

# Creating a Pathway through the Pandemic Forest



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1:00 p.m. to 2:20 p.m.

link to slides: <https://tinyurl.com/CAEPSACStory>

# Path for the Day

- Today's Trail Guides
- Welcome and Intro
- Our 2020 Wilderness Adventure: Santa Ana College
- Our Chance to Share More: Q&A and Closing



# Following the session, attendees will be able to...

- Recognize how Adult Education and Noncredit's historic roots align with Guided Pathways practices.
- Understand how these innovations can support students during the pandemic and beyond.
- Reflect on ways to collaborate across silos.
- Discuss the power and potential of Noncredit and Adult Education voice at the Guided Pathways table.



# Welcome & Introductions



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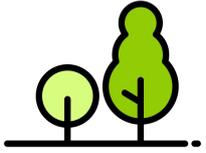


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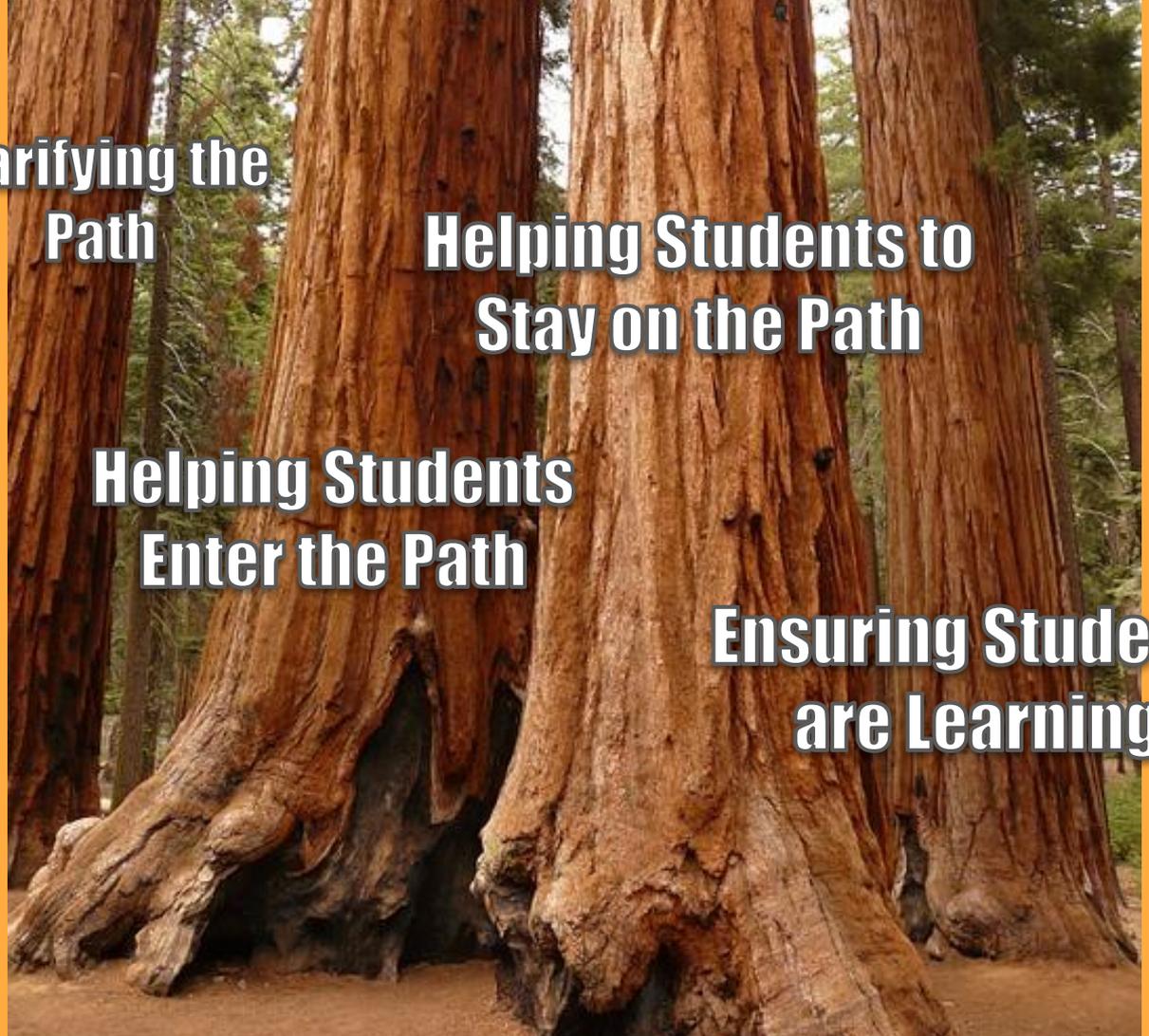
GP: Shared  
Equity Work

