Next Steps to Your Future:

Helping high school seniors plan post-graduation life during the pandemic

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Presentation Outline

- Next Steps 2020 recap
- Next Steps 2021
- Outcomes
- Student experience survey
- Questions?
Why Next Steps?

Pandemic-interrupted HS grads were likely to delay college

How have your college plans changed as a result of Coronavirus (COVID-19)?

- I’m less likely to consider colleges outside my home state: 18%
- I will focus on colleges with lower cost: 32%
- I’m more likely to delay starting college: 45%

College Board National Weekly Survey of High School Students - results of 12th graders
Spring 2020
Next Steps to Your Future 2020 Initiative

P20 Summer Advising Initiative

• Connected with over 1,700 seniors in transitioning to their post-high school plans
• Personalized support and info to guide them in their "next steps"
• Texting nudge campaign

UHCC Summer Next Step Program

• Support student transition with Next Step: Career Exploration classes
• Students can explore career options
• Take career exploration and general education courses
• Qualify for Hawaii Community Foundation’s Stronger Together Hawai‘i Scholarship

2,534 students participated
NSF 2020 Highlights

1,700+ Class of 2020 graduates participated in texting
39,145 text messages sent to students (started June 1)
1,400+ graduates enrolled in 129 UHCC NSF Classes
77% enrolled in a UH campus for Fall 2020

31% Native Hawaiian
89% Completed FAFSA
27% Pell Eligible

P20 Summer Advising Initiative
UHCC Summer Next Step Program
NSF 2020 Persistence

Fall 2020
77% of NSF students enrolled in UH in Fall 2020

Fall 2020 to Spring 2021
89% of NSF students at UH persisted from fall to spring

Fall 2020 to Fall 2021
76% of NSF students at UH persisted from first to second fall
vs 65% of all first time students at UH
Class of 2020 College Going

Gains at the University of Hawai`i:

- **+.5 percentage points**
  - College going of public HS grads to UH System

- **2,184**
  - First-time freshman enrollment at UH Mānoa:
    - Third annual straight increase
    - Highest number since 1981

- **462**
  - First-time freshmen at UH Hilo:
    - Increased for second straight year from 449 to 462
    - Highest number since fall 2013
Public high school college going
First fall, percent enrolled in college immediately after high school

Hawaii Public High School Graduating Classes

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Source: Hawaii P-20 DXP

Non-UH 4 Yr
Non-UH 2 Yr
UH 4 Yr
UHCC
Public high school college going
First fall, percent enrolled in college immediately after high school

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<td>All Students</td>
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<td>Native Hawaiian</td>
<td>44%</td>
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<td>Pacific Islander</td>
<td>35%</td>
<td>29%</td>
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<td>Economically Disadvantaged</td>
<td>44%</td>
<td>38%</td>
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<td>English Language Learner</td>
<td>34%</td>
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Source: Hawaii P-20 DXP
Changes in college enrollment of first time freshmen
Percent change from prior year

- Colleges nationwide
- Public 4 year colleges
- Private 4 year colleges
- Public 2 year colleges

University of Hawaii
- Manoa
- Hilo
- West Oahu
- Community Colleges

-9.5% -3.1% -6.3% -7.1% -15.7% 2.4%

-9% 35%

-11% -9% -3% -1% -3% 8% 3% 7%
Class of 2020 grads’ largest influence on decision not to get more education

- Feeling too much stress, anxiety or uncertainty: 39%
- Financial pressure on me and my family/cannot afford education: 26%
- Health risks of attending class in person: 7%
- Need to care for a family member: 7%
- Not sure if education would help me to have a job or career I want: 7%
- My grades got worse: 5%
- The program or course I want are not available: 3%
- Less connection to high school counselors and teachers: 3%
- Schools and programs aren’t providing the kind of experience I want anymore: 2%
- Don’t have access to the technology or internet needed for online education: 1%

Source: Strada Education Network
Why Next Steps 2021?

- COVID-19 pandemic disrupted more of Class of 2021’s high school experience
- Local & national data indicated students were not preparing for college
- Students were not participating in admissions-related activities

"This course made me see things in a different perspective and made me realize that this is the start of my life and I need to start getting serious."

