

Implementing & Scaling 8-Week Courses for Institutional Transformation



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Webinar Learning Series: Financial Aid

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TEXAS SUCCESS CENTER

Dedicated to social and economic mobility, we support community college strategies that will empower Texans to rise out of poverty and achieve better life outcomes.



PATHWAYS FRAMEWORK

Building a Talent Strong Texas



Learners From
Multiple Entry Points

Connect

Enter

Progress

Succeed



Enter Careers, Earn
More Credentials, &
Transfer to 4-Year
Institutions

1. Mapping Pathways to Student End Goals

- Multiple entry points
- Default program maps
- Completion, further education, employment
- Guides through transition and transfer

2. Helping Students Choose and Enter a Program Pathway

- College readiness in 1st year
- Career exploration
- Early contextualization
- Accelerated remediation for most poorly prepared

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Four Pillars of Essential Practices

3. Keeping Students on Path

- Strong, inescapable advising
- Clarity for education and career choices
- Predictable schedules
- Early intervention
- Academic and non-academic support

4. Ensuring that Students are Learning

- Program learning outcomes aligned with careers and further education
- Internships and apprenticeships
- Active culturally competent teaching practices

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Anticipated Student Outcomes:

- As a result of scaling 8-week courses, TSC anticipates dramatic improvements in the following Key Performance Indicators:
 - (a) completion of 6+ credits in term 1,
 - (b) persistence from term 1 to term 2, and
 - (c) completion of college level courses (Math/Reading/Writing) in year 1.



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Leader Colleges Pairings

Odessa College CEO: Dr. Greg Williams	Kilgore College CEO: Dr. Brenda Kays	Grayson College CEO: Dr. Jerry McMillian
Austin Community College (Scaled Implementation in Fall 2023) CEO: Dr. Richard Rhodes POC: Dr. Monique Umphrey, Provost	Alvin Community College (Scaled Implementation in Fall 2023) CEO: Dr. Robert Exley POC: Stacy Ebert, Interim VP of Instruction	Trinity Valley CC (Transition through Fall 2024) CEO: Dr. Jerry King POC: Dr. Kristin Spizzirri, VP of Instruction & Chief Academic Officer
Houston Community College System (Partial Implementation Fall 2023) CEO: Dr. Cesar Maldonado, Chancellor POC: Dr. Madeline Burillo-Hopkins, Vice Chancellor Workforce Instruction, Houston Community College System President, HCC Southwest	Laredo College (Scaled Implementation in Fall 2023) CEO: Dr. Minita Ramirez (July 1) POC: Dr. Marisela Rodriguez Tijerina, Chief Academic Officer/Texas Pathways Lead; Dr. Fred Solis, VP of Enrollment and Student Success	Paris Junior College (Implementation in Fall 2022) CEO: Dr. Pam Anglin
El Paso Community College (Scaled Implementation in Fall 2023) CEO: Dr. Serrata POC: Pam Payne, Angeles Vazquez, Steven Smith	Del Mar College (Scaled Implementation in Fall 2023) CEO: Mark Escamilla POC: Dr. Jonda Halcomb	Texarkana College (Scaled Implementation in Fall 2023) CEO: Dr. Jason Smith POCs: Donna McDaniel; Dixon Boyles
Weatherford College (Transition through 2025) CEO: Dr. Tod Allen Farmer POC: Michael Endy, VP of Academics and Student Services	Hill College (Implementation underway; Scaled Implementation in Fall 2023) CEO: Dr. Thomas Mills (August 1) POC: Dr. Kerry Schindler, Vice President of Instruction	Howard College (Scaled Implementation in Fall 2023) CEO: Dr. Cheryl Sparks POC: Cindy Smith, Dean of Student Success; Amy Burchett, District VP, Academic & Student Affairs/CAO
	Lamar State Orange (Implementation in Fall 2021) CEO: Dr. Thomas A. Johnson POC: Dr. Wendy Elmore, Provost	Vernon College (Scaled Implementation in Fall 2023) CEO: Dr. Dusty Johnson POC: Shana Drury, VP of Instructional Services