**Clarifying the  
Path**

**Helping Students to  
Stay on the Path**

**Helping Students  
Enter the Path**

**Ensuring Students  
are Learning**



# Adult Ed/Noncredit + GP Community of Practice

- Statewide monthly meetings for Guided Pathways and Adult Ed/Noncredit practitioners.
- Conversations resulted in a [Rapid Webinar](#) about Santa Ana College's pathways work.
- To join the ongoing conversation, please contact Wendy Smith to be added to the list. [wsmith@foundationccc.org](mailto:wsmith@foundationccc.org)





# The Santa Ana College Continuing Education Story



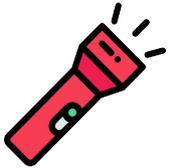
# The Beginnings



# Tools to Thrive...



Trust.



Take chances. Know mistakes will happen.



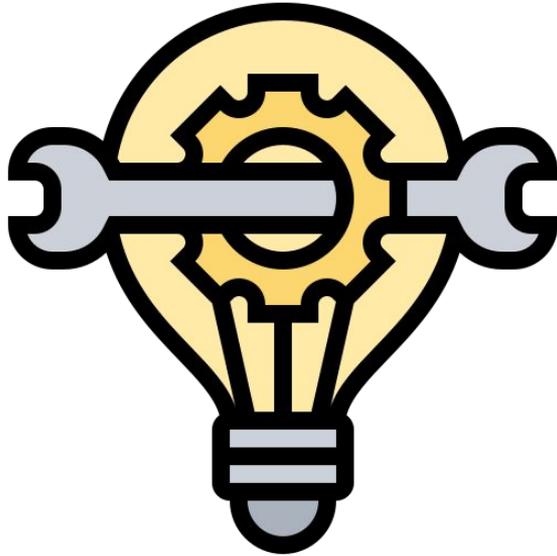
Be flexible. Collaborate and compromise.



Have a growth mindset.



# Problem Solving



# Student Voices



# Student Quotes

The following quotes were gathered from surveys sent out to our student population in Summer and Fall of 2020 as well as our HiSET Convocation held in August 2020.



# Student Quotes

*“Mrs. Adrianna Gonzalez and Mr. Alexis Alegría have given me a lot of support in my educational challenges. They have been available 24/7 for all the students and their words of encouragement are truly appreciated. I am glad I registered at SAC. I think they genuinely care about their students. Please, continue to support them, as well as the teachers.”*

*“I am turning 77 this month. At my age, I usually wake up with aches and pains, but thanks to Santa Ana College, I now wake up also with something to look forward to -- going to class. It is like being a kid in a toy store. I love every second of it!”*

*“It is very helpful online learning for busy mother with little baby.”*

*“This form of online teaching is very suitable for English language teaching. First, save the transportation and time of teachers and students to the school. Secondly, save a lot of human, material, financial and other resources of the school. The most important thing is that it is very convenient for teachers to teach, ask questions, and organize discussions among students on the Internet. While enjoying video lectures, students can record, take screenshots, and make electronic notes very conveniently. I hope that in the future, even after the epidemic, we will still be able to carry forward this online teaching model. Thank you!”*