-NSF Participant, PAHOA HIGH & INTERMEDIATE
UHCC Applications First Time Freshmen Direct from HS as of 2/21/21

FALL 2019: 3812

FALL 2020: 3497

F21: 1212
Next Steps to Your Future 2021

P20 Summer Advising Initiative
• Connected with about 1,000 seniors in transitioning to their post-high school plans
• Free personalized text support to guide students in their next steps
• Specialized text messages, access to resources, one-on-one support of a dedicated advisor

UHCC Summer Next Step Program
• Free Career Exploration course with a math placement component
• Textbook/supplies included
• Technology hardware support available
• Student Support: Early intervention initiatives, academic counseling, fall onboarding

1,110 students reached
Free online 2-3 credit course
- Outcomes:
  - Self-Exploration & Self-Assessment
  - Career Exploration & Setting a Career Goal
  - Education and Training Research
- Topics:
  - Career Themed (i.e. health, business, trades)
  - General

Math Prep & Placement Assistance
- Faculty "assigned" EdReady as part of the CE course
- Non-graded and did not affect the final course grade
- Students testing into or who completed required modules may register for a reserved college-level math course
- Students placed into college-level using multiple measures exempt from assignment
- Fall 2021 reserved math courses

Student Support (by home campus)
- Monitor student progress in EdReady
- Early Alert Interventions
- Onboarding students for Fall 2021

"Without this course going into the fall, I wouldn’t have as clear of a vision of where I want to be in the future."
- NSF participant, KAISER HIGH SCHOOL
Participants by the Numbers

298 students registered for a free course

33.6% Native Hawaiian

81.2% Completed FAFSA

45% First Generation to College

32.1% Pell Eligible
NSF 2021 UHCC Summer Course Highlights

June 14, 2021 - July 23, 2021
One start date

298 registered
- 25 No-Show
- 23 Dropped/Withdrawn
- 250 Completed the course
- 77% Success rate
- 679 credits earned

19 Career Exploration Courses
- 6 General
Learners gained familiarity with higher ed life while developing goal setting skills for college and career. Strategies around peer socializing and math placement may need to be addressed.

Q: Did participating in the Next Steps Career Exploration class help you...

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<td>Determine your math placement level</td>
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<td>Meet other students</td>
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“It helped me feel confident about my career decision and my futures plans. Also, it allowed me to get to know more about myself, my ways of studying, and college life.”
Confidence in College Readiness
NSF Student Experience Survey 2021

Overall, how prepared are you for college?

- BEFORE (preparation)
  - Not at all: 28%
  - A little: 59%
  - Somewhat: 13%
  - Very: 9%

- AFTER (preparation)
  - Not at all: 79%
  - A little: 17%
  - Somewhat: 3%
  - Very: 1%

More than half of the survey participants will struggle with finances, family, and health concerns in the current semester.

Q. How likely will any of these obstacles affect your plans this fall 2021 semester?

- Personal finances
  - Very Unlikely: 14%
  - Unlikely: 30%
  - Likely: 43%
  - Very Likely: 23%

- Family Responsibilities
  - Very Unlikely: 18%
  - Unlikely: 37%
  - Likely: 41%
  - Very Likely: 8%

- Concerns about health and safety
  - Very Unlikely: 19%
  - Unlikely: 46%
  - Likely: 26%
  - Very Likely: 11%

- Concerns about taking online classes
  - Very Unlikely: 16%
  - Unlikely: 42%
  - Likely: 29%
  - Very Likely: 4%
NSF 2021 UHCC Summer Course Impacts

Fall 2021
- 80% of the students that completed the Career Exploration courses enrolled in a UH campus
- 80% of NSF students enrolled at UH have a UHCC as their home campus

Scholarships
$337,600 awarded to 554 UH students (participants in summer course and/or texting)

Math placement
Of those enrolled for Fall 2021, 65% of students completed or registered for college level math

vs. 43% of first time students completing math in their first year (2020-21)

Data about non-UH enrollment forthcoming
What have we learned from the two years?

How can we support the high school graduating Class of 2022?
Questions?

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