



## **Statewide Career Pathways: Creating School to College Articulation**

In September 2005 Senator Scott's Vocational Education legislation, SB 70, was chaptered into the Education Code section 88532. The bill focused on improving the linkages and career-technical pathways between high schools, ROC/Ps, and California community colleges. Most of the community college response to the legislation will occur through programs coordinated directly from the System Office, and personnel there have begun to inform colleges about some of their plans. However, the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges is designing and implementing one project called **Statewide Career Pathways: Creating School to College Articulation**.

*Statewide Career Pathways: Creating School to College Articulation* will provide an opportunity for high school, ROCP and college faculty to meet, collaborate and develop articulation agreements. Agreements that result will vary by discipline and may include alignment of course skills, concepts and sequences, advanced placement possibilities and credit by examination options. While our schools, ROC/Ps and colleges have already participated in many efforts to align curriculum and develop articulation agreements especially through Tech Prep programs, faculty have indicated several unmet needs which this project will address. This project will:

- Develop a database of articulation agreements, accessible across the state.
- Provide opportunities and support for faculty at schools, ROC/Ps and colleges to meet and develop agreements.
- Create outreach strategies to inform and encourage participation of students, parents and school/college personnel.

The project is led by a steering committee whose members include community college faculty, high school and ROC/P teachers, administrators, and representatives from the California Department of Education, the System Office for the California Community Colleges, and Tech Prep. The committee began its work in July 2006. The project is funded in part by the California Community Colleges for two years for a total of \$4 million.

The first discipline groups met in October 2006 with high school and ROC/P teachers and college faculty from these regions and disciplines: South Coast: Business/accounting; North/Far North: Building Trades; Desert: Health Occupations/C.N.A.; San Diego: Hospitality; LA/Orange: Arts & media/animation; Bay Area: I.T./ web design; Central: Child Development; Statewide: I.T. apps & Ornamental Horticulture. Their first task is to develop articulation templates against which new articulation agreements can be written. The next group disciplines will meet in February 2007 and will include these fields: Administration of Justice, Automotive Technology, Building Trades/Construction, CADD, Manufacturing Technology, Office Technology and Fashion.

If you have names of people who might be interested in participating in the project or have questions, please contact the project office at [careerpathways@sbcglobal.net](mailto:careerpathways@sbcglobal.net) or call the Academic Senate at (916) 445-4753.