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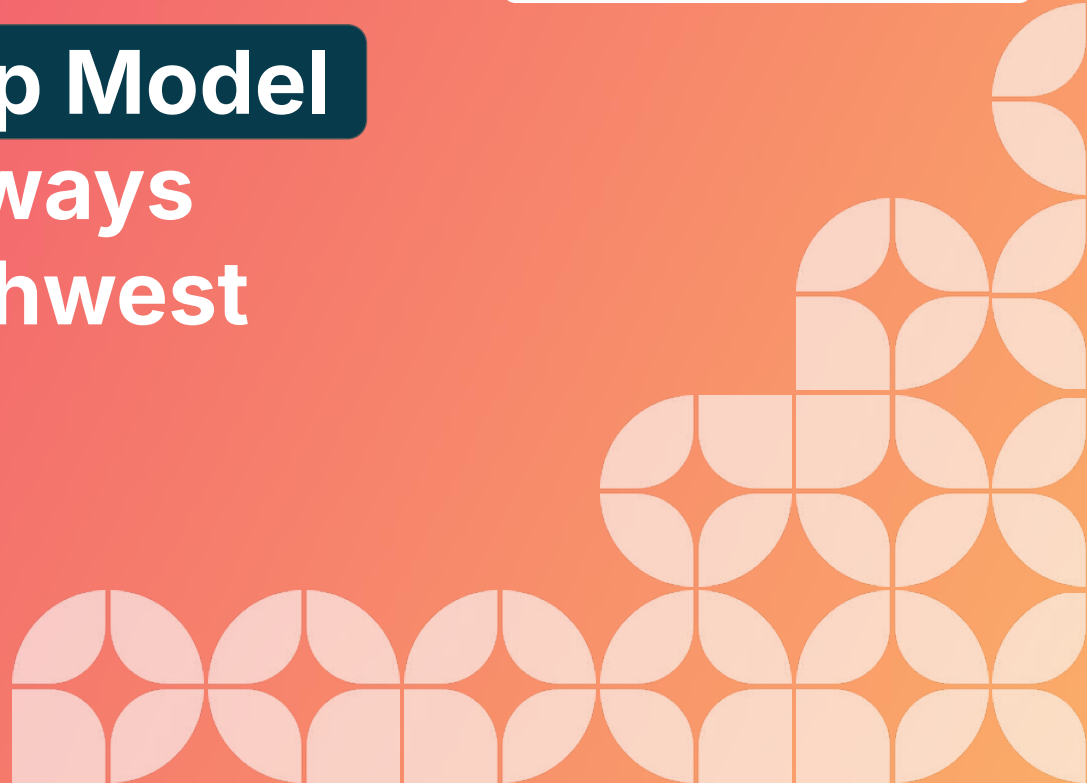
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A Peer Mentorship Model for Transfer Pathways at UTSA and Northwest Vista College

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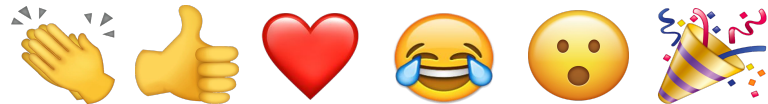




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- Chat your **name** and **organization**
- Submit your questions via the Chat or Q&A features in Zoom

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Today's Panelists

(Moderator)



Jennifer Kiouss
Director of Marketing
Mentor Collective



Yolanda Reyes Guevara, Ph.D.
Director of Academic Programs,
Northwest Vista College



Barbara Smith
Executive Director, Transfer and
Transition Student Success Services,
University of Texas San Antonio

Agenda

A Peer Mentorship Model for Transfer Pathways UTSA × Northwest Vista College × Mentor Collective

01

Welcome & Framing

05:00 mins

02

Spotlights:

- *UTSA*
- *Northwest Vista College*
- *The Partnership*

10:00 mins

03

Panel:

- *Setting the Scene*
- *Building a Model that Spans Two Institutions*
- *Proving it Works*
- *Scaling the Pilot*
- *Advice for Peer Institutions*

