

**Brief agenda for 18 Sept 2019; 1-2 pm; SBS 405**  
**HSI STEM Steering Committee**

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  - b. Growth in size & participation -- Raven
  - c. Initial assessment and plans for ongoing – Matt
  - d. Plans for next year -- Kat
  - e. Needs for planning certainty – Kat/Matt
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5. Assessment update (3:35-3:40) – Matt/Steven
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***From HSI STEM Grant:***

Therefore, our proposal addresses **Absolute Priority 1** by involving student centered services designed to improve academic success, retain students in STEM fields, and move them efficiently through degree completion. The components also address **Absolute Priority 2**, by increasing the number of Hispanic and low-income students attaining STEM degrees, and developing model transfer and articulation agreements between two-year HSIs and HSU in STEM fields.

***From HHMI Grant:***

The HHMI Inclusive Excellence Grant complements HSI STEM by funding activities designed to build institutional capacity to effectively engage all students in the sciences throughout their undergraduate years, especially those who come to college via nontraditional pathways and from historically underrepresented groups. Through this initiative, HHMI supports colleges and universities in implementing activities that will lead to deep and sustained change in the institution's capacity for inclusion.

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### Place-Based Learning Communities



### Expanded Tutoring Services



### New Pathways for Transfer Students



### Reformed Math Instruction

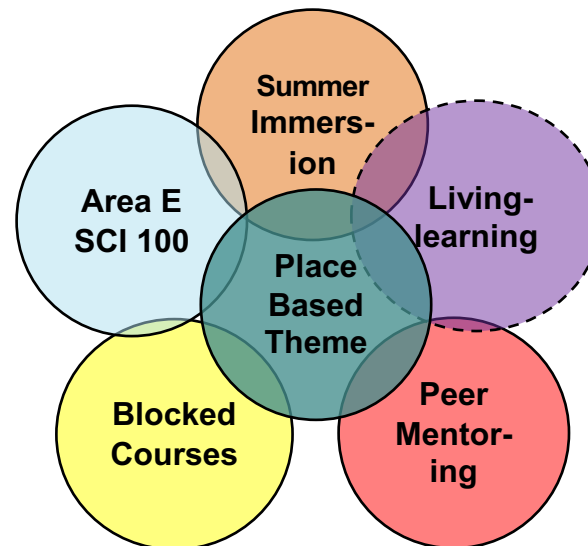


Belonging,  
Community, &  
Engagement

Skills & Attitudes

Academic  
achievement

Retention &  
Graduation



Rather than imply students should “fit in”, our programs must acknowledge how historically underrepresented students possess aspirational, linguistic, familial, social, and resistance capital, and affirm those as a source of strength for our universities.



Rendón

A sense of “mattering”

## After 3 cohorts of KC...Latinx students:

- Stronger sense of community (composite Mapworks survey score; 5.49 vs. 5.31)
- More units earned in 1st year (27.8 vs. 24.3)
- Higher 1st year GPAs (2.85 vs. 2.65)
- Higher rates of Gateway course completion (especially in Bot, Chem, and Math 113/101)
- Higher 1st year retention at HSU (81% vs. 73%) and in STEM specifically (78% vs.65%)
- Eliminated gap in STEM retention between Latinx students and their non-Latinx counterparts in KC

**All results at HSU HSI STEM web page**

**Analysis of KC 4<sup>th</sup> cohort and other PBLCs awaiting fall census**



254 students  
45 faculty  
31 community partners  
26 student mentor employees  
20 staff

Summer  
Immersion is  
about...  
Connections







Christine Kupelian



Nicole Rahman



Dennis Estrada

## Most meaningful?

### *Social, experiential, and academic connections...*

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## Most challenging?

