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The Minority Male Community College Collaborative Announces
‘National Consortium on College Men of Color’

National consortium to support the capacity of community colleges to enhance outcomes for men of color

San Diego, CA (January 26, 2015) – The Minority Male Community College Collaborative (M2C3) will launch a national consortium dedicated to advancing outcomes for underrepresented men of color at community colleges. The M2C3 consortium will be comprised of community colleges across the nation who will convene periodically to exchange ideas on how best to serve men of color in community colleges. Partners will also receive ongoing professional development support from M2C3.

“The call is to join our consortium for community colleges if you are interested in sharing efforts and learning about new strategies for enhancing the success of men of color” said J. Luke Wood, co-director of M2C3. “This innovative group of college leaders will be instrumental in implementing cutting edge practices and policies that are addressing the achievement gap facing underrepresented men”.

Although many community colleges have programs designed to enhance outcomes for men of color, only 17% and 15% of Black and Latino men, respectively, earn a certificate, degree, or transfer from a community college to a four-year institution in six years. Figures for men from other ethnic groups (e.g., Native American, Southeast Asian) also indicate an insurmountable need for improvement.

M2C3 is the first research and practice center specifically focused on advancing student success outcomes for men of color in community colleges. Since 2011, M2C3 has partnered with over 45 community colleges in eight states. These partnerships have led to enhanced professional development for faculty and staff, informed interventions for programs serving men of color, and resulted in new funding for initiatives addressing challenges facing these men.

“The consortium will launch on February 12th with our newest open access webinar on counseling and advising men of color in community colleges” said Frank Harris III, co-director of M2C3. The webinar series has been very successful, averaging nearly 1,000
participants per webinar. “There has been overwhelming interest in the consortium; many community colleges have contacted us to join this effort”.

To learn more about consortium participation, contact Soua Xiong, M2C3 Coordinator at m2c3@sdsu.edu. For more information about M2C3 visit http://interwork.sdsu.edu/sp/m2c3/m2c3-consortium/.

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