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**POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION STUDENT  
SUCCESS in the SOUTH: A STUDENT  
PERSPECTIVE**

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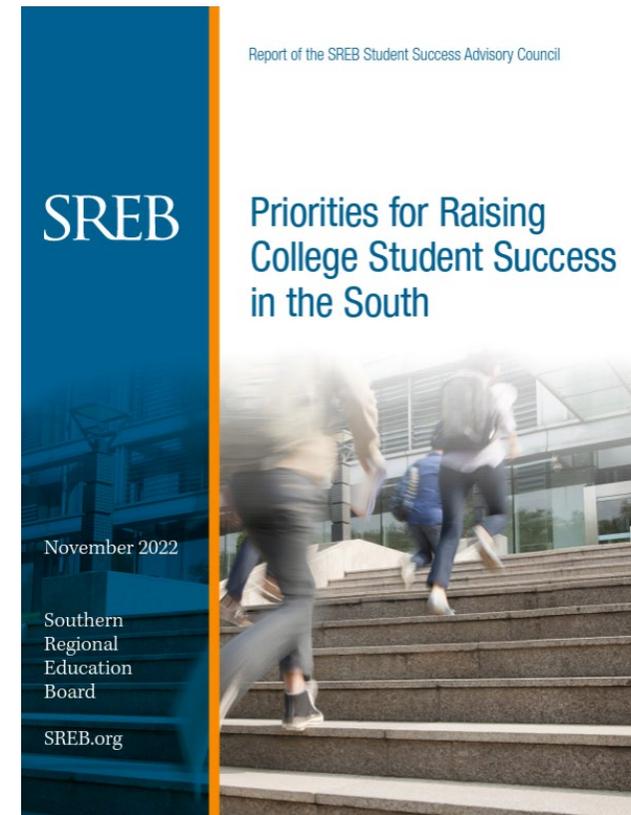
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# IMPROVING STUDENT SUCCESS IN THE SOUTH

## STUDENT SUCCESS ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT

SREB convened higher education and institutional leaders from SREB's 16 partner states for one year to identify challenges, shared interests, and recommended policy and practice to support the retention, graduation and career entry of students historically underserved in postsecondary education.



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## Recommendations

This report of the Student Success Advisory Council offers recommendations for states and postsecondary institutions to consider in ways that address their unique needs, capacity and governance.

### Affordability

1. Lower the student and family college cost burden for low- and middle-income populations.
2. Be transparent with students and families about the true out-of-pocket cost of college and the value of obtaining a college degree, and guide students toward degree paths that align with their skills and interests.
3. Support students to complete a degree or credential of value at a faster rate.

### Student Success Coaching

4. Directly engage students in the development of comprehensive student success coaching models.
5. Centralize student success services with a concierge office staffed with trained success coaches.
6. Emulate, adapt, customize and modernize existing student success coaching models.

### Workforce Preparation

7. Increase the focus on current and future workforce needs. State and college leaders should understand the importance for postsecondary education to adapt and align programs and articulate how this better serves students and supports the mission of their institution.
8. Improve data governance and use of education and workforce data.
9. Eliminate state policy and process barriers to academic program changes.
10. Continue to build relevant career pathways, with support as students transition to college and on to careers.

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# INTRODUCTION OF THE STUDENT PANEL

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# STUDENT PANEL DISCUSSION

- How do you define student success?
- How has your institution contributed to your success?
- How do you feel you can be further supported during your college experience?
- Discuss a time when you needed the most assistance during college.
- How has your experience in college prepared you for your career?

# TABLE DISCUSSION

- What would you consider to be your state's signature program which supports students in college?
- How does your state formulate its postsecondary completion goal and how is it assessed?
- What would you consider to be the greater barrier to college completion in your state?
- How can your state improve its postsecondary outcomes?

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