Expectations

- Redesign of systems to scale 8-week courses
- New course offerings for Fall 2023 (spring registration)
- CEO to CEO executive coaching
 - focused on institutional vision, scale, success metrics, and lessons learned
 - 4 check-ins through December (~monthly)
- Technical Assistance
 - Webinar Series (July 27, Sept 9, October 5)
 - Texas Pathways Pre-Institute (November 14)
- Site Visit (\$1,000 travel, hotel, and F&B expenses reimbursable)
- 2-page Progress Report due on 12/15/22 to TSC (use template)



Institutional Leads & Presenters



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Dr. Tracy Skopek,
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Topic Overview: Financial Aid



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GRAYSON COLLEGE EXPERIENCE

- Transitioned Fall 2018
- Previously disbursed after 16-week census, then began disbursing prior to census after transitioning to 8-week model
 - Increase in Pell recalculations for non-attendance and decrease in all "F" R2T4 at end of the semester
- Currently disburse for all modules within days of census
 - We were disbursing prior to census, but after first day of classes
 - Adopting Follett ACCESS caused us to push this back
- We are still a Formula 1, semester-based school



THINGS TO CONSIDER

- Multiple drops for non-payment
- Disbursement calendar/when to disburse
 - Disburse for each individual module or disburse all up front then Pell recalculation if non-attendance in modules
- Bookstore availability
 - We have to leave ability to charge in bookstore open all semester long
- Payment Plans
 - Can have payment plan for 2nd 8-week only, but only 2 payments (50% down)

MORE THINGS TO CONSIDER

- Implement a way to capture drops prior to census but after 1st day of classes
- **Pell recalculation freeze date?**
 - If you adjust up, you must adjust down (enrollment status)
- **When do you run Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) for FA?**
 - We wait until all grades are posted at the end of 16-week term

RETURN TO TITLE IV (R2T4)



Best practice: module length needs to be at least 49% of semester

This allows R2T4 exemption, still must perform calculation



If student earns a passing grade in an 8-week module, but the module is not 49% or more of the countable days, R2T4 is still required and student may owe funds back to Institution



Successful course completions has increased.

Students who are unsuccessful in the 1st 8-weeks are less likely to return for 2nd 8-weeks.



VETERAN BENEFITS

- Registration in multiple modules MAY affect students' Monthly Housing Allowance (MHA) payment
 - To draw MHA, a student must be enrolled at least $\frac{1}{2}$ time per module, not semester
 - At least one of those classes must be in person or hybrid
- If a student is enrolled in 3 hours during the 1st 8-week and 3 hours in the 16-week, the VA sees this as less than $\frac{1}{2}$ time, so student would not be eligible for MHA payment
- Monetarily, it is better for students to either be all 16-week or only 8-week. Combing modules hurts the student



