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Present

Deepening Students' Academic and Civic Engagement: The First College Year as Pivot

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For almost three decades, campuses have focused on first-year experience programs as a way to improve the retention and success of new college students. Excellent programs exist, but they could be strengthened by working in more institutionally cohesive ways to assure the success of all students.

Questions to explore include:

- Which academic strategies work best in the classroom to engage first-year students?
- How can civic engagement contribute to a first-year student's success?
- Who should be at the table to discuss comprehensive first-year engagement reform?
- What are the key institutional priorities in promoting greater academic and civic engagement in the first year?
- What role can students themselves play in advancing first-year reform?

This workshop will help faculty, administrators and staff think through the needs and interests of first-year students, exploring how academic and civic engagement strategies contribute to student success. Workshop attendees will leave with an action plan and ideas from other campuses on reforming the first year of college.



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