



HIGHLIGHTS

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CCSSE On the Road

CCSSE results are most valuable to those colleges and groups of colleges that systematically collect and use CCSSE data for the purposes of informing decisions, programs, and practices. CCSSE presentations and workshops support these efforts. These sessions are informational, practical, and useful in many of the following ways: they provide accurate information about America's community colleges and the students they serve; address the need for and value of engaging students and ways to understand and communicate about CCSSE results; incorporate opportunities for colleges to work in teams and learn from colleagues within and between institutions; and offer hands-on examples of lessons, programs, and practices that promote student engagement. CCSSE staff will be "on the road," supporting colleges by offering valuable sessions across the country. Below are some spotlight sessions for spring and summer, 2008.

MARCH, 2008

The 2008 Entering Student Success Institute (ESSI)

The Survey of Entering Student Engagement (SENSE) will host its first annual Entering Student Success Institute (ESSI), designed specifically for colleges that participated in the 2007 SENSE pilot survey. Leadership teams from 21 pilot colleges will attend the Institute in Santa Fe, New Mexico, from March 30 to April 1, 2008. Participating college teams will have opportunities to work with their SENSE data with support from SENSE resident faculty, learn about key strategies that can help improve the entering student experience,

and interact with other college teams committed to improving experiences and outcomes for entering students. Participating teams from each college also will formulate an action plan that may be integrated into their college's ongoing entering student success agenda. ESSI participation is by invitation only. To learn more about SENSE and ESSI, visit www.enteringstudent.org.

APRIL, 2008

88th Annual AACC Convention

Representatives from CCSSE, SENSE, and the MetLife Initiative on Student Success will present at the American Association of Community Colleges Annual Convention in Philadelphia, PA from April 5-8. Visit the CCSSE exhibit booth at the conference exhibit hall and join our conference sessions:

- ***Making it Happen – States and Districts Use Data to Engage Students and Improve Important Student Experiences and Outcomes***
- ***Starting Right: A First Look at Entering Student Engagement***

Higher Learning Commission Conference (Tentative)

Representatives from CCSSE and the MetLife Initiative on Student Success will attend and facilitate a concurrent session at the Higher Learning Commission Conference in Chicago from April 14-15.

MAY, 2008

CCSSE staff will provide presentations and workshops tailored for single institutions, systems, states, regions, or other organizations.

An April 8 plenary session presentation for **Lamar Institute of Technology (TX)** will help to focus the attention and energy of the campus community on how to understand and use their CCSSE results. The workshop for **Delaware County Community College (PA)** on May 19 is for the college Faculty Institute in advance of receiving their CCSSE 2008 results. On May 22, CCSSE will facilitate a faculty workshop for **MassBay Community College (MA)**. For more information about CCSSE workshops, visit www.ccsse.org and click on **Join CCSSE**.

NISOD International Conference on Teaching and Leadership Excellence

As part of an ongoing collaboration with the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) at The University of Texas at Austin, representatives from CCSSE, SENSE, and the MetLife Foundation Initiative on Student Success will lead the **2008 CCSSE Workshop** and various sessions throughout the NISOD conference. The conference will be held in Austin on May 25-28, 2008.

The 2008 CCSSE Workshop will be held on Tuesday, May 27. Committed to helping colleges use CCSSE data to inform decisions, programs, and practices that promote student engagement, learning, and retention, CCSSE offers this annual workshop as a special service, free of charge to CCSSE member colleges and registrants of the NISOD International Conference. Workshop highlights follow:

- **Communicating about CCSSE Results and Student Engagement on Your Campus:** This hands-on session will incorporate the CCSSE Web site and communication tools to help colleges understand and communicate about CCSSE results and student engagement on their campuses.

- **Digging Deeper into CCSSE Results and Learning More about Student Engagement:**

This session will provide more advanced ways of looking at the CCSSE data beyond those included in the CCSSE Institutional Report.

Intended for participants who have already worked with their college's CCSSE data, this session will focus on additional methods to analyze CCSSE data concerning student engagement on your campus.

- **STARTING RIGHT: Preliminary Findings from the Survey of Entering Student Engagement (SENSE):**

Come learn about the preliminary findings from the fall 2007 pilot of CCSSE's new project, the Survey of Entering Student Engagement (SENSE). Focused on the college's front door – and administered during the fourth and fifth weeks of the fall academic term – SENSE is providing a systematic way to examine students' earliest experiences and to improve practice with entering students.

- **Strategies for Engaging Students: Colleges Tell Their Stories:**

This session will include practical examples for using CCSSE results to improve student engagement at three CCSSE colleges across the nation.

The workshop plenary session will feature Vincent Tinto, Distinguished Professor of Higher Education at Syracuse University and member of CCSSE's National Advisory Board. Tinto will lead a special session entitled **What Works in Promoting Student Success**. Space fills quickly, and advance registration is required. The registration deadline is April 30. To register, visit www.ccsse.org/workshop.

Other CCSSE, SENSE, and MetLife sessions at the NISOD Conference include the following:

- **CCSSE: Five Years, Five Lessons, Five Strategies**
- **A First Look at Entering Students: The Survey of Entering Student Engagement**

• **Welcome to College! Don't Let the Door Hit You on the Way Out!**

To register for NISOD, visit www.nisod.org.

JUNE, 2008

The National Community College Symposium will be held in Washington, DC, on June 18, 2008. CCSSE research staff will attend this symposium with expectations of gleaning from the community college research field ideas about new ways CCSSE can serve its colleges by providing helpful and valuable research.

The League for Innovation Learning College Summit

At this conference from June 8-11 in Overland Park, Kansas, the Project Manager for the MetLife Foundation Initiative on Student Success and the Project Coordinator for the Survey of Entering Student Engagement will facilitate a concurrent session, focusing on *SENSE* and the MetLife Foundation *Starting Right* Initiative. The Project Manager for the MetLife Foundation Initiative on Student Success will also moderate a panel of representatives from CCSSE colleges to set the stage for a half-day of workshops on Student Engagement. To learn more about this conference, visit www.league.org/lis2008.

JULY, 2008

CCSSE will conduct a hands-on workshop and a conference session on student engagement at the **National Community College Benchmarking Conference**, to be held on July 16-18, 2008 at Montgomery County Community College in Blue Bell, PA. More information about this conference will be available at www.jccc.net/benchmarking.

AUGUST, 2008

2008 CCSSE membership includes statewide participation in Connecticut, Georgia, Hawaii, Maryland, Minnesota, New Hampshire, Virginia, and West Virginia. Beginning in mid-August, CCSSE staff will offer one free statewide workshop for teams from colleges in each of these states as part of CCSSE's commitment to states that support the collection and use of data to inform institutional improvement. Workshop topics may include introducing CCSSE in the institution, communicating CCSSE results to internal and external groups, understanding and using CCSSE results for improvement, and so on. Individual colleges, consortia, and other state groups are welcome to contact CCSSE for workshop and presentation inquiries.

CCSSE 2009 Membership is Now Open!

Register online for the Spring 2009 Administrations of the Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE) and the Community College Faculty Survey of Student Engagement (CCFSSE) at www.ccsse.org.

Registration deadline is November 1, 2008.

For more information, visit www.ccsse.org or email info@ccsse.org.