25:00 mins

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How Mentor Collective Helps

05:00 mins

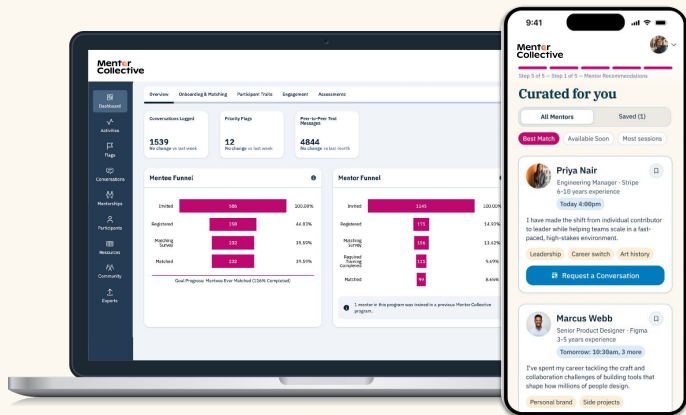
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Closing

05:00 mins

Mentoring to Drive Impact

Mentor Collective is the leader in outcomes-driven mentoring for higher education, combining structured and flash mentoring to drive measurable impact across the student lifecycle.



**A MULTIPLIER
FOR IMPACT**

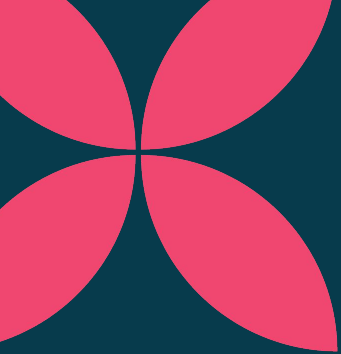
5-25%+
increase in retention
STUDENT SUCCESS

6-20%+
higher transfer yield rate
ENROLLMENT

15-25%+
career readiness score
CAREER

15-25%+
alumni engagement
ALUMNI

8-10%+
sense of belonging
BELONGING



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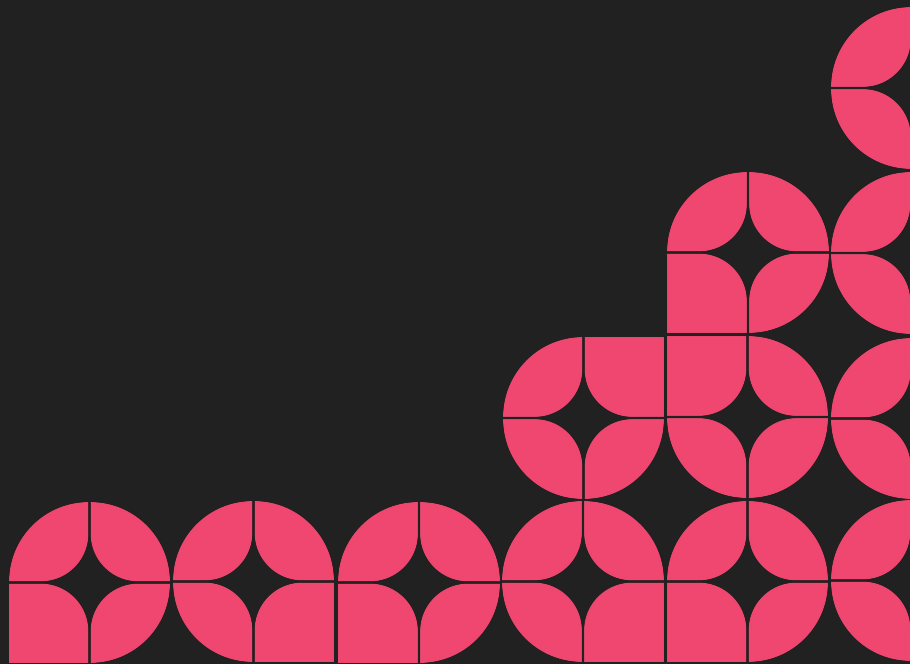
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University of Texas at San Antonio

**Institution Name:**

University of Texas at San Antonio
(UT San Antonio)

**Institution Type:**

Public 4-Year Research University,
Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI)

**Location:**

San Antonio, Texas

**Size:**

31,000 students



Over 40% of our undergraduate enrollment consists of transfer students. The majority of these students begin their academic journey with our partners at the Alamo Colleges District. We are committed to working with them to continue building strong pathways for our students. We recognize that the success of transfer students is our shared success."