# Student Quotes Continued

*“The classes on line are Excellent Everything is wonderful Makes everything easy . Online teachers are great the are very helpful. They are there whenever i have a question. Special Nicole she’s awesome. This means a lot to me and it helps me because i work and I have 3 kids at home. Love the online classes. Thank you for making this work for us in the middle of the pandemic. I would love to continue my classes on line even if there was no pandemic. God bless you all.”*

*“I love to taking class on line, back school is very important in this time. And is very easy Join SAC.”*

*“Going back to school as an adult was kind of scary, but the professors/teachers that i got made it so much easier to learn the subject. Mr. Moussalli is great at explaining the subject hes teaching. I think he's awesome. Overall I just think everyone I've dealt with from SAC is great and helpful, Mrs. Adrianna, Mr. Alexis, Mrs. Herrlein and Mrs. Ruland.”*

*“I have thoroughly have enjoyed this program. It was a god sent gift during this pandemic. I love participating in classes from the safety of my home. It has helped heal the mental anguish that can come from staying at home.”*



# ESL Student Emails to College Leadership

The following two slides provide examples of emails sent by our ESL students to Administrative leadership sharing their hope of continuing to study online once the pandemic ends.



# Email 1:

*Hi Lorena,*

*My name is Juan Jesus Hernandez, I'm an ESL student from Santa Ana College.*

*I would like to thank you, and your staff for all the support we received during the pandemic. Also for giving us the great opportunity to continue learning English online.*

*At the same time, I'm taking the opportunity to ask you for future classes for me and for all people that are not able to attend classes in campus, because the only possibility for us to learn and improve our English is online. Please take into consideration to continue supporting us by providing online classes during this time and in the future.*

*Thank you miss Sanchez for your time during the class. Learning English online is fun and the most convenient way for many of us.*



# Email 2:

*Hi my name is Maricruz Morales*

*Im a mom of two, I took online class in afternoon , because I don't have no one to help me with my kids  
Before the pandemic I was waiting for my little one to go preschool or centennial to have a open space to  
put my kid there.*

*Im so glad that SAC is offering online classes so moms like me can still have some learning, I know is hard  
to implement classes online but you don't have a idea how thankfull we are .*

*I will say many of us need a opportunity to keep learning , so can keep helping our future generation .*

From the bottom of heart I thank you and all the staff from SAC to give me the opportunity to keep learning .



# ESL Intermediate High Student Pandemic Stories

by Maria Mejia

The girl looking out the window makes me think that this time at home is to value freedom, and to know that nature also needs a rest from humanity, now that we are home longer we can see what a great difference the environment makes. Also this girl in the window is my daughter studying from home getting used to the new modality, preparing and working for a better future, Thank you.



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# CATESOL Essay Winner:

ZAHRA ABBASI - Advanced High ESL 306

“After ten weeks, we changed our fate and destiny. We fight with our fearlessness, our strength, and our courage. We could change all these negative disadvantages to positive signals like more ability, love, and influencing. More ability to push to the future, more capacity for love, and more influence in the other lives’ people. We had and passed a revolution in our fate and now in our new destiny we have a basket of pearls. In our new destiny we can do anything we wish, and we can do that. Now everybody in our families and friends wants to be in our chain. A pearl chain, very strong, flexible and very beautiful chain. This is our resiliency story during the pandemic.”

Read Zahra’s story in full at [sac.edu/amazingstudents/](https://sac.edu/amazingstudents/)!

See all of the Award Recipients at [CATESOL Foundation](https://www.catesol.org/) website.



