

BUILDING A COMMUNITY OF SI LEADERS/TUTORS

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OUR PROGRAMS

BACKGROUND

- Community College in Walnut, CA
- 50,000 students
- Over 40% of students age 25 and above
- 28.5% full-time students
- 53.29% part-time students
- Tutoring in the Learning Assistance Center (LAC) est. 1970s
- 90 tutors
- 7 tutor mentors
- SI Program est. 1995
- 22 SI Leaders (SIs)
- 4 SI mentors

EVOLUTION

SI PROGRAM THEN

- 17ish SIs
- Small, weekly meetings
- Scheduled around SI availability
- Discussion based
- More "problem" SIs

SI PROGRAM NOW

- 25ish SIs
- All-SI meetings, 4x per semester
- Pre-scheduled days & times
- Modeling SI techniques
- More engaged SIs
- Off-the-clock events

LAC THEN

- 70ish tutors
- 1 to 3 all-staff meetings per semester
- Centralized tutoring

LAC NOW

- 90ish tutors
- 1 to 3 all-staff meetings per semester
- Subject specific meetings
- Established Peer Mentor Program
- Decentralized tutoring

STRUCTURE

SI PROGRAM

- Pre-Orientation (online)
- Orientation (in-person)
- SI Meetings
- Peer Mentors
- Prep meetings
- SIs observe a mentor
- Mini observations
- Mentor/Admin observations of SIs
- Mentor office hours

LAC

- Orientation (in-person)
- Meetings
- Peer Mentors
- Observations

CREATIVITY

SI PROGRAM

- SIs adapting games
- SIs - feedback from students
- Admins - feedback from SIs
- Collaboration with mentors
- SIs presenting at meetings
- Integrating technology

LAC

- Icebreakers at meetings
- Diversity trainings
- End-of-Semester potlucks



YOUR TURN

PAIR UP WITH SOMEONE THAT YOU DON'T KNOW.

SHARE ABOUT YOUR PROGRAM'S BACKGROUND,
EVOLUTION, STRUCTURE, & CREATIVITY.

IF YOU HAVE A NEW PROGRAM, SHARE WHAT
YOU'D LIKE TO IMPLEMENT.



CHALLENGES

SI PROGRAM

- Resistance
- Recruitment

LAC

- Tutor engagement
- Recruitment



SPEED CHALLENGES

Write down 1-2 challenges (1 challenge per paper) that affect your program's ability to build an SI/tutor community.

- Get up, and find a new partner (As & Bs)
- 1 min. ea. to get ideas for your challenge "SWITCH"
- Repeat with a "NEW PARTNER"

THANK YOU

FOR YOUR TIME

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