Taylor Eighmy, President



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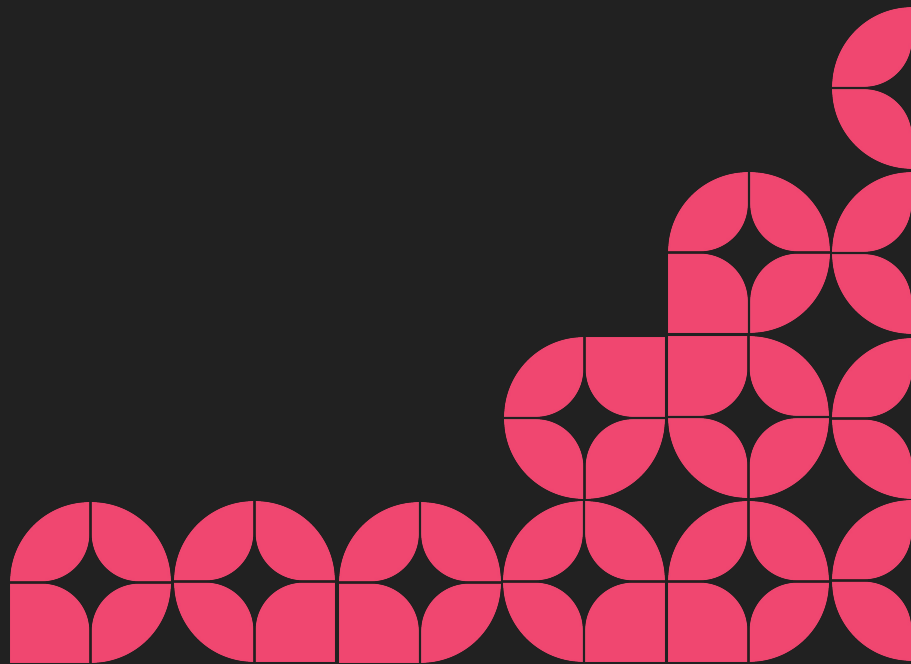
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Institution Name:

Northwest Vista College (NVC)



Institution Type:

Public 2-Year Community College,
Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI)



Location:

San Antonio, Texas



Size:

20,000 students



State funding is now based on outcomes, so we're building infrastructure around completion and post-graduation success. Whenever a student moves between institutions, that's where the pipeline leaks. By patching those leaks through consistent mentoring and wraparound supports, transfer pathways become a high-return investment that yields double the return."

Dr. Amy Bosley, President



PARTNERSHIP IN ACTION

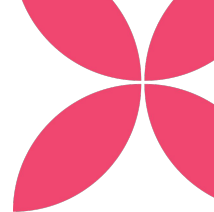
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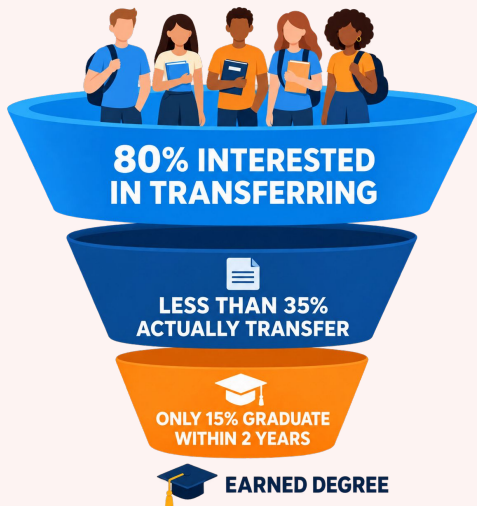
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UTSA



The Challenge



The Solution

UT San Antonio and Northwest Vista College partnered with Mentor Collective to build a **transfer-specific mentorship pipeline**.

