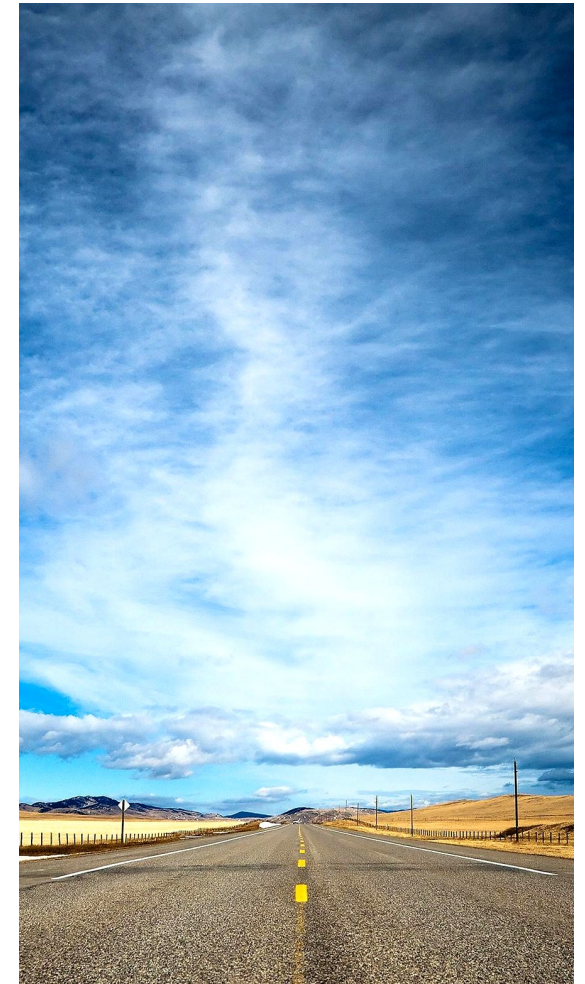




America's ability to build a competitive workforce hinges on whether—and to what extent—educators and leaders can continue to develop innovative solutions for preparing all students for college and careers. The changing nature of skills required for existing jobs and the ongoing emergence and technological advances of new jobs demand more responsive program models and hands-on instructional approaches.

“The road to success is always
under construction.” - Lily Tomlin



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Project Goals

1. The investigation of how I can best assist students in meeting or exceeding long-term career goals at Carrington College California Pomona.
2. Broadening my initial job description so that it includes collaboration with the Career Services department.
3. Collaborating with the faculty and staff so that we see a bigger picture of how we can work together to help our students succeed.

This project unveils a process of action and reflection in which I search for ways to improve my practice as Student Success Center Manager and ultimately set myself apart as a “quiet innovator” at work.

Overview

In our pursuit of career success, we are like cars on a highway, speeding along in the same direction. Because we are so focused on our destination (the perfect career), we often believe that there can only be one route to career advancement. This tunnel vision can keep us from seeking alternate routes, either on our own or by asking directions of others, who may guide us in a direction we would not otherwise have gone. Being open to other possibilities might allow us to progress faster - or lead us to a new and better destination.

This action research project is a self-study of a newly hired Student Success Center Manager (Carrington College California Pomona) with a broad background in education.



About Heidi

I live in La Verne, California with my amazing husband and two little girls. I am the Student Success Center Manager at Carrington College California Pomona, where I help students meet their goals in their core and online classes.

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