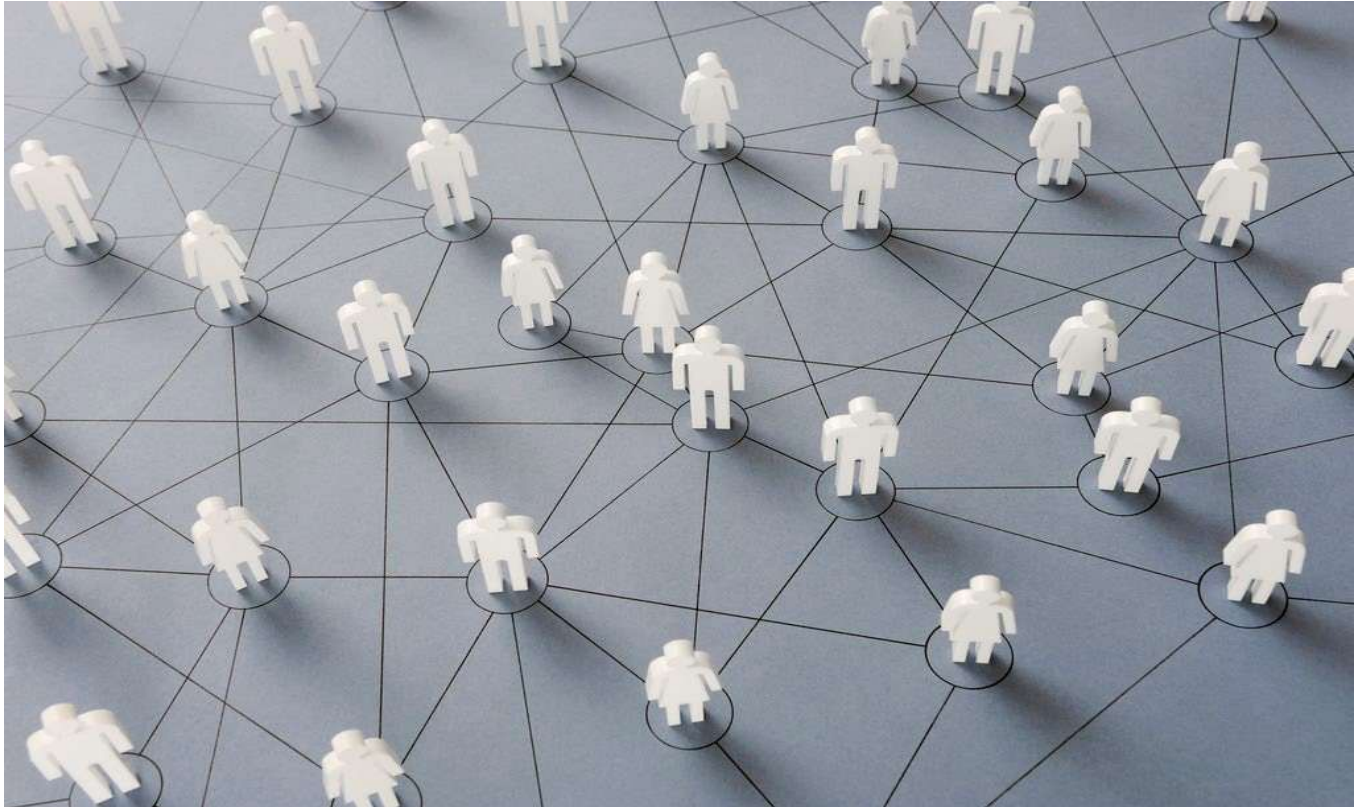


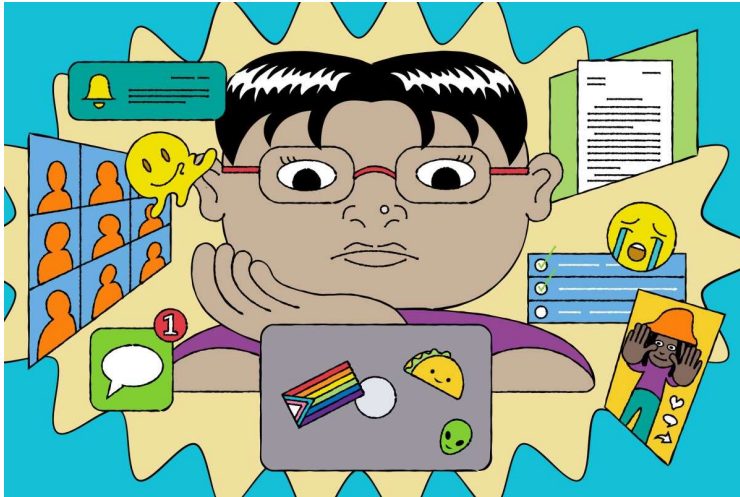
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## **Pathways to college completion**

**This edition highlights some barriers as well as a few hopeful remedies in attempting to assist California college students in the attainment of their degree~**

**Thank you for joining us on this exploration!!**



**California college students want more online courses, but can they catch up to in-class peers?**

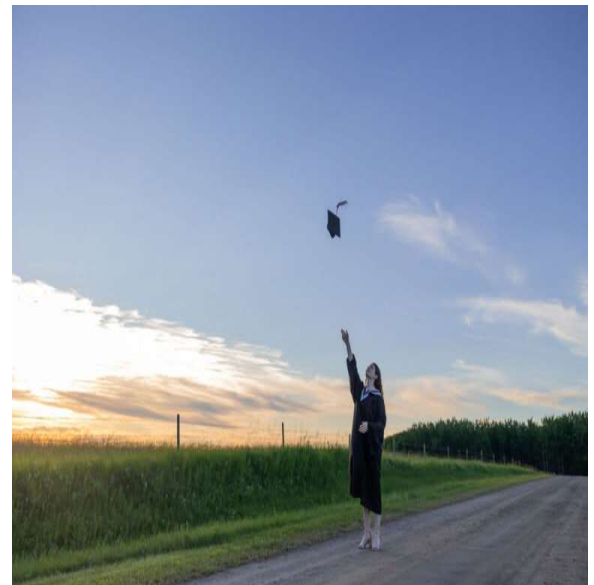
“The number of students taking college courses online has grown, particularly at the California Community Colleges. While campuses see the modality as increasing accessibility for students, the federal government is calling for greater oversight into the quality and effectiveness of online instruction.

The ‘modality,’ whether a class is in-person or online, is irrelevant, said Rebecca Ruan-O’Shaughnessy, who oversees educational services and support for the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office. She said what matters is “engagement” — the degree to which students interact with their peers and their professors.”

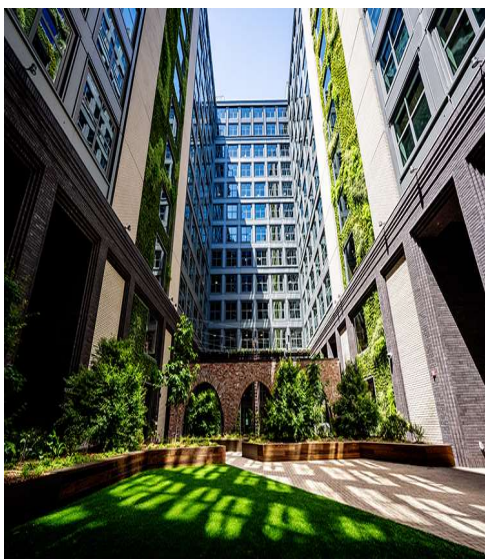
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**Pathways to College Completion in the San Joaquin Valley**

“California’s San Joaquin Valley is one of the most populated regions of the state and it has one of the lowest rates of baccalaureate completion. Low levels of educational attainment both drive and reflect the region’s economic realities. Improving student pathways to and through college is critical to improving economic outcomes and should leverage the diversity of students, organizations, and opportunities in the region.”



<https://www.ppic.org/publication/pathways-to-college-completion-in-the-san-joaquin-valley/>



**Next stop on transfer students’ journey: UC Berkeley’s new, high-end dorm**

“Anchor House, a gift from the Helen Diller Foundation, is an apartment-style community that features high-end amenities such as a yoga studio, a rooftop vegetable garden and multiple lounge areas. It is also home to the new Transfer Student Center.”

<https://edsources.org/2024/next-stop-on-transfer-students-journey-uc-berkeley-s-new-high-end-dorm/719016>

**\*\*\*\*The California State Auditor just released their findings on the following report titled:**

*“Streamlining the Community College Transfer Process Could Increase Access to Bachelor’s Degrees”*

<https://www.auditor.ca.gov/reports/2023-123/>