▶ Program infrastructure
- ▶ Key campus partnerships
- ▶ Assessment
- ▶ Critiques

Georgia College

- ▶ Georgia's Public Liberal Arts University
- ▶ 6,500 students, 1,450 incoming first year students
- ▶ Admission profile has risen steadily since 1997



Bridge Scholars Program

- ▶ Conditional admission program
- ▶ Started in 2006 with 60 students
- ▶ Currently enrolls 134 students
- ▶ Year-long residential learning community
- ▶ Intensive summer experience



Organizational Structure

- ▶ Initially a function of Enrollment Management
- ▶ Now housed in the Center for Student Success
- ▶ Director reports to Associate Provost



Admission Process

- ▶ Students apply to Georgia College, not BSP
- ▶ Admissions nominates students for BSP
- ▶ Interested students must interview
- ▶ 450 nominated, 200 interview, 150 offered placement



Who gets nominated...by the numbers

- ▶ Average High School GPA 3.11
 - ▶ Traditional Fall Admit 3.52
- ▶ Average ACT Score 21
 - ▶ Traditional Fall Admit 25
- ▶ Average SAT Score 1046
 - ▶ Traditional Fall Admit 1200



Staff

- ▶ Director of BSP
- ▶ Academic Year Graduate Assistant
- ▶ Summer Grad Intern
- ▶ Five Peer Mentors (former BSP Students)
- ▶ Five Community Assistants (employed by University Housing)



Structure

- ▶ Students are divided into five different cohorts
 - ▶ Cohorts take their summer courses together
- ▶ Students live in 4-bedroom apartments
 - ▶ Each apartment houses 4 students from 4 different cohorts



Summer Expectations

- ▶ Enroll in 7 credit hours, must earn a C or better
- ▶ Attend weekly cohort meetings
- ▶ Attend four programs
- ▶ Follow BSP & GC policies



2017 Summer Schedule

- ▶ Move In/Orientation Saturday 6/17
- ▶ Teambuilding & Cohort Meetings Sunday 6/18
- ▶ Student Success Course Monday-Thursday 6/19-6/22
- ▶ Two Core Courses 6/23-7/18
- ▶ Break 7/1-7/4
- ▶ Final Exams 7/19 & 7/20
- ▶ Move Out 7/21



GCSU 1010: Student Success

- ▶ Does not replace First Year Seminar
- ▶ "On Course" textbook by S. Downing
- ▶ Teambuilding for cohort
- ▶ Peer mentor & CA attend
- ▶ Instructors include:
 - ▶ Faculty
 - ▶ Academic Advisors
 - ▶ Dean of Students



Core Classes

- ▶ Students pre-registered
- ▶ Classes held Monday-Friday
 - ▶ Morning class 9:00-12:00
 - ▶ Afternoon class 1:30-4:30
- ▶ Course examples
 - ▶ GCY Critical Thinking
 - ▶ Intro to Sociology
 - ▶ Theatrical Heritage
 - ▶ Human Geography



Programming

- ▶ 12 social programs, students must attend four (their choice)
- ▶ Five mandatory events
 - ▶ Teambuilding
 - ▶ Community service
 - ▶ Academic Advising session
 - ▶ Talent Show
 - ▶ Closing Banquet



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Academic Support

- ▶ Tutoring support
 - ▶ During lunch
 - ▶ In evening at apartment
- ▶ Intentional faculty selection
 - ▶ Expected participation, slightly higher pay
 - ▶ Intrinsic involvement



Campus Partnerships

- ▶ Primary
 - ▶ University Housing
 - ▶ Admissions
 - ▶ Financial Aid
- ▶ Secondary
 - ▶ Academic Advising
 - ▶ Dining Services
 - ▶ Parking & Transportation



Academic Year

- ▶ Expectations scaled back
 - ▶ Attend four events per semester
 - ▶ Monthly cohort meetings
- ▶ Programming model shifts
- ▶ ENGL 1101 together



Assessment

- ▶ Most recent 6-year graduation rate is 73%
- ▶ Confidence raised in all areas:
 - ▶ Test taking skills
 - ▶ Writing papers
 - ▶ Study skills
 - ▶ Handling roommate issues
 - ▶ Managing test anxiety
 - ▶ Dealing with conflict
 - ▶ Time management
 - ▶ Keeping up with class work
 - ▶ Locating helpful resources



Critiques

- ▶ Atypical demographics for a bridge program
- ▶ High cost
- ▶ Lack of academic year support



Questions?

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