- Early sense of campus belonging
- Clear understanding of credit transfers
- Students prepared to succeed



**Transfer
Melt**



The Impact

1,000+

Students Engaged & Supported

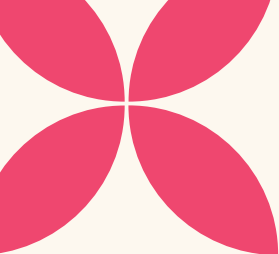
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Growth Since Initial
Pilot Launch

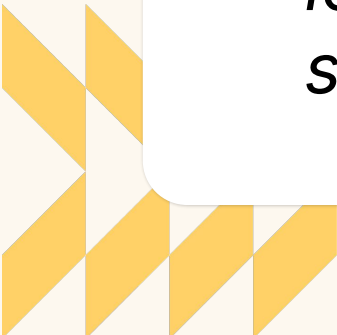


Setting the Scene

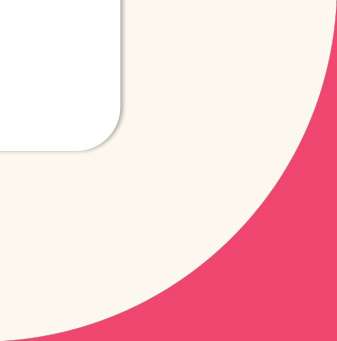
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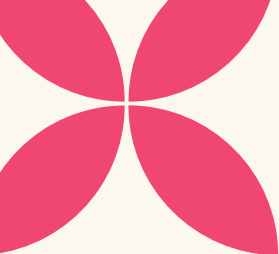


Setting the Scene



Before this partnership existed, what did transfer melt actually look like? Where were you losing students between NVC and UTSA?

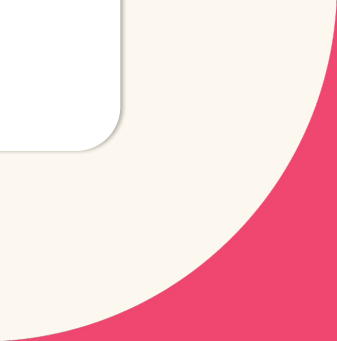


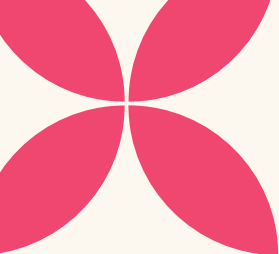


Setting the Scene



Why weren't a credit evaluation checklist and an orientation session enough to move students towards a bachelor's degree?

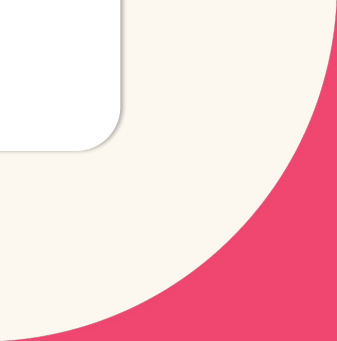


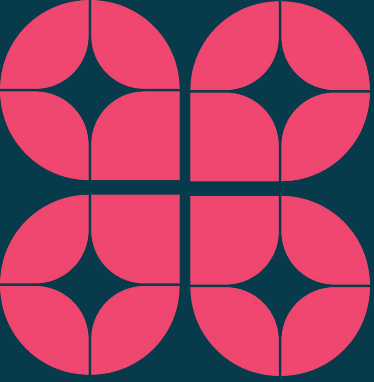


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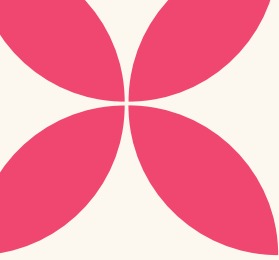
What made you land on peer mentorship specifically instead of another advising touchpoint or communications campaign?



