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Envisioning the Next Bioscience Workforce:  
A Summit on Industry Trends and Needs  
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## Pathways Mini-Panel

**John Carrese, Moderator**

Tuesday, June 27, 2023

11:45 AM -12:15 PM



# Pathways



Highlighting innovative pathway models that bring students into biotechnology programs.

- **Guy Hamilton, Ph.D.**, Executive Dean of Workforce and STEM, Shoreline Community College, Washington
- **Ted Szczawinski**, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Passaic County Technical-Vocational Schools, New Jersey
- **Andria Denmon, Ph.D.**, Program Lead, Biotechnology, Associate Professor, Life Sciences; Cell Biology, Evolution, Genetics & Molecular Biology, Santa Monica College, California
- **Michael Fuller**, Pathways Lead and Program Manager, Bay Area Biotechnology Education Community (BABEC), California

# Shoreline CC - Essentials of Biomanufacturing Dual Credit High School Training program



- Course outcomes and assessment methods developed in partnership with High School CTE programs and Bristol Meyers Squibb, Seagen and AGC
- High school juniors recruited using extensive High School teacher network develop through Biotech outreach program
- Looking for students not necessarily interested in a 4-year STEM degree
- Students enroll via running start (dual credit) in one 3 credit Biomanufacturing Lab course per quarter – NO need to rearrange a full senior year schedule of classes

# Shoreline CC - Essentials of Biomanufacturing High School Training program



- Courses held at the AGC Biologics Biomanufacturing training site.
- Industry Partners - Parse Bioscience, NovoNordisk, Fred Hutch, Nanostring, AGC Biologics provide:
  - Students matched with industry mentors for the length of the program
  - Guest lecturers and lab tours
- Students earn Basics of Biomanufacturing Certificate and credits towards the Biotech Lab Technician AAAS degree

# Shoreline CC - Essentials of Biomanufacturing High School Training program – Fred Hutch



- High School students complete 2 paid internships at Fred Hutch
  - 1<sup>st</sup> internship between Junior and Senior year
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> internship between Senior year and 1<sup>st</sup> year at Shoreline
- Senior year, students enroll in running start courses to prepare for 1 year Biotech credential at Shoreline
- 1-year credential will articulate to the AAAS Biotech Lab Technician Degree

# Shoreline CC - Essentials of Biomanufacturing High School