



IRSC SELECTED FOR NATIONAL PATHWAYS PROJECT GUIDING STUDENTS TO COLLEGE COMPLETION



Indian River State College has been selected as a demonstration site for The Pathways Project led by the American Association of Community Colleges (AACCC) to guide students to college completion. IRSC was identified following a highly competitive national selection process evaluating the College's focus on student success, including initiatives that assist First Time in College students, minority and developmental education students.

IRSC will collaborate with a network of 30 colleges throughout the nation during the two-and-one-half year project supporting the nation's college completion agenda.

Rather than using the free-form "cafeteria approach" to course selection prevalent at many colleges, IRSC instituted a structured "Guided Pathways" system requiring students to meet with an assigned advisor during their first semester for development of a Student Success Plan. This proven system keeps students on track to graduation, saving them time and money, decreasing the number of courses taken unrelated to graduation requirements.

In announcing IRSC's participation, Sarah Cale, Program Manager, Pathways Project said, "We were impressed by the depth and quality of your institutional efforts to date and the partners are excited to be working with you in the next few years, not only to advance the efforts of your institution, but also to provide a model for scaling pathways for the community college field., Thus there are over 1100 other institutions that potentially will benefit from your work on this project."