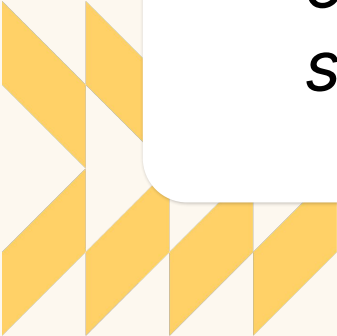


Building a Model That Spans Two Institutions

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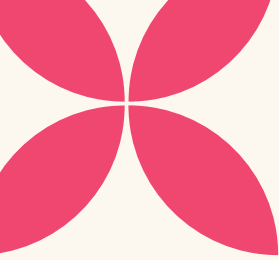


Building a Model That Spans Two Institutions



What did it actually take operationally to get NVC and UTSA moving as one coordinated pipeline instead of two schools handing a student off?

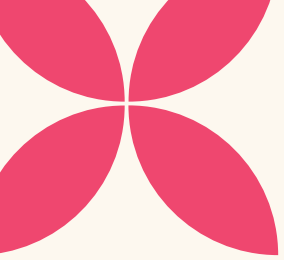




Building a Model That Spans Two Institutions

*Why start early? What changes when
a student's UTSA relationship exists
before the application does?*

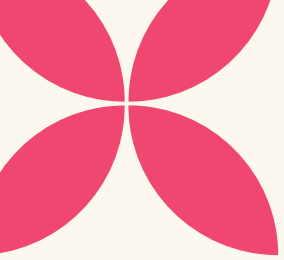




Building a Model That Spans Two Institutions

*Who owned the budget conversation
and how did you get both institutions
telling the same story to their boards?*





Building a Model That Spans Two Institutions

How did you get executive-level buy-in, and why does it matter for a program like this to have presidents invested?

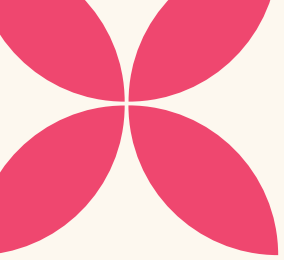




Proving it Works

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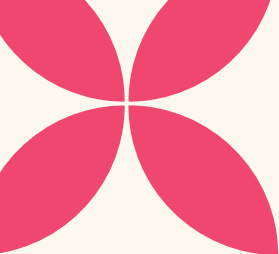




Proving it Works

How did adding non-cognitive indicators and automated flags change what your team could see and how early they could see it?

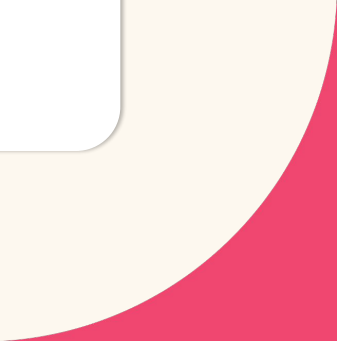


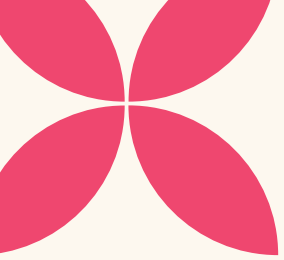


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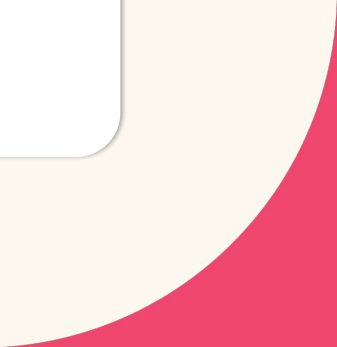
UTSA saved 1,398 staff hours (~\$31K) while expanding high-touch support across all of its programs. What made that possible?





Proving it Works

What changes have you seen in how confident or prepared students feel heading into UTSA?