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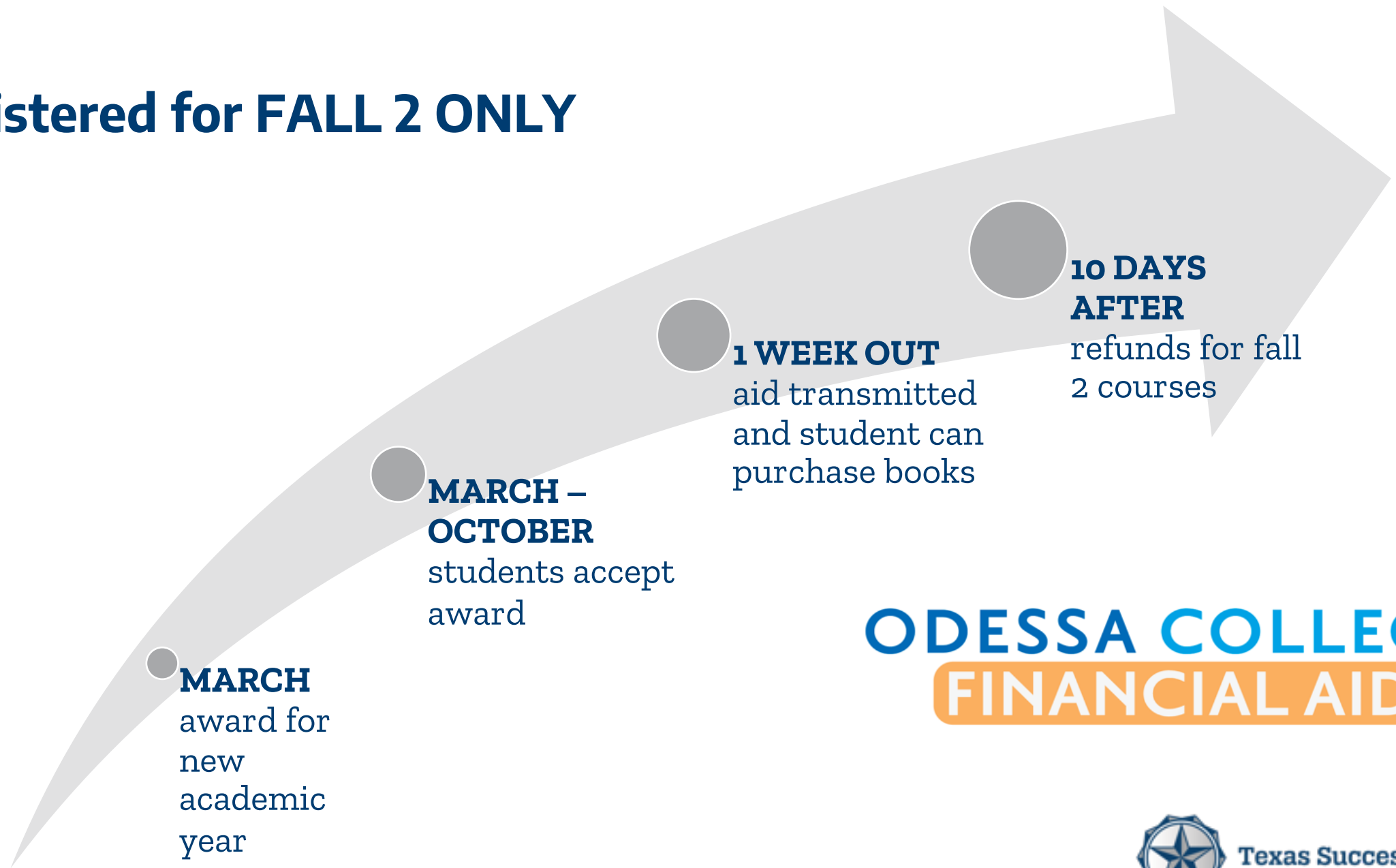
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registered for FALL 2 ONLY



