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Quarterly Newsletter

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WE Will! WBL In Action! Summit Recap: A Day of Inspiration and Insight on February 6, 2024, UC Merced proudly hosted the WE Will! WBL In Action! Summit, which brought together educators, students, and industry leaders for a day of powerful conversations and transformative learning.

The summit began with an impactful keynote address by Kevin Fleming, whose thought-provoking presentation challenged traditional views in education. Fleming's message on work-based learning (WBL) and the importance of discovering personal purpose resonated deeply with attendees. His authentic storytelling and personal journey made his talk even more memorable, with one listener remarking, "You wouldn't be saying what you delivered today without walking the path you lived." His presentation was widely described as "inspirational, educational, and essential for anyone involved in youth education."

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"Our district and CTE programs are championing a lot of the messages Kevin is sharing. His presentation reinforced the work we are doing as a great start, and that we need to keep the course. I can't wait to share with our team and refocus our work"

-Attendee, Regarding Keynote Speaker

"Invaluable insight on how to implement Work-Based Learning"

-Attendee, Regarding Keynote Speaker

"I was again inspired by the large CTE team and resources which can be modified"

-Attendee, Regarding Scaling Work-Based Learning for Success Breakout Session

"I learned how we cannot only provide resources for students, but track the level of success we are having with connecting students to employers and resources for career development."

-Attendee, Regarding Work Based Learning Tracker Breakout Session

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS



"Project Heart" Linden Unified School District

The HOSA program is making incredible strides, with Anatomy and Physiology students diving into the world of HOSA and Health Careers Academies, sparking excitement and engagement. A recent HOSA Q&A session provided



"NextGen MedPros" HealthForce Partners of NSJ

The NextGen MedPros program has achieved impressive success in attendance, retention, and engagement by collaborating with committee members and prioritizing youth voices. Students have shown significant growth in professionalism, including a 97%

students with valuable insights, while outreach efforts to Health Career partners for guest speakers continue to enrich the experience.

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task completion rate.

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"Apprenticeships Reaching Career Horizons"

San Joaquin County Office Of Education

This quarter, significant strides were made in enhancing the apprenticeship program, with a focus on apprentice training and expanding opportunities. Apprentices received essential training for completing their On-the-Job Training (OJT) reports, while a survey identified the need for improved attendance and relationship-building with the Center of Excellence (COE).

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The WE Will! Collaborative is hosting various gatherings this Spring. Click on the images below to register today!



DUAL ENROLLMENT ACCESS GAP TOOL

Enabling community college & high school practitioners in California to examine dual enrollment participation by age and ethnicity, and by high school.

You're Invited!

DUAL ENROLLMENT ACCESS GAP TOOL WORKSHOP AT CAL STATE STANISLAUS

Engage in interactive discussion to reflect on and respond to findings from the [Dual Enrollment Access Gap Tool](#). Activities will include:

- Sharing results from the Access Gap Tool.
- Training participants on how to use the tool.
- Leading discussions and activities to guide partnerships towards next steps in addressing identified gaps.

Location: Cal State Stanislaus
Student Center, Valley Room 202

Date: April 8, 2025

Time: 8:30-2:00

RSVP
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SUBAWARD OUTCOMES GATHERING

All sub award recipients are asked to send at least one person to this interactive and engaging gathering. Ideally, a small team of participants from each project would be present. Be prepared to share your progress and refine your workplan.

- **Showcase Progress** – Go beyond monthly reporting to highlight key achievements and milestones of all subaward recipients.
- **Enhance Communication** – Bring clarity and awareness to subaward projects for internal teams and regional stakeholders.
- **Strengthen K16 Pathways** – Identify and support the development of seamless educational and career pathways in our region.
- **Receive Targeted Coaching** – Gain access to technical assistance and strategic coaching to maximize impact and achieve project goals.

Two Sessions to Choose From:

9:00 am to 11:30 am **Healthcare focused** teams

11:30 am to 12:30 pm **Lunch for all participants**

12:30 pm to 3:00 pm **Education focused** teams

If your project focuses on more than one pathway or is student service focused, you can choose either session.

