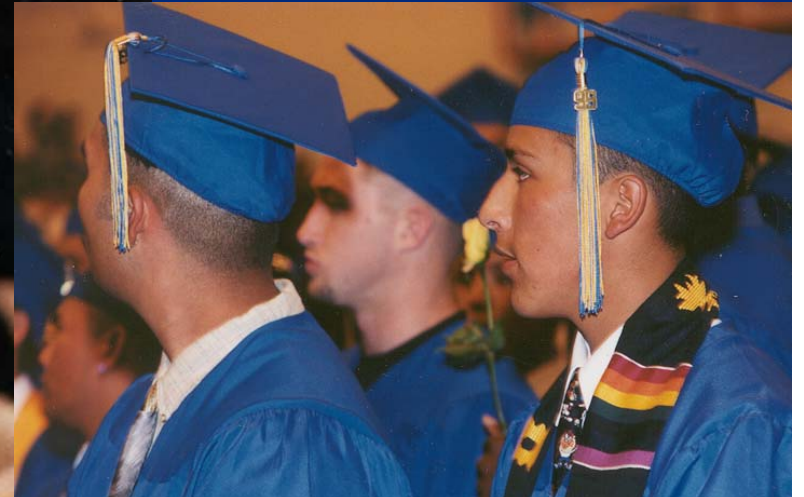
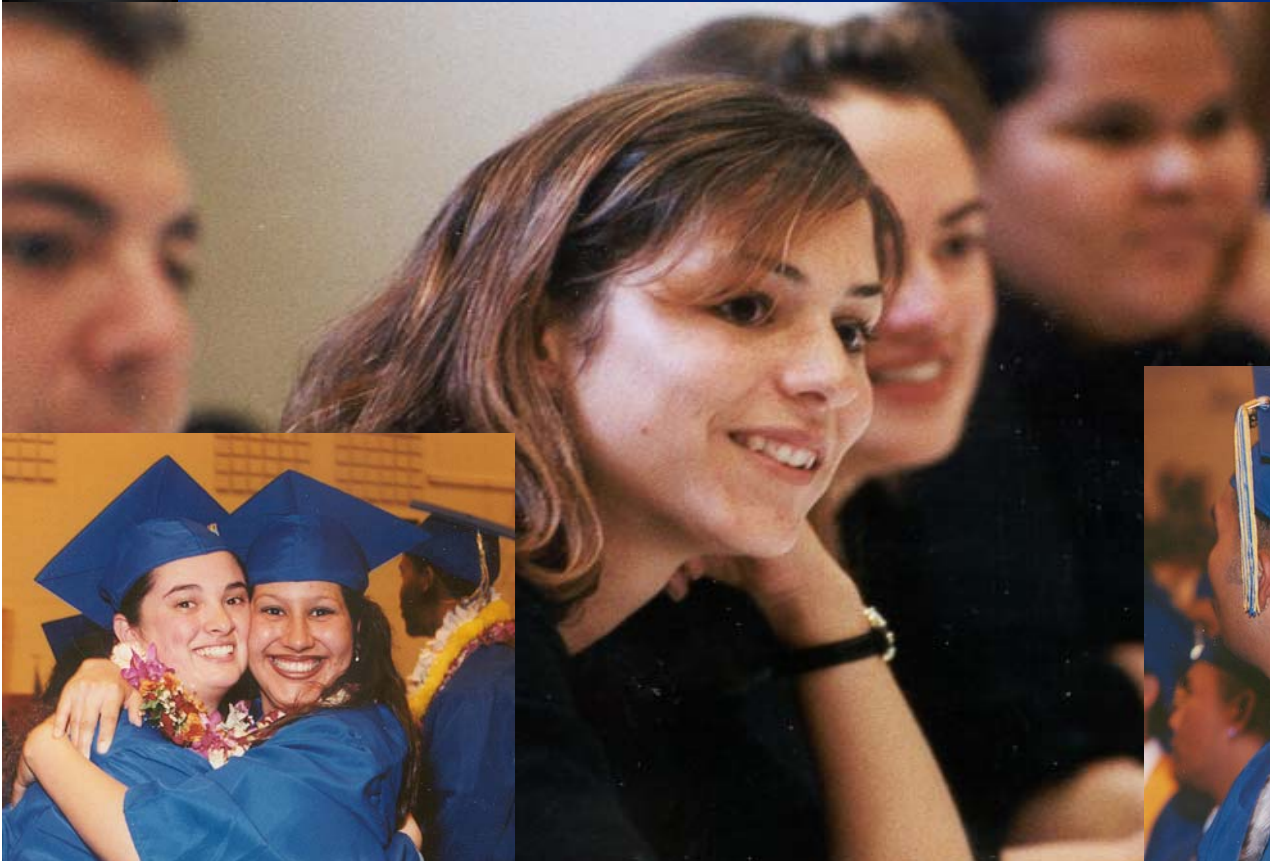