MARCH
award for
new
academic
year

**MARCH –
OCTOBER**
students accept
award

1 WEEK OUT
aid transmitted
and student can
purchase books

**10 DAYS
AFTER**
refunds for fall
2 courses

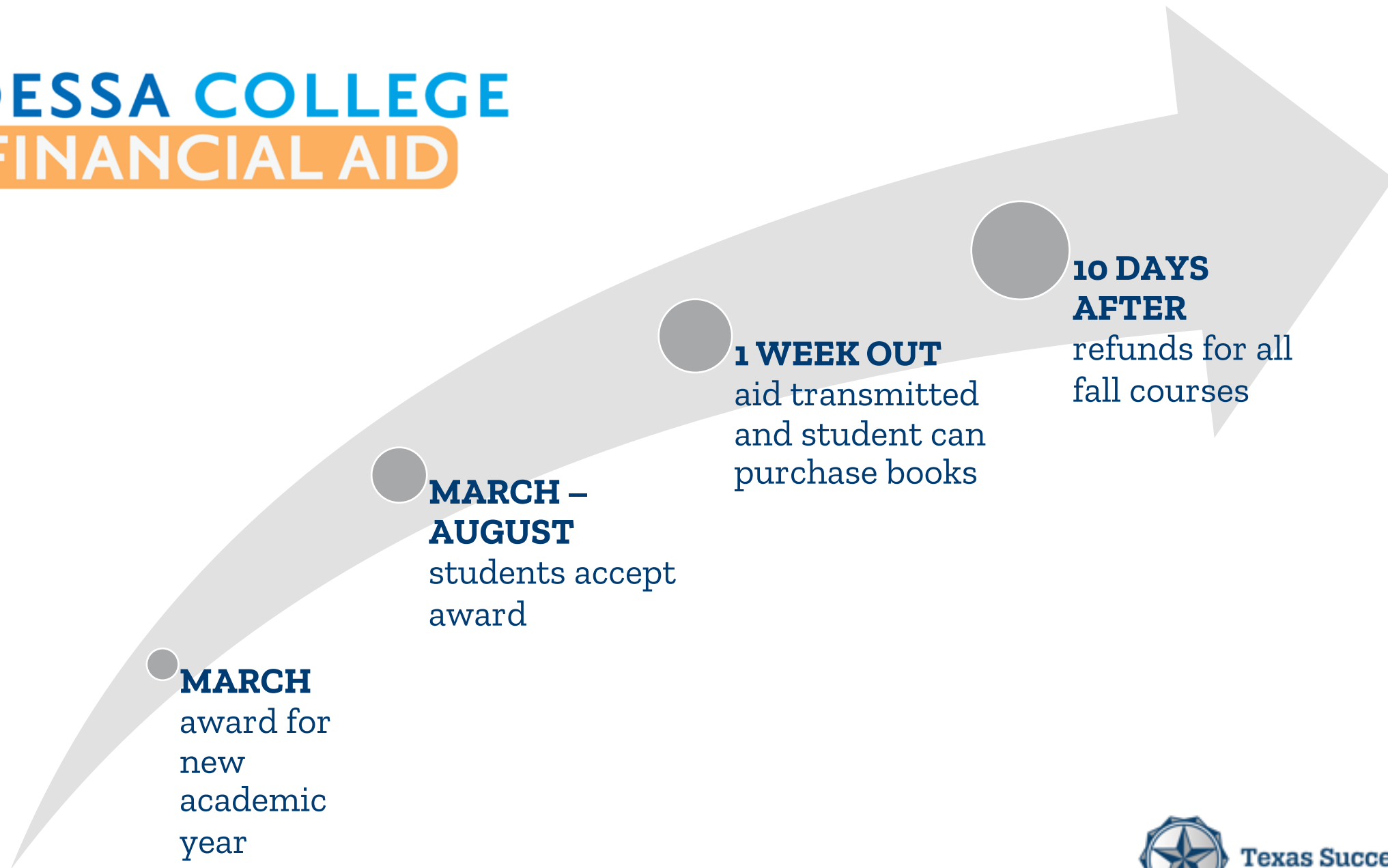
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concerns, considerations & success

- Register for semester and some leave before term 2
- Student Veterans
- Student Athletes
- International Students
- Financial like a paycheck
- Parts of term
- 12% decrease in RT4

