

CCA Grant Proposal

Letter of Intent

Brief Overview:

This proposal is for a campus-wide event, the BC Student Success Fair, to be held from 11 am-2 pm on Thursday, April 13, 2023. The participants will be all aspects of student support services, ranging from academic support (i.e. Tutoring) to mental healthcare (i.e. Student Health and Wellness Center). The basic layout of the event will include tables and pop-up tents representing each area of support with flyers and swag and welcoming faces. We envision an inspiring balloon arch along with a stage, live music, and several informal speakers (staff and students) who will address various issues of student survival in a college environment.

Benefits of This Proposal:

This event will have a very positive impact on current BC students as they visit each table and learn about all the resources available to help them be successful as students. Moreover, they will discover that we are committed and passionate about the work we do and care deeply about each and every student. They will also hear first-hand testimony from staff and students who have grappled with challenges and come out victorious. They will realize that they are not alone and that there is no stigma to asking for help!

One massive benefit to the College is the fact that this event brings together all facets of student support on campus, groups that typically remain somewhat siloed. This will be a great opportunity for intra-campus networking and building awareness of the great work of other colleagues.

Turning to the community, our goal is to hold this event once a semester or at least once a year, continually refining and improving it. We believe that if we do an excellent job and meet students at their point of need, then word of mouth will spread on campus and in the community that BC takes good care of its students and gives them every opportunity to excel. This will, in turn, increase enrollment and enhance BC's standing as a beacon of light to our community.

The Speakers:

Speakers will come up to the stage to share their comments on a very informal and relaxed basis. Topics we expect them to touch on will be study skills, like time management and memorization, as well as note taking and test taking strategies. Being savvy about using all the resources on campus and taking care of mental health will be other areas that will be addressed. Lastly, we hope to emphasize the importance of students taking ownership over their own learning processes. Students can direct the course of their academic journeys through the power of individual choice. They do not have to succumb to obstacles as victims of fate.

Submitted by Eileen Pierce on March 20, 2023

on behalf of organizer, Dave Seymour, therapist at the Student Health and Wellness Center