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Bridging Classrooms and
Communities
Since 1981



The Puente Program: Our Mission

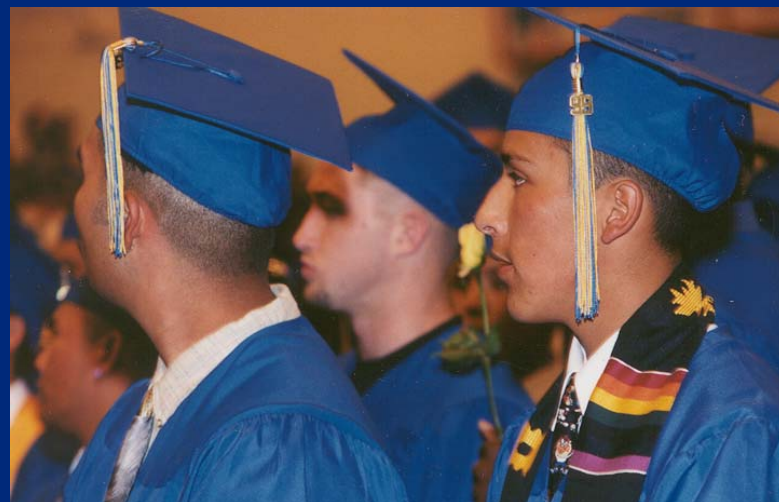
To increase the number of educationally disadvantaged students who:

- Enroll in four-year colleges and universities
- Earn college degrees
- Return to the community as leaders and mentors



Who We Serve

- Puente serves 63,000 students each year—7,000 of them directly as Puente students, others through Puente training
- 58 community colleges
- 34 high schools





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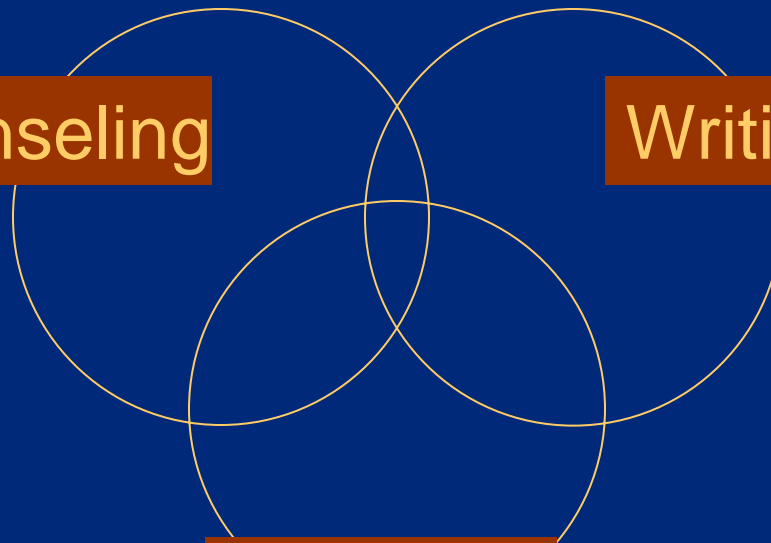
- Accelerated writing instruction
- Sustained academic counseling until transfer
- Mentoring and community involvement
- Personal Development class

