

Stockton Report Recommends Changes to Make Higher Education More Affordable, Effective

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Galloway, NJ - Stockton's Higher Education Strategic Information and Governance Project (HESIG) issued a report today that recommends these changes to make college more affordable and easier to complete, and to give students the skills they need to succeed in the workforce:

Broaden partnerships with high schools to teach subjects and skills needed to succeed in college and the workforce, and grant college-level credit for those courses; partner with community colleges on credit transfer, to shorten time needed to complete a degree, and to reduce college cost;

Expand partnerships with businesses to help build programs that combine workforce and academic skills, and to create internships;

Reduce the number of degree credits required for graduation by giving credit for evidence of knowledge gained outside of college;

Provide a clearly articulated set of specific abilities across disciplines that college graduates are expected to master, such as effective writing, speaking, and decision making; and workplace skills such as teamwork, punctuality and tolerance of diversity.

Restructure student financial aid for different types of students, programs and institutions to increase affordability, and reduce debt; and prioritize support for success programs for low-5(dent)2(-0oam)-5.9e(,)-6.6(ft)-6.6(i)2.6rms

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Higher Education and Strategic Information Governance (HESIG)

HESIG serves as an agent for constructive higher education policy change, by recommending strategic policy action aligned with a public agenda to serve the public good. Guiding principles include: enhancing college access, affordability, completion, productivity, accountability, and building partnerships to achieve these ends.

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