

President's Office

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Dear Achieving the Dream,

I am Dr. Claudia Habib, the President of Porterville College. I am happy to write this letter to support our application for the ATD Prioritizing Adult Community College Enrollment (PACCE) grant.

Porterville College joined *Achieving the Dream* in 2013, in 2016 earned Leader College status, and in 2020 we were recognized as a College of Distinction as a result of our collaborative work towards student success.

The College has implemented a Success and Equity Committee (recently renamed Pathways to Success and Equity) and a Data Team that examine data and practices across the College that impact student success. Through these efforts, we have implemented a number of changes, including accelerating students through basic skills sequences, an early adopter of eliminating all remedial math sections and placing all students into college level math, and a variety of policy changes that reduce barriers and facilitate completion.

PC has invested in the Guided Pathways Framework that is proven to eliminate equity gaps and advance equitable student completion and achievement outcomes. Through an institutional redesign of policies and practices, clear paths are created for every program. These paths assist students in understanding program requirements, transfer requirements, length to completion, and workforce outcomes. The College was also awarded a Title V Developing HSI grant to enhance STEM curriculum and pedagogy, with the express purpose of increasing learning outcomes and closing equity and achievement gaps.

Porterville College culture is already immersed in the student success and equity agenda. We believe our participation in this program will help us continue to focus on ESL, non-credit pathway expansion, completion, and expanding the workforce. Our newly hired Student Success and Equity Director will also help us to continue this work beyond the grant period. My team and I are committed to fully participating in the project to support the momentum we have achieved.

Sincerely,



Dr. Claudia Habib  
President



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