

# Achieving the Dream

Achieving the Dream (AtD) is a national initiative to help more community college students succeed. AtD is a leader in championing evidence-based institutional improvements, such as long-term, sustainable commitments to improving student success, achievement in closing gaps, momentum building, changing student lives, and helping neighborhoods flourish.

Achieving the Dream now leads the most comprehensive non-governmental reform movement for student success in higher education history. Together we are helping community college students have a better chance of realizing greater economic opportunity and achieving their dreams. Student success means so much more than a personal goal secured. It means improved skills, better employability, and economic growth for families, communities and our nation as a whole.



Each AtD institution focuses on closing achievement gaps and accelerating success among diverse student populations, low-income students and students of color. The goals of the initiative are to advance individual and system-wide strategies, ultimately providing measurable and sustainable outcomes for students and colleges alike.

**Data**  
**Reform**  
**Equity**  
**Achievement**  
**Movement**



# AtD Principles

1. Committed Leadership
2. Broad Engagement
3. Equity
4. Data driven decision-making
5. Systemic institutional improvement

Ultimately, the initiative seeks to help more college students realize greater economic opportunity and achieve their dreams.

***Success is what counts.***

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