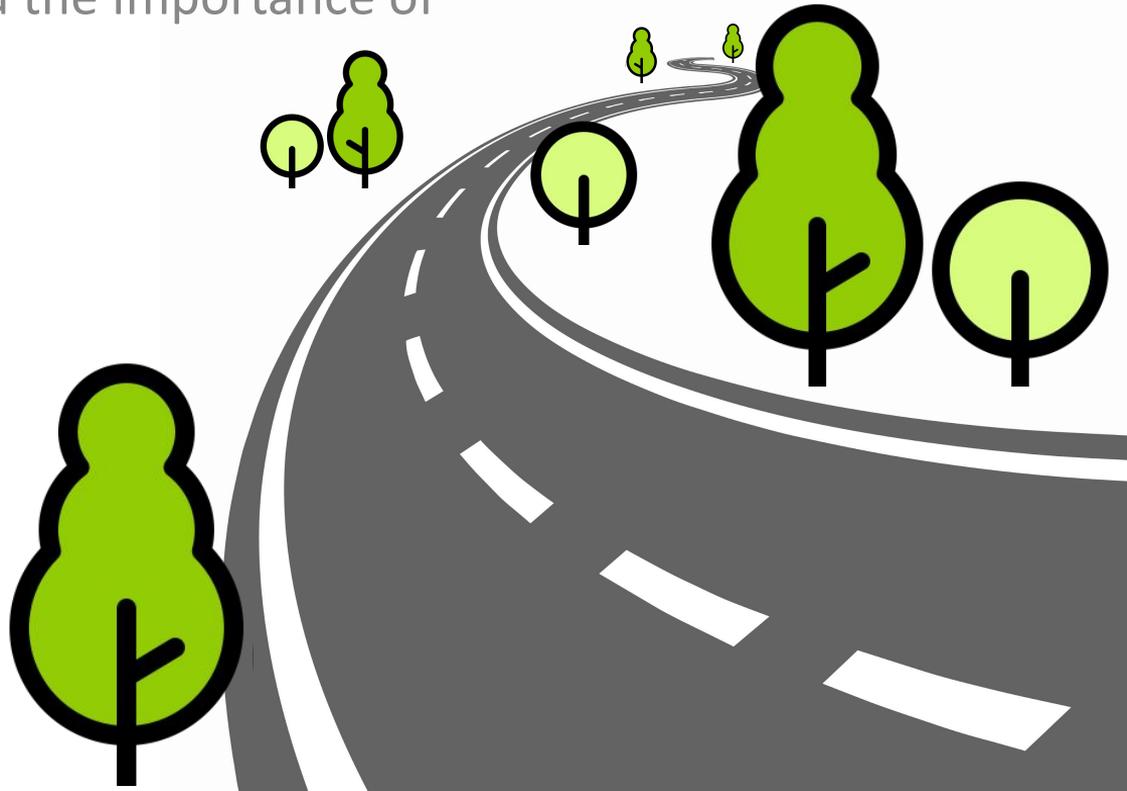
# Santa Ana College School of Continuing Education Resources

- Check out our website at [www.sac.edu/sce](http://www.sac.edu/sce)
- Like us on Social Media @sacsce
- Access OER ESL Canvas courses on Commons (Search: Santa Ana College ESL)
- Contact [Dr. Merari Weber](#) to learn more about our Guided Pathways Initiative.