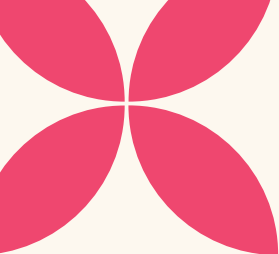




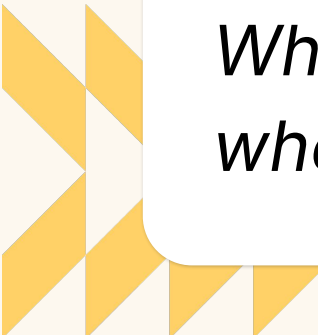
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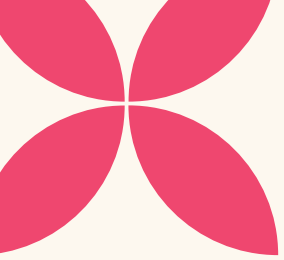




Scaling Beyond the Pilot



From pilot to 1,000+ students and 5x growth, and now exploring what a broader Alamo Colleges rollout could look like. What signals are you watching to know when the program is ready for growth?



Scaling Beyond the Pilot

What does expanding this across a whole system actually take in staff time, buy-in, and platform support?

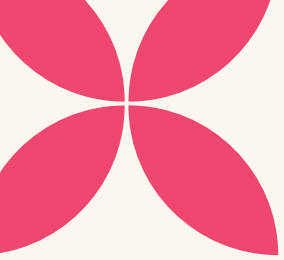




Advice for Peer Institutions

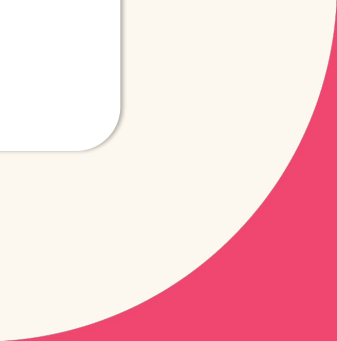
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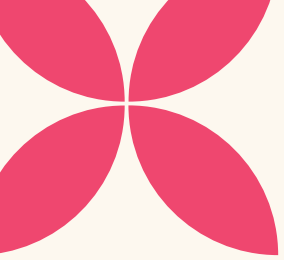




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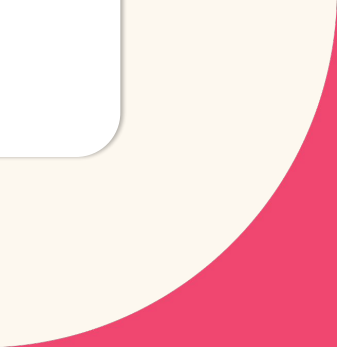
What should you look for in a partner before building something like this?

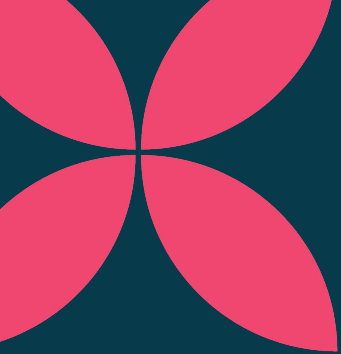




Scaling Beyond the Pilot

What's the one question you'd want a peer institution watching today to be asking themselves?





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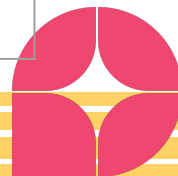
Upcoming Events

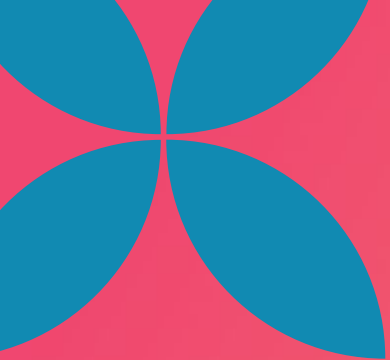
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Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Location
October 6	Introducing Flash 1:00PM EST 45-minute session with Q&A	Webinar
October 4-7	NACADA Booth 205 Book a Meeting	Oklahoma City, OK
October 7-9	TXCSS Session: Scaling Peer Mentorship For Retention - October 9 @ 11:45 AM EST - LBJ 324 Book a Meeting RSVP for our VIP Happy Hour + Dinner	San Marcos, TX
November 17-20	FGLI Consortium	Rutgers University, NJ





THANK YOU!

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