

Annual PUENTE Events

Fall:

- Hispanic Heritage Month Celebrations
- Student Retreat
- Mentor Training/Mixer
- Mentor Matching Dinner
- Noche de Familia
- University Field Trip
- Puente Christmas Dinner

Spring:

- Career/Transfer Workshops
- University Field Trip
- Cinco de Mayo Celebration
- End of Year Celebration

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PUENTE Mission:

The mission of the PUENTE Project is to increase the number of academically underserved students who want to:

- Transfer/enroll in four-year colleges and universities
- Earn college degrees
- Return to their communities as leaders and mentors

PUENTE History:

In response to low academic achievement rates among Mexican American and Latino students, Felix Galaviz, a counselor, and Patricia McGrath, an English Instructor, at Chabot Community College in Hayward, CA. founded Puente in 1981.

They observed three key patterns:

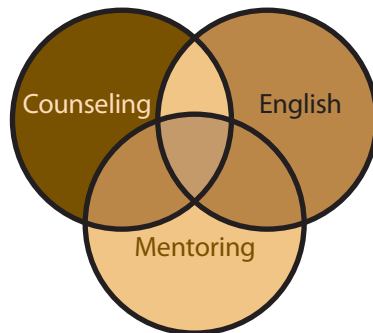
1. Students avoiding academic counseling
2. Students were not enrolling in college-level writing courses
3. Students were the first in their families to attend college



As a result, the Puente model emerged comprising three components:

1. rigorous language arts instruction
2. sustained academic counseling
3. mentoring by members of the professional community

The PUENTE Model



Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM):

A priority of the STEM grant is to expand and enhance educational opportunities for students in the STEM fields. As partners, PUENTE and Lee College invite you to explore:

- College tours
- Cultural activities
- Linked classes with an emphasis in Latino Studies
- One-to-one college course planning based on your STEM major
- Mentors who can share real life experiences and may be first-generation graduates themselves



PUENTE Courses:

There are two cohorts that are part of the Lee College Puente program. The cohorts are as follows:

Cohort 1

Fall

ENRD: Integrated Writing II and Advanced College Reading
–and–
LSSS 300: Learning Strategies for Success

Spring

ENGL 1301: English Composition I
–and–
HUMA 1305: Introduction to Mexican American Studies

Cohort 2

Fall

ENGL 1301: English Composition I
–and–
EDUC 1300: Learning Framework

Spring

ENGL 1302: English Composition II
–and–
HUMA 1305: Introduction to Mexican American Studies

*** Cohort placement will be based on the test scores according to the Texas Core Curriculum ***