



# TheRPGroup

Research, Planning & Professional Development  
for California Community Colleges

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## Report to ASCCC

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### Board/Organization-Related

- **The RP Group Board of Directors has position openings starting in July 2023!** The Board of Directors' [Call for Nominations](#) is now open. If your college/district is located in one of the below regions, we will be electing a Board representative in your area. Please reference the Regional Board Representation Model accordion on the [Board of Directors page](#) on our website to determine whether your college/district is included in one of these regions. The **Call for Nominations process will close on Friday, April 28 at 1:00 pm**, and Board elections will take place May 4-23.
  - Central Coast/North Los Angeles
  - Central Los Angeles
  - Central Valley South
  - Far North
  - East Bay
  - Los Angeles County
  - North Bay/Peninsula
  - San Diego/Imperial
- Join us on **Thursday, April 27, 12:00 – 1:00 pm**, for The RP Group's annual **IRPE Community & Member Engagement** virtual meeting!
  - This special gathering will occur in place of our April PIER to PIER session and will be your chance to learn more about the latest happenings with The RP Group! Are you interested in:
    - Hearing about our upcoming Board nomination and election process?
    - Knowing more about our plans to support colleges with campus climate surveys?
    - Learning more about how we are working to fulfill our commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion?
    - Sharing some ideas about how we can support your professional learning needs?
    - Finding out how we are serving our community and members?
  - The RP Group is committed to creating spaces for two-way communication between the IRPE community and our organization, along with opportunities for dialogue and networking among IRPE practitioners.
  - [Sign up here](#) to let us know if you plan to attend.

- Congratulations again to our recently announced 2023 honorees of our three annual award programs!
  - The **Lifetime Achievement Awards** recognize individuals with extraordinary career-length involvement in and service to the CCC IRPE community who have made significant contributions to the IRPE field:
    - **Cathy L. Hasson**, Ed.D., Former Director of Institutional Research and Planning San Diego Community College District
    - **Jim Fillpot**, M.A., Dean, Institutional Research, Policy, and Grants at Chaffey College
  - The **Partner Achievement Awards** recognize colleagues from partner organizations with extraordinary long-term service to the CCC IRPE community who have made significant contributions to the IRPE field:
    - **Willard Hom**, M.B.A., Former Director/Dean of Research, Analysis, and Accountability, CCCCCO
    - **Patrick Perry**, Former Vice Chancellor of Technology, Research and Information Systems, CCCCCO
    - **Alice van Ommeren**, Ed.D., Former Director of Research, Analysis, and Accountability, CCCCCO
  - The **RP Group Awards** recognize CCC IRPE professionals for their exceptional contributions to institutional and student success through community college research, planning, and institutional effectiveness efforts:
    - IRPE Professional Leadership: **Carol Rains-Heisdorf**, M.Ed., former Senior Research and Planning Analyst at Fresno City College
    - Award for Outstanding Project: “Crossing the Finish Line: On the Power of Information and Monetary Incentives to Motivate Action,” **Irvine Valley College**
    - Honorable Mention Project: “Benefits and Opportunities: California’s Community College Baccalaureate Programs,” **San Diego Mesa College and CCC Bachelor’s Degree Program**

## Research and Evaluation

- **Statewide Surveys**
  - **#realcollege Basic Needs Survey**
    - The survey is live and survey responses will be collected through early April.
    - As of March 31, 2023 there are 52,770 responses.
  - **Common Course Numbering Survey to Districts**
    - The statewide survey to district instruction/academic leads to understand which districts currently have a common course numbering system and how it is structured was administered in March.
  - **Allied Health Program Pathways**
    - A statewide survey to Allied Health program administrators to understand how Allied Health programs are structured, funded, and supported. The survey will be launching April - May 2023.

- **NEW! The College Attendance Survey will be launching again this summer/fall 2023**
  - Details forthcoming...
- **Published Reports and Resources**
  - **Web Event: Corequisite Validation for Transfer-Level English and Math**  
Web event facilitated by MMAP team members focused on corequisite validation.  
[Web event recording](#)

## Professional Development

- The annual **RP Conference** is always a great time for our field to gather, learn from, and connect with each other. At this year's RP Conference 2023, we were pleased to include many collaborators and leaders from beyond IRPE as well!
  - This year's conference metrics:
    - **215** registrants
      - Research Analysts/Specialists were the most represented position at **45%** of our attendees
      - Deans, Directors, Vice Presidents, and a President made up **35%** of our attendees
      - The remaining **20%** of attendees were faculty, program coordinators, counselors, IT professionals, consultants, career education personnel, students, and campus executives
    - **29** breakout presentations + **4** poster sessions
    - **75** presenters, including **1** student (**35%** of attendees)
    - **62** attended the conference for the first time
    - **78** colleges and districts represented
    - **14** other higher education institutions and companies related to student success products or services