# Guided Pathways Learnings

Santa Ana College Example and the Importance of  
Adult Education & Noncredit



# Equity Impact



Community  
Needs



Expanding  
Access



Economic  
Mobility

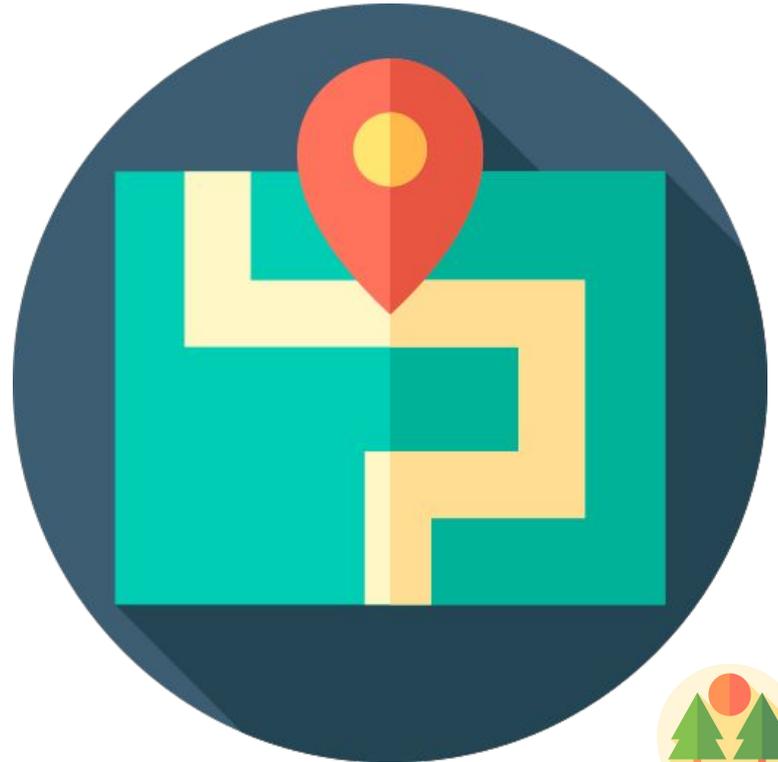


Human  
Thriving



# GP Mindsets: Clarifying the Path for Students

- Simplified & Clear Processes
- Connections between departments & programs
- Streamlined websites



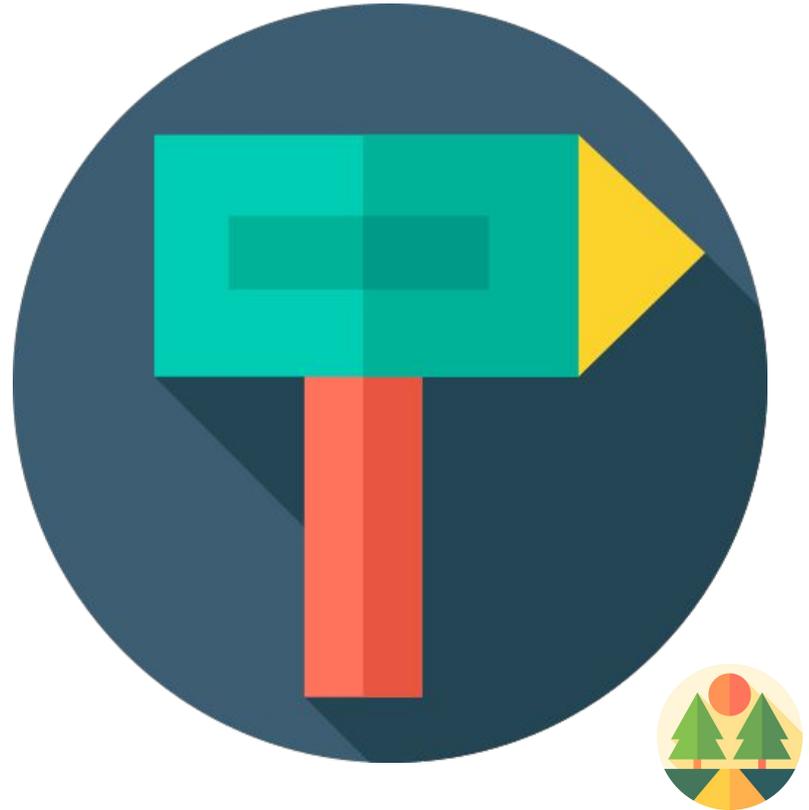
# GP Mindsets: Helping Students Enter the Path

- Targeted community outreach
- Straightforward starting point
- Onboarding supports
- Reduction of access barriers



# GP Mindsets: Helping Students Stay on the Path

- Wraparound support systems
- Proactive intervention
- Connecting programs: “What’s next for you?”



# GP Mindsets: Ensure Students Are Learning

- Faculty professional development
- Shared Canvas tools
- Contextualized education



# Get Connected!

*Who is my Guided Pathways  
regional coordinator?*

Check out this page:

<https://tinyurl.com/CAGPRCs>

*I want to be part of the AE/NC/GP  
Community of Practice!*

Contact Wendy Smith:

[wsmith@foundationccc.org](mailto:wsmith@foundationccc.org)



**Thank  
You!**



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