The Puente Model: Three Components

Counseling

Writing

Mentoring

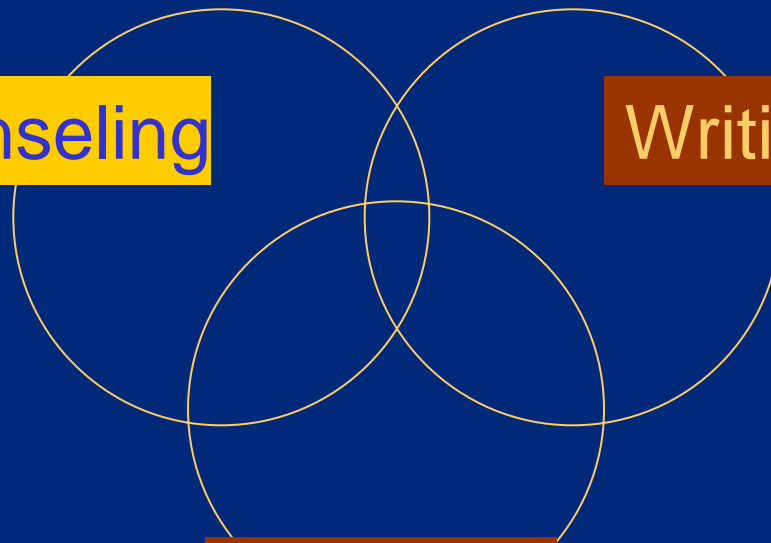


The Puente Model: Counseling

Counseling

Writing

Mentoring



Puente Counselor

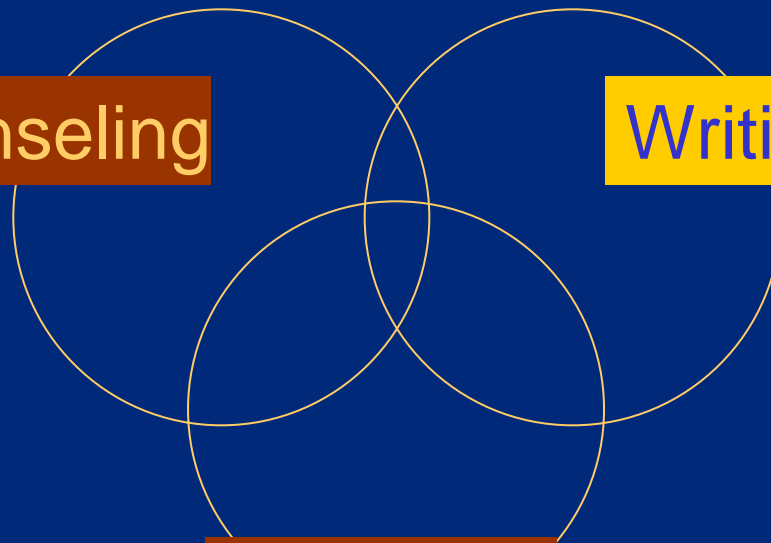
- Teaches the Personal Development Course.
- Motivates students to further their education
- Develops student academic plans and monitors their progress
- Meets regularly with students
- Develops and maintains relationships with four-year transfer institutions
- Organizes college visits and educational/cultural field trips
- Co-coordinates program team activities

The Puente Model: Writing

Counseling

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Mentoring



Puente English Instructor

- Process-centered writing
- Teaches same cohort from pre-transfer level composition course (ENGL-190) to transfer level composition course (ENGL-1A).
- Incorporates Chicano/Latino and other multicultural authors, experiences, and issues
- Community-based and mentor writing assignments
- Shared assignments with Personal Development course
- Co-coordinates Program team activities

The Puente Model: Mentoring

Counseling

Writing

Mentoring

A Venn diagram consisting of three overlapping circles. The top-left circle is labeled 'Counseling' in a brown box. The top-right circle is labeled 'Writing' in a brown box. The bottom circle is labeled 'Mentoring' in a yellow box. The circles overlap in the center, and each overlaps with the other two.

Puente Mentors

- Members of the professional community who are recruited, trained, and matched with students.
- Mentors who share with students career advice and their personal experiences of integrating culture and family with academic and professional success.

Additional Benefits to Community College Students

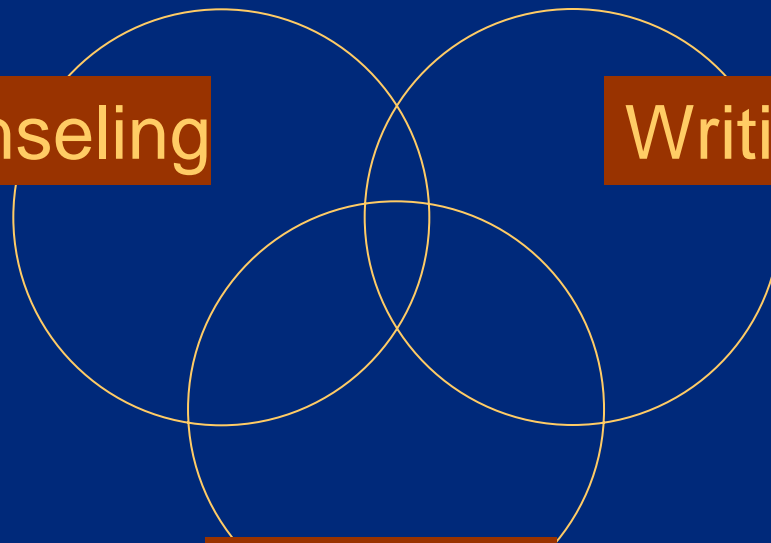
- Inclusion of family into educational experiences
- Exposure to leadership and volunteer opportunities
- UC-eligible and transfer-ready students
- Accelerated transfer rate (2-3 years)
- UC application recognition enhancement
- Participation in annual Community College Transfer Motivation Conference
- Participation in annual Student Leadership Forum in Sacramento

Bringing it all together . . .

