Community College Facilities
Unleash the Power of Engaged Learning

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Professional Development Webinar Series
The Prestige Deficit of Community Colleges

Trade schools
Commuter schools – “Drive by Education”
Lacking in academic rigor
Poor facilities
NMC Horizon Project - Museums
So, where are community colleges?
Science Museums
Planetariums
Aquariums
History & Regional Study Museums
Cultural Centers
Performing Arts Facilities
Visual Arts Galleries & Museums
In a Nutshell

Support academic learning – on campus & blended

Provide a service to the community

Creates a culture of learning – formal & informal
The Power of Engaged Learning

Active & Collaborative Learning
Student Effort
Academic Challenge
Student - Faculty Interaction
Support for Learners

5 benchmarks of effective educational practice
Active & Collaborative Learning

Students learn more when they are actively involved in their education & have opportunities to think about & apply what they are learning in different settings.

Yet, CCSSE found only 25% of surveyed students had the opportunity to apply what they are learning in different settings.
Student Effort

There are a variety of settings & means through which students may apply themselves to the learning process.

“Time on task” is a key variable, but few students report that they take advantage of resources aside from computer labs or tutoring services.
Student-Faculty Interaction

The more interaction students have with their teachers, the more likely they are to learn effectively & persist toward achievement of their educational goals.

But, CCSSE found 67% of surveyed students have never worked with instructors on activities other than coursework.
Support for Learners

Students perform better & are more satisfied at colleges that are committed to their success & cultivate positive working & social relationships among different groups on campus.

Significant numbers of students surveyed feel that their colleges do not offer support for non-academic, social & financial issues.
Engaging through Informal Learning

The more learning that is done in the informal domain the higher the probability of an effective outcome

Bob Mosher, learning evangelist
Engaging through Informal Learning

People acquire the skills they use at work informally - talking, observing others, trial-and-error, and simply working with people in the know.

Jay Cross, Informal Learning Center
Engaging through Informal Learning

Formal training & workshops account for only 5% to 20% of what people learn from experience and interactions

Jay Cross, Informal Learning Center
In short, we should encourage informal learning with our community college students
In rural areas, community colleges play a major role in community education, entertainment, & tourism
Thorne Rider Student Center
Sheridan College
Mesalands Community College (NM)
Dinosaur Museum

Mammoth Bones

The bones displayed here belonged to the Jefferson Mammoth, an extinct mammoth related to the modern elephant. These bones were discovered near East Walsh's Farm in the Michigan area in October of 1973, during the digging of a well.

These fossilized bones, which were carefully removed by paleontologists, include 12 ribs, 14 fore bones, 5 vertebrae, a molars tooth weighing 50 lbs and a 69-pound tusk, all part of the Jefferson Mammoth.

The jawbone, one of the last parts examined in Michigan, is relatively small and determined to be 10,000 years old.

On loan from Robert and Marilyn Ross of Little Michigan.
Mesalands Community College (NM)  
Dinosaur Museum
Modesto Junior College Science Community Center
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Community Colleges with a Planetarium

- Raritan valley CC (NJ)
- Spokane Fall CC (WA)
- Santa Fe CC (NM)
- Corning CC (NY)
- Eastern Florida CC (FL)
- Mesa CC (AZ)
- Mt. Hood CC (OR)
- Musgegon CC (MI)
Community Colleges with a Planetarium

- College of Southern Nevada
- Chemeteka CC (OR)
- Glendale CC (CA)
- Santa Fe CC (FL)
- DeAnza CC (CA)
- Community College of Baltimore (MD)
Community Colleges with a Planetarium

- Columbia Basic CC (WA)
- Barton CC (KS)
- Tidewater CC (VA)
- Windward CC (HI)
- Indian River CC (FL)
- Parkland College (IL)
Fond du Lac Tribal & Community College
Blue Ridge CC, Flat Rock NC
art can be expressions of social commentary, and not just about the depiction of athletes in motion

Kathleen Hancock
Gallery Director
Summary

• Museums, galleries, science facilities - support learning through opportunities for engagement
• They help create a culture of learning – formal & informal
• A service to the community
• Even more critical in rural areas
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