

New Student EXPERIENCE

Tell Your Story – Imagine Your Future – Start Living Your Future

Plan
STRENGTHS
PURPOSE
INTERESTS
PERSONAL CONNECTION
Resources

Place
VALUES
Pathway

FINANCIAL PLAN
Personal Connection
NAVIGATION
Success Skills
PURPOSE
EDUCATIONAL PLAN

Plan
GOALS
Financial Literacy
MAJOR
Pathway

Personal Connection
STUDENT LEARNING
Ethical Responsibility
BLACKBOARD
COLLEGE READINESS

Success Skills
INFORMATION LITERACY
Preparation
LEARNING SUPPORT
Interpersonal Communication

Valencia's QEP: The New Student Experience

Valencia College provides a coordinated experience for all new students; at the heart of which are the 6P's. (Purpose, Pathway, Plan, Preparation, Personal Connection, Place)

In their first year at Valencia, students need...

- to establish a connection to the College,
- to learn life and academic skills to become successful learners,
- an awareness of college support systems and the ability to utilize them in their learning,
- support in articulating their educational and career goals



A first year experience should build shared, connected learning among students and between courses; provide academic support connected to the classroom and student needs; and include frequent feedback to students and faculty about student learning (Tinto, 2005).

The New Student Experience

Students will...

- attend a required new student orientation where they will receive
 - assistance in identifying a major area of study
 - advice on course choices
- take a common course in which they
 - explore and articulate their educational/career purpose and goals
 - learn and apply college success skills
 - demonstrate effective communication skills
 - create an individualized education plan (MEP)
- connect with an assigned advisor
- attend co-curricular activities that support the foundation of the NSE

Student feedback on SLS course pilot, “I loved the course because I learned a lot about myself and it helped me better understand my life as it applies to college-life.”

VALENCIA COLLEGE

Spring 2014

- Piloted 21 sections of the NSE
- Hired 12 full-time, 12 month NSE faculty/advisors
- Pilot sections of co-curricular GoBes

Summer 2014

- Redesigned NSE Course
- In-house 3-week training (internal credentialing) for new NSE faculty
- 12 new NSE faculty facilitated NSO sessions

Fall 2014

- 219 sections of SLS1122 with 5697 students
 - 38% taught by Full-time NSE Faculty
- 200+ GoBes (co-curricular workshops) with 130 trained facilitators

Spring 2015

- Work to simplify students' class choices in the first year
- 9 additional full-time NSE faculty will be hired (start in May)

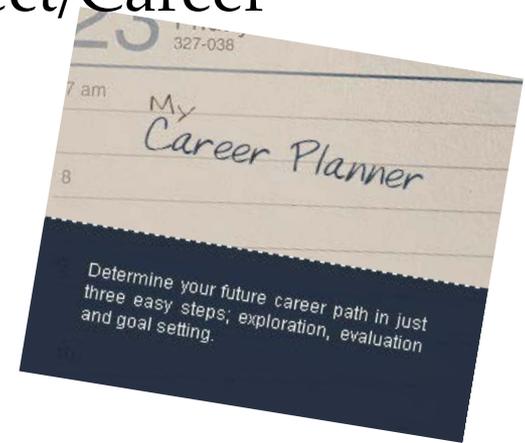
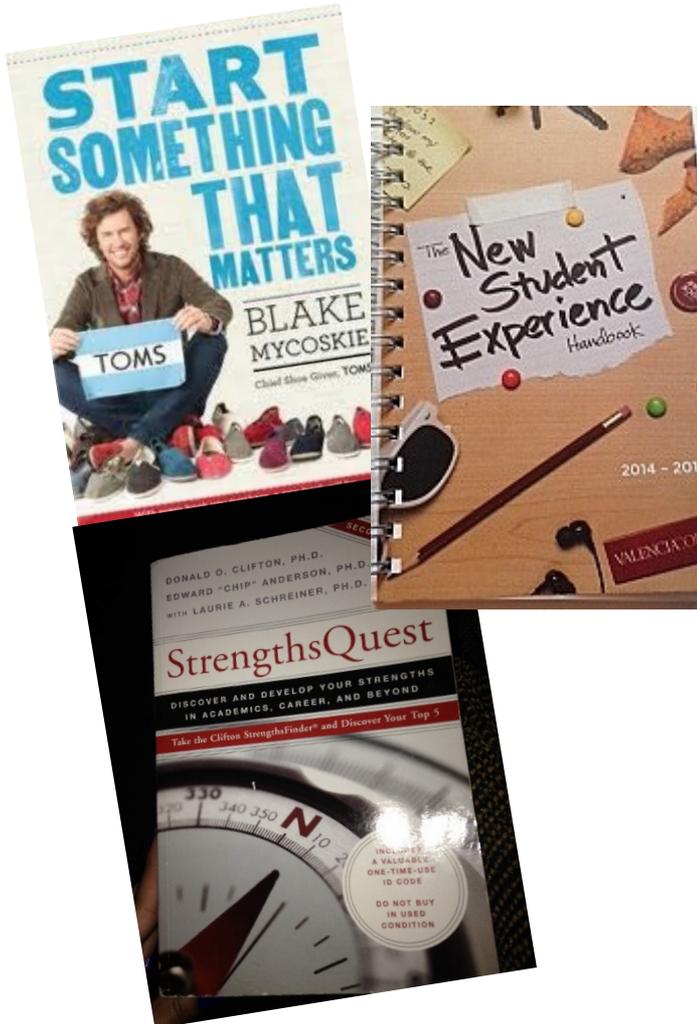
Fall 2015

- Anticipated sections: 453 with 11,778 students

New Student Experience

Tell Your Story- Imagine Your Future- Start Living It

- Peace and Justice Principles
- Purpose Exploration
- Email Etiquette
- MEP 2.0
- Financial Literacy Plan/The Cost of College
- Final Story Project/Career Interview





Going Beyond the classroom –
Go Be... All that you can be

Building connection at Valencia

- Ben and Jerry's
- Polar Bears, Paws, and Pathways
- Get Real
- Ten Years Later
- Window into You
- Civility



“The activities helped students engage campus resources, challenged students to move beyond their comfort zones (i.e. meeting new people), and encouraged students to discuss their values and plans for the future.”