De Anza College Creates Successful Whole-Systems Approach to Community Education

Enrollment is higher than ever at De Anza College and students credit this to the Whole Systems approach. Characteristics of this model include effective campus communication, newly found sources of funding, and a commitment to the success of historically under-represented students including lifelong learners. One of the keys to the whole-systems approach is student access to technology. Students can now get course information, progress reports, counseling and other services via hand-held, wireless “Ed Pod” and other devices. Students can even meet with faculty via virtual office hours.

Each Division works with a team of Student Services representatives from Counseling, Financial Aid, Assessment and Admissions & Records which can be accessed 24/7.

Lifelong learning at De Anza College is also now a 24/7 operation for both its students and alumni. Weekend, round the clock classes in a variety of formats are being offered across the disciplines with particular emphasis in Language Arts, Math, Creative Arts, Social Sciences and Physical Education. Community members, high school students, seniors and any other interested potential students are encouraged to go to De Anza’s Student and Alumni page: http://deanzaspace.org for further details. Start up a conversation with a student, faculty member of De Anza Alum at De Anza Space.org.