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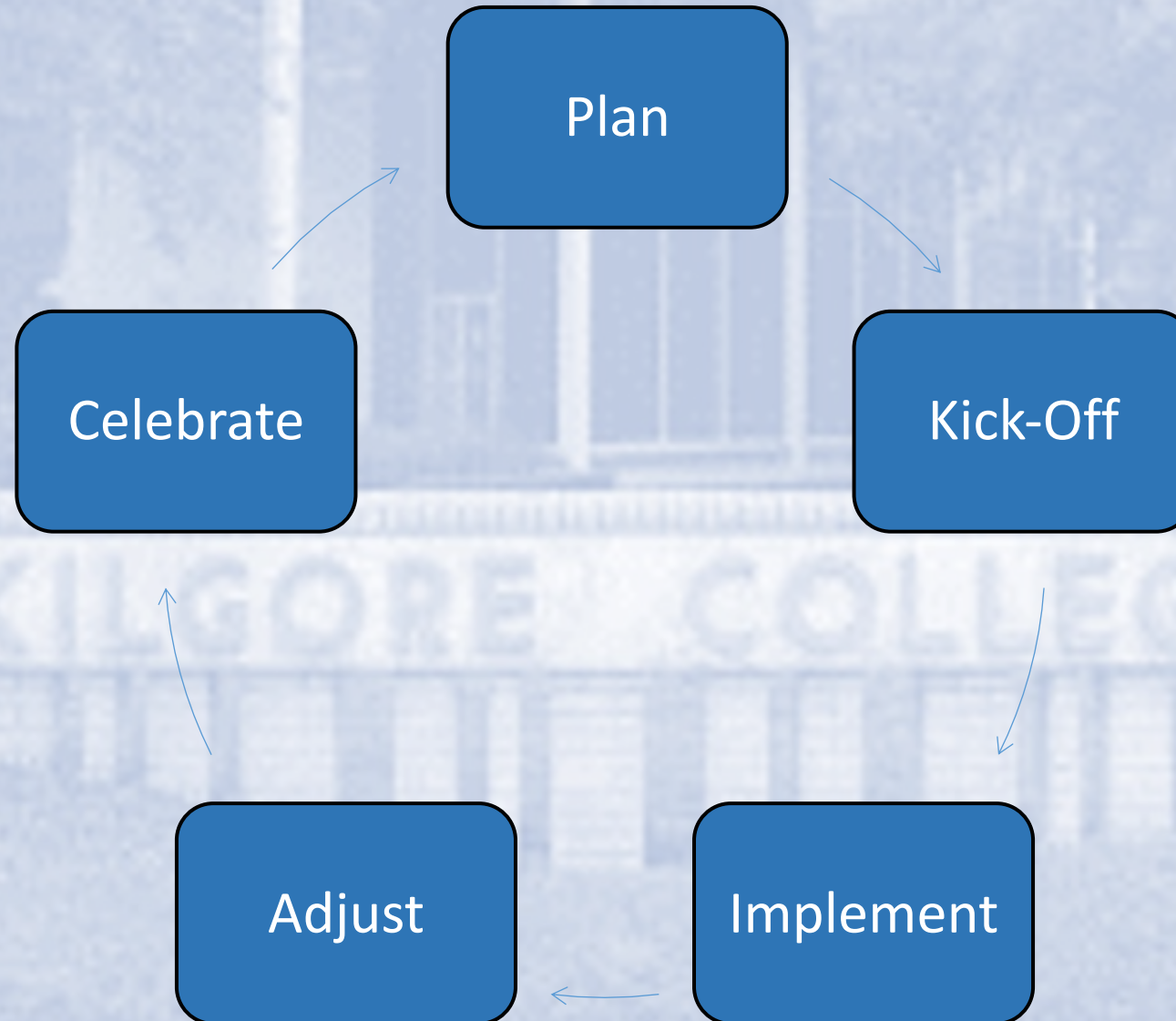
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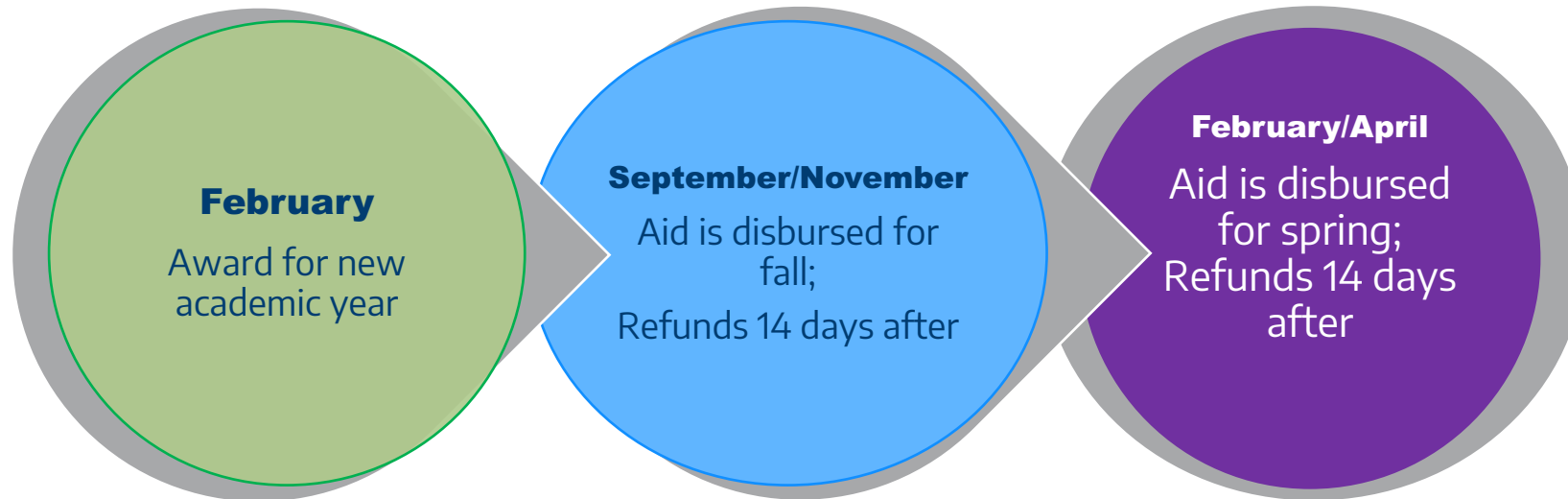


