



**BASIC SKILLS**  
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# BSI Winter Quarter Newsletter

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## Introduction

Recently, Dr. Robert Griffin, Vice President of Student Services & Institutional Research, and Mr. John Swensson, Interim Vice President of Instruction, appointed Michele LeBleu Burns and Gregory Anderson to oversee BSI activities here at De Anza.

It is a privilege to serve in this position, since we see great opportunities for thousands of De Anza's students. We are eager to help support the work of staff & faculty throughout the campus.

As we begin this effort, we invite everyone at De Anza to read through this initial newsletter and consider joining in this institutional effort to improve the chances that our students will reach their goals.

Welcome to the Basic Skills Initiative kickoff! This periodic newsletter will serve to inform the De Anza College community about activities related to the Basic Skills Initiative at De Anza. This first edition also has an **INVITATION** (please see reverse).



## Basics of the BSI

The Basic Skills Initiative (BSI) is a collaborative statewide effort to address the needs of Community College students who begin their postsecondary education academically under-prepared to successfully complete their coursework. The legislature has allocated funds to this initiative, and De Anza's portion will be growing significantly in the coming years.

### What will the BSI accomplish?

The BSI is also designed to ensure that developmental level education is a major focus and an adequately funded activity of the California Community Colleges.

### What does the research say?

Current research clearly indicates that issues of equity, particularly as they relate to students of color and students from lower socio-economic levels must be addressed to ensure that all community college students can achieve their academic goals.

### Where can I read more about the BSI?

De Anza's portal for the BSI is at [www.deanza.edu/studentsuccess/bsi](http://www.deanza.edu/studentsuccess/bsi)  
The statewide initiative can be found at [www.cccbsi.org](http://www.cccbsi.org)

### What if I want something on hard copy or if I want to talk to someone here at De Anza?

Contact either coordinator who can give you an executive summary, or the entire study, often referred to as the "Poppy Copy", which includes resources to guide each institution's efforts to increase the achievement rates of developmental students enrolled on their campus.

If you have any question about how to participate, please contact Gregory Anderson: [andersongregory@fhda.edu](mailto:andersongregory@fhda.edu) , x8981 or Michele LeBleu-Burns: [lebleumichele@fhda.edu](mailto:lebleumichele@fhda.edu) , x8218.

## The BSI at De Anza

### When will the BSI be implemented here at De Anza?

The BSI at De Anza is getting started NOW! The first step will be the completion of the assessment process during the Winter and Spring quarters. Later steps include implementation of the BSI, including funding of new initiatives as well as additional funding for existing efforts at serving De Anza's developmental level students.

### How will all of this be accomplished?

During The BSI implementation process there will be four phases:

1. Inform the campus community
  - BSI Website: [www.deanza.edu/studentsuccess/bsi](http://www.deanza.edu/studentsuccess/bsi)
  - BSI quarterly newsletter
  - Present information at campus meetings/events (conferences, division meetings, shared governance groups, etc)
2. Initiate institution-wide dialogues on the BSI through
  - Focus Groups
  - Online surveys
  - DAC Institutional Research
3. Complete Assessment
  - Four major assessment work teams—one for each assessment area
  - Develop planning Matrix
  - Complete Cost Revenue Tool
4. Develop future implementation goals for planning matrix

## Invitation

### How can I get more involved?

You can get more involved with the BSI and lend your support by joining one of four assessment work teams or by serving as a resource for those team members that will gather information for the assessment process.



**Orientation** meetings Admin 109 on  
Tuesday, **January 29** at **10:00am** OR  
Thursday, **January 31** at **11:30am**

You will also receive a meeting maker notice and an email reminder about these meetings. Please consider attending, even if only for a short while. Refreshments served!