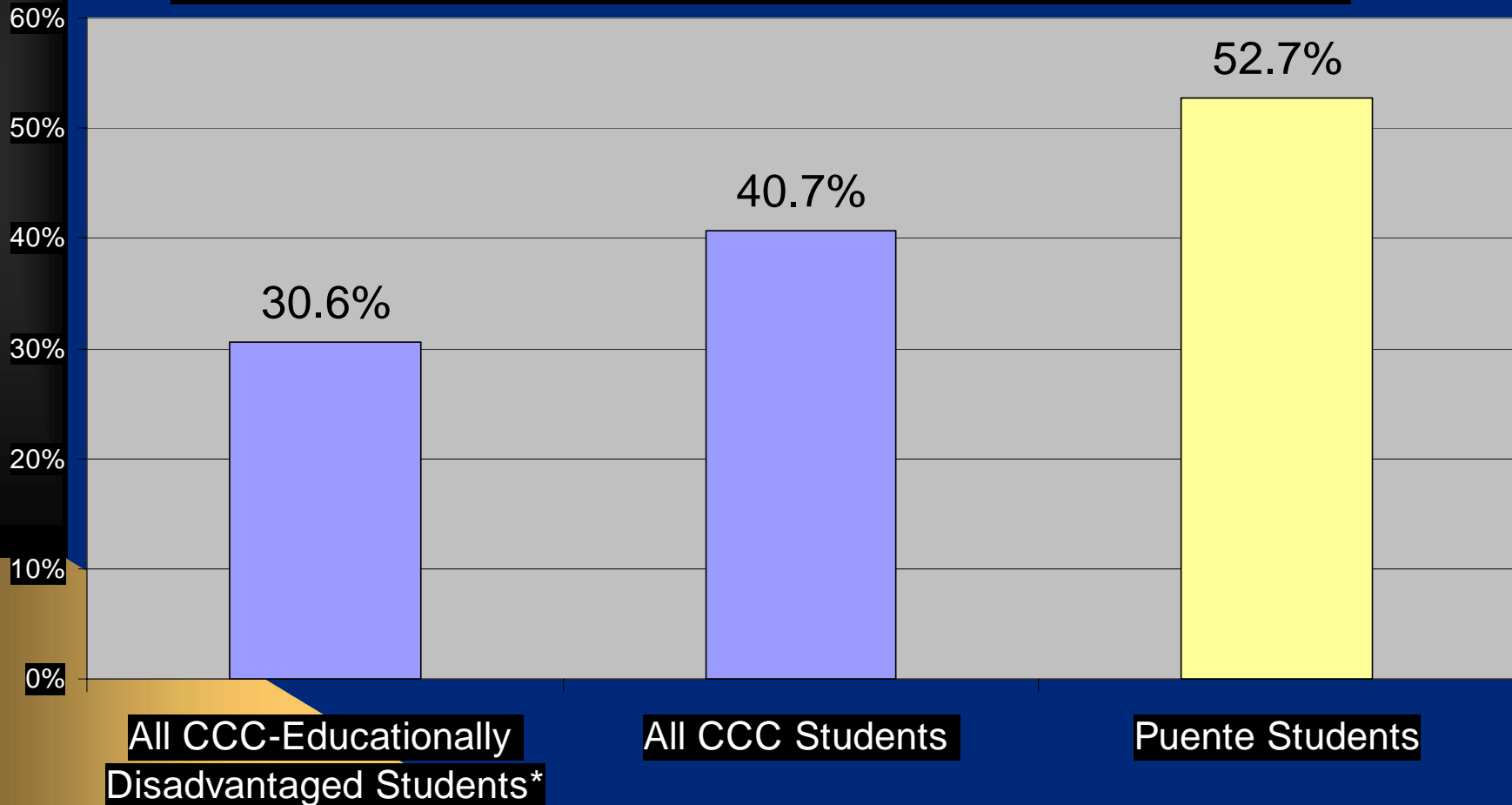
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Community College Program Transfer Rate to Four-year Colleges and Universities 2001-2006



Source: California Community College Chancellor's Office, National Student Clearinghouse, Puente Project
*Category includes all CCC African-American, all CCC American Indian, and all CCC Hispanic students statewide.

Puente *Does* Make A Difference!