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501 W. Main
Merced CA
95340



9:00am- 3:00pm



April 11, 2025



WE Will! Collaborative Invites You to Attend

CCGI WORKSHOP



LET'S TALK ABOUT CALIFORNIA COLLEGES.EDU

This gathering is designed to foster collaboration, shared learning, and strategic implementation of CaliforniaColleges.edu across our region.

Together, we will explore best practices, address challenges, and cultivate a Community of Practice where educators, counselors, and leaders can exchange insights, strengthen networks, and drive student-centered outcomes.

Let's learn, grow, and pave the way for a seamless college and career pathway for all students.

California College
Guidance Initiative



**THURSDAY
May 1, 2025**



9:00 am–3:00 PM



**Martin G. Peterson
Event Center
720 12th street,
Modesto, Ca 95354**

**Be part of the conversation.
Be part of the change.**

**Scan QR code
to Register
Or**



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Project Based Learning - Polishing Workshop



Many PBL Projects benefit greatly with a high quality "polish" and improvement. PBL is truly about improvement and many teachers and leaders appreciate taking the time to strengthen their curriculum design to benefit the student experience. This one-day workshop engages participants in improving the design, assessment and implementation of their PBL project. Enhance your PBL by integrating industry and college partners.

Through a combination of reflection, collaboration and high quality resource support, participants have the opportunity to polish and improve their rigorous and relevant project and receive peer feedback on your direction.

You will be provided with a PBL Starter Kit, light breakfast snacks and lunch each day of the workshop.

All Teachers and Curriculum Leaders welcome!



June 16, 2025

8:30 AM - 2:00 PM

Location will be shared soon!

Scan or
[Click Here to Register Now!](#)

PROJECT BASED LEARNING UNIT DESIGN WORKSHOP



**June 17-18, 2025
8:30 am to 3:00 pm
Location will be
shared soon!**

**All Teachers, and
Curriculum Leaders
Welcome!**

**Bring your own device along
with your general course
curriculum mapping and
instructional resources.**

**High-quality PBL provides a rigorous and
relevant college and career ready
experience.**

This workshop will engage participants in learning the principles for designing, assessing and implementing rigorous, standards-focused projects to create relevant experiences for high school learners that involve industry and community partners.

PBL is a teaching method in which students work on a project over an extended period of time that engages them in solving a real-world problem or answering a complex question.

Through a combination of direct instruction, video analysis, charting, reflecting and collaborative group work, participants have the opportunity to plan, design and receive peer feedback on an engaging and rigorous project using high quality PBL frameworks and tools.

You will be provided with a PBL Starter Kit, light breakfast snacks and lunch.

**Scan or click to
register now!**



**Want to know more about the PBL Sessions above? Attend one of
these 15-20 min zoom discussions to learn more!**

Option 1: WE Will! Integrated PBL + WBL Design + PBL Polishing Experience

Time: Mar 19, 2025 3:30 pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85964049533>

Option 2: WE Will! Integrated PBL + WBL Design + PBL Polishing Experience

Time: Apr 30, 2025 3:30 pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81681851437>

Option 3: WE Will! Integrated PBL + WBL Design + PBL Polishing Experience

Time: May 8, 2025 3:30 pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83350182356>

GRANT REMINDER DEADLINES

Fiscal Monthly Expenditure Report	15th Day of the Month
Quarterly Narrative Report	May 1, 2025
Quarterly Narrative Report	July 31, 2025
Data Reporting	July 31, 2025



- All fiscal reports must include supporting documents (ledgers, receipts, POs, etc.) and Time and Effort documentation for all staff charged to your project.
- Please update your contact lists. Fiscal communications, including reporting, should be sent to cga@ucmerced.edu, ereynoso6@ucmerced.edu, and dianahernandez@ucmerced.edu

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

WE Will! Impact Network (Zoom)	March 20, 2025
Dual Enrollment Workshop	April 8, 2025
Sub Award Outcomes Gathering	April 11, 2025
CCGI Workshop	May 1, 2025
Executive Steering Council	May 8, 2025
WE Will! Impact Network (Zoom)	May 15, 2025
PBL Polishing Workshop	June 16, 2025
PBL Unit Design Workshop	June 17-18, 2025

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