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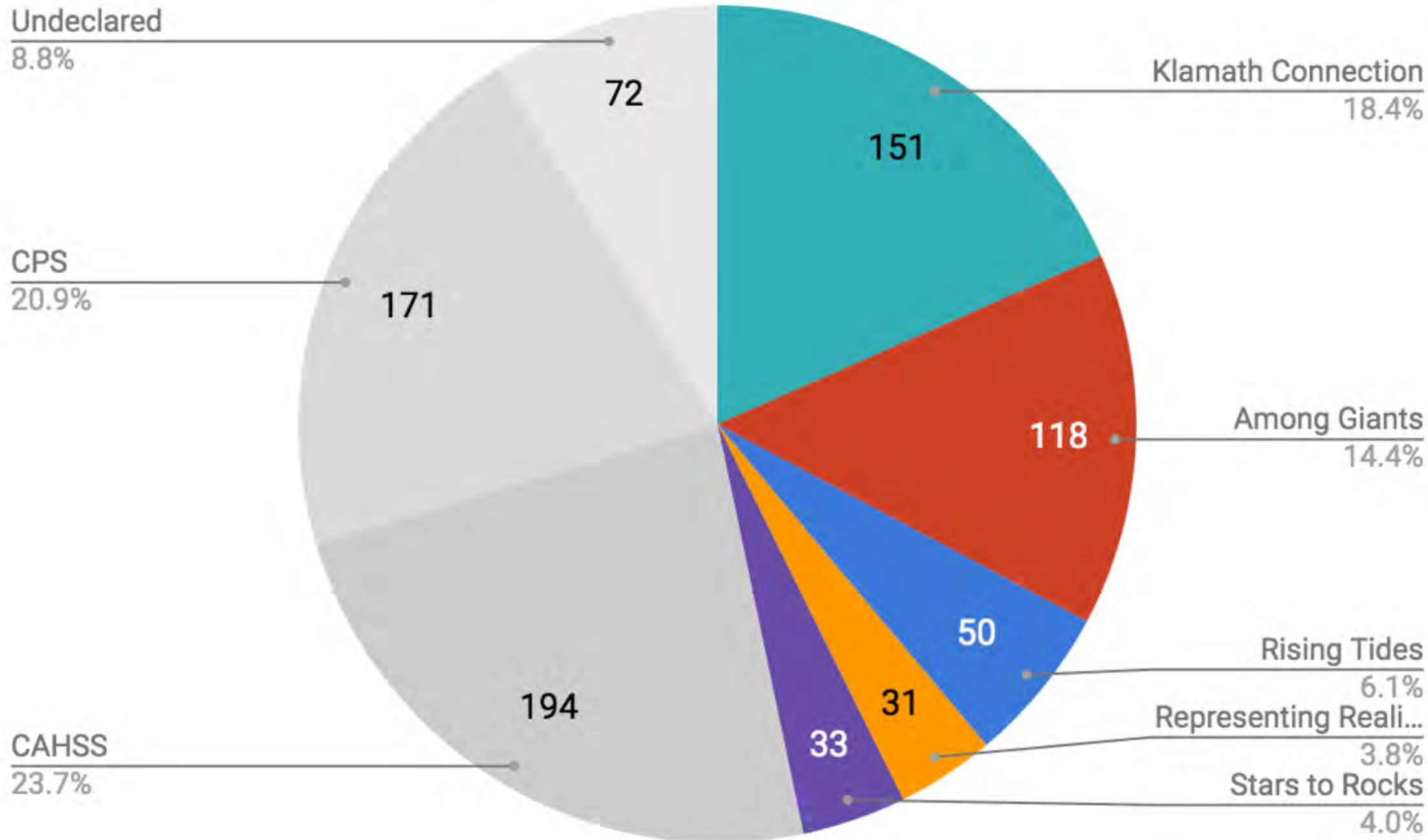
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What is a key affective\* outcome for the Summer Immersion? (1–3 words)

Homework: email [matt.johnson@humboldt.edu](mailto:matt.johnson@humboldt.edu)  
Subject: “affective outcome”

\*The affective domain describes learning objectives that emphasize a feeling, a tone, an emotion, or a degree of acceptance or rejection







# ¡CONVIVIO DE BIENVENIDA! A CONVIVIAL WELCOME

*You are invited to an event that brings Humboldt State University Latinx Students and Humboldt County Latinx Community together. We will have food, games, music and more!!*

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**PBLCs**

**Expand &  
enhance tutoring**

**Student groups,  
CCAEs, etc.**

**Developmental  
Math reform**

**Streamline  
transfer  
pathways**

**Faculty training  
and HHMI**

Which to continue as HSI STEM task forces?