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KC Road to Success-2019



Kilgore College-Financial Aid



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Concerns and Success

- On-going process
- Software limitations mean we return Pell Grant funds frequently
- Financial aid does not allow a student to retake a course 2nd 8 weeks that was failed 1st 8 weeks
- SAP Appeal issues due to software
- FA students have to wait sometimes to purchase course materials (software)
- R2T4 has decreased 14.6% since 8 weeks began
- It takes a village
- Try and try again



Questions?

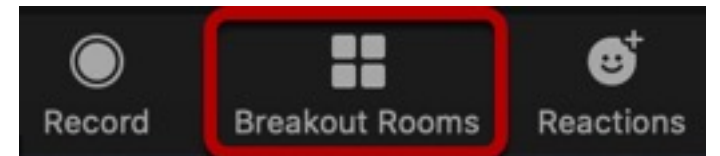


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Breakout Session: Q&A with Leader College



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* Select your designated Leader College

Save the Date



Webinar #2: Faculty Buy-In

12-1 PM (Central) September 9

Webinar #3: Dual Credit/Early College High School

12-1 PM (Central), October 5

Pre-Institute, Texas Pathways Institute

10 AM-1:30 PM (Central), November 14



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Resources

- Pre-Institute Workshop: [Transforming Culture and Adopting 8-week Terms to Improve Student Success](#), Odessa College, November 3, 2021
- Pre-Institute Workshop: [Implementing and Scaling 8-Week Terms](#) (PPT), Odessa College, Kilgore College, and Grayson College, April 6, 2022
- [Scaling 8-Week Terms](#) (PPT), Odessa College, April 7, 2022
- [8-Week Courses](#) (PPT), Kilgore College, April 7, 2022
- [TSC Events](#) Page: Recordings of each webinar will be posted



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