



BULLETIN

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Texas Small Colleges

Registration for 2006 is Open

To date, 29 Texas small colleges have participated in *CCSSE's* 2004 and 2005 administrations with support from the Houston Endowment, Inc. We are pleased to invite our 2004 member colleges back for the 2006 administration, with support again offered through the Houston Endowment. If you participated in 2004 and haven't already signed up for *CCSSE* 2006, please visit our Web site to register: <http://www.ccsse.org/join/join.cfm>.

With the completion of the 2005 survey, *CCSSE* will have surveyed nearly 400,000 students at 406 community and technical colleges in 43 states and British Columbia. We hope that you will want to continue to be a part of this important national initiative.

In addition to participation in the student survey, 2006 *CCSSE* member colleges are also invited to join the 2006 Community College Faculty Survey of Student Engagement (*CCFSSE*). The new survey elicits information from faculty about their teaching practices, the ways they spend their professional time, both in and out of class, and their perceptions regarding students' educational experiences. Cost is \$800/college and is not covered by grant funds from the Houston Endowment. To register for the faculty survey, please visit the *CCSSE* Web site at www.ccsse.org.

CCSSE Seeks Best Practices Vignettes from Member Colleges

CCSSE invites and encourages member colleges to share stories about their experiences with *CCSSE*; we are particularly interested in hearing about the use of your survey results. Many colleges across

North America want to share this type of information and find examples from other institutions to be invaluable. Soon we will be sending out a request for telephone interviews to elicit important information such as

- key findings from the *CCSSE* survey;
- details about college benchmarking efforts including use of *CCSSE's* national benchmarks;
- descriptions of college programs and practices that enhance student engagement, learning, and student retention (along with data documenting the effectiveness of these approaches);
- strategies for using *CCSSE* results for accreditation or re-affirmation of accreditation;
- uses of *CCSSE* results in strategic planning; and
- alignment of student and faculty perceptions about student engagement.

SAVE THE DATE

CCSSE Session at THECB Conference

Please join our session at the
Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
Closing the Gaps: 21st Annual Recruitment and
Retention Conference
June 21, 2005
Austin, TX

Engagement by Design: Reworking the First-year Experience to Promote Student Success

This session will begin with a brief overview of *CCSSE* 2004 results, with a special focus on evidence that reveals the challenge of engaging community college students who juggle multiple priorities and numerous issues in their lives. Then, a panel of Texas community college leaders will share information about ways their colleges are redesigning the student learning experience to promote student success.