

# CONNECT

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A Southeastern Massachusetts  
Public Higher Education  
Partnership

## 2006-2007 Year End Report

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President Kathleen  
Schatzberg



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# CONNECT Working Groups

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Chief Executive Officers

Chief Academic Officers

Chief Financial Officers

Chief Information Officers

CONNECT Liaisons

Transfer Coordinators

Faculty Grant Groups

Business Deans

Library Directors

Human Resources Directors

Public Relations Directors

Grants Directors

Writing Project Group

Math Project Group

Admissions Directors

Distance Learning



# CONNECT New Groups

– expanding the scope of CONNECT

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Arts and Culture

Sustainability Group

Affirmative Action Officers

Presidents' Transfer Program Project

Skill Center/Screening Center Project



## *CONNECT Initiatives 2006-2007*

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### Campus Trustees Dinner Meeting

- CONNECT CEOs and Dr. Judith Block McLaughlin offer presentation for local trustees

### Climate Commitment

- All CONNECT CEOs sign commitment letter and inspire sustainability work group



## *CONNECT Initiatives 2006-2007*

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### CONNECT Presidents' Transfer Program

- CEOs conceive new transfer program and launch new joint working group (transfer & admissions)

### CONNECT Skill Center & Screening Center

- Skill Center and Screening Center go "live" on CONNECT web site



## *CONNECT Initiatives 2006-2007*

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### CONNECT Community Colleges

#### Shared Faculty Agreement

- CAOs successfully impact bargain for ground-breaking joint faculty agreement

### CONNECT Transfer Coordinators

- 2<sup>nd</sup> publication of “Take the Next Step”  
Brochure for transfer students



## *CONNECT Collaborative Savings*

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- **IT Training Collaborations** result in \$21,440 savings across 3 campuses
  - **Collaborative Leadership Development Program** saves \$152,500 across five campuses (when compared to comparable outside program)
  - **CFO Joint Bidding on Auditing Services** saves \$52,000 for two campuses over a 3-year period (17,333/year.)
  - **CONNECT Skill Center/Screening Center** saves \$200,000 vs. cost of individual campus Skill/Screening Centers/year
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- **TOTAL of \$391,273 Collaborative Savings for FY 07**



## *CONNECT Presentations 2006-2007*

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- College Board Conference (Oct., 2006, Worcester, MA) CAOs and Executive Director
- College Board Regional Forum (Feb., 2007, Boston, MA) CAOs, Writing Rep. & Exec. Director
- American Association of Community Colleges National Conference (April 2007, Tampa, FL) CEOs and Exec. Director



## *CONNECT Presentations 2006-2007*

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- New England Center for Inclusive Teaching Annual Conference (Oct., 2006, Boston) Writing Group
- New England Faculty Development Consortium (Nov., 2006, Westford) Writing Group
- Conference on College Composition & Communication (Mar., 2007, NY) Writing Group



## *CONNECT Presentations 2006-2007*

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- Annual Massachusetts Community College Conference on Teaching, Learning and Student Development (April, 2007, Roxbury) Math Group
- New England Mathematical Assoc. of Two-Year Colleges (April, 2007, BCC) Math Group
- US Conference on Teaching Statistics (May, 2007, Ohio) Math Group



## *CONNECT Grant Participation*

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- Southcoast Regional PreK-16  
STEM Network Pipeline Grant \$227,000
  - Cape Cod & Islands Regional PreK-16  
STEM Network Pipeline Grant \$276,000.
  - Calderwood Foundation Grant \$40,000.  
(supporting writing initiative)
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- TOTAL Grants **\$543,000.**



## *CONNECTing Faculty: Writing Project*

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- Hosted 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Writing Conference (May 30 at Cape Cod Community College)
  - This year included secondary education teachers
- Launched online writing resource center on CONNECT Website



## *CONNECTing Faculty: Math Project*

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- Collected departmental learning outcomes for each institution
- Progress in easing transferability:
  - Updated advising system to accommodate new core curriculum at Bridgewater State College
  - Exploring development of finite math course for UMass Dartmouth-bound students
  - Developing community college elementary and early childhood math courses to mirror education courses at Bridgewater State College



## *CONNECTing Faculty: Mini Grants*

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- ESL Group – shared placement assessments and revised testing methods
- Biology Group – discussed course content and transferability of introductory courses
- Service Learning Group – reviewed models of successful student leadership courses and worked to ensure transferability of courses



## *CONNECTing Faculty: Arts & Culture*

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- Identified Goals:
  - Develop a joint brochure for marketing all campus art galleries
  - Create a joint theatre and dance calendar
  - Promote student trips to each campus' major events/programs



## *CONNECT: Serving Business Partners*

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- Working with Meditech to develop a model for business collaboration
  - Organizing regional sessions to assist in meeting employment needs for new Fall River facility
- CONNECT Screening Center now online and available to all business partners



# *CONNECT/BHE Nursing Initiative*

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- Developing computer-based system to facilitate efficient placement of nursing students
- June 27, 2007 scheduled launch of Southeast database for clinical placements
- Creation of “shared documents” such as
  - Student Clinical Passports
  - Faculty Clinical Passports
  - Online Student Orientation Programs



## CONNECT Publications in Progress

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- Summer printing of *CONNECT Career Network Flyer*
- Summer electronic distribution of first *CONNECT Chronicle*
- Fall printing of *CONNECT Strategic Priorities*



## *CONNECT:* *Responding to Institutional Needs*

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- Supporting more than 20 active campus-wide working groups
- Funding faculty collaborations
- Sharing resources and expertise
  - IT Training and Leadership Development
- Joint Bidding for services
- Sponsoring Regional Conferences
  - Service Learning Conference, Writing Conference
- Easing transfer between institutions



# *CONNECT:* *Responding to Regional Needs*

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PreK-12:

- STEM Pipeline Fund Grant
- Inclusion in Writing Conference

Arts & Culture:

- CONNECT working group formed

Business & Industry:

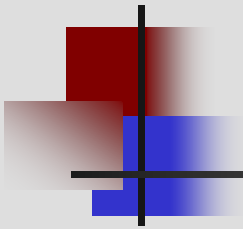
- Meditech: A Model for Corporate Collaborations
- Launch of Skill/Screening Center

Healthcare:

- Clinical Placement Initiative

Public Affairs:

- Exec. Director serving on statewide taskforce for transfer issues



*CONNECT and our regional partners..*



*“the whole is greater than the sum of its parts”*