# Steering committee

**Sarah Bacio** - HSI STEM Transfer Coordinator

**Nievita Bueno Watts** – Director, Indian Natural Resource Science & Engineering Program

**Anh Bui** – HSI STEM Student representative

**Alex Enyedi** - Provost

**Katlin Goldenberg** - PBLC Director

**Cheryl Johnson** - Executive Director, Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

**Matt Johnson** - Professor, Wildlife, HSI STEM Director

**Margaret Lang** - Professor, Environmental Resources Engineering

**Steven Margell** - HSI STEM Lead Evaluator

**Borbala Mazzag** - Professor, Mathematics

**Monty Mola** - Professor, Physics

**Mary Oling-Sisay** – Vice Provost

**Dale Oliver** – Dean, College of Natural Resources & Sciences

**Raven Palomera** – PBLC Living-Learning Community Coordinator

**Fernando Paz** - Coordinator, Latinx Center for Academic Excellence

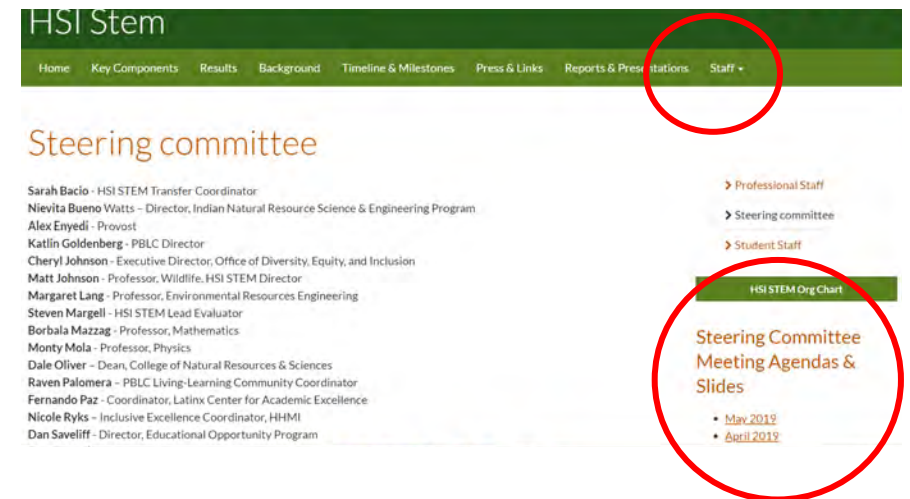
**Ana Puga** – HSI STEM and HHMI Administrative Assistant

**Edelmira Reynosa** – Associate Director, Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

**Dan Saveliff** - Director, Educational Opportunity Program

**Amy Sprowles** - Professor, Biology, HSI STEM co-Director

**Rick Zechman** - Associate Dean, College of Natural Resources & Sciences





Validation refers to the intentional, proactive affirmation of students by in- and out-of-class agents (i.e., faculty, students, and academic affairs staff, family members, peers) in order to: 1) validate students as creators of knowledge and as valuable members of the college learning community and 2) foster personal development and social adjustment



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“I am really looking forward to making new lifelong friends. I really like to make friends wherever I go. I love being social and this is a totally environment and I’m loving it so far.” (KC)

"The most meaningful part of summer immersion for me was being able to work with the scientific equipment when taking water samples. Most students would have to wait until upperclassmen classes to be able to work with equipment like the Niskin Bottles and the Secchi disks. Being able to do a rudimentary version of oceanographic field work if anything cemented my resolve to become an oceanographer and made me extremely excited for my oceanography classes this next semester” (RT)

“[I’m looking forward to] learning way too much about plants.” (KC)

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“The most challenging thing for me during summer immersion was taking field notes. Remembering to take notes and knowing what to put down was challenging. Also to make them thorough and meaningful.” (AG)

“The most challenging part of summer immersion for me was forcing myself to introduce myself to other people and encouraging myself to ask questions and ask for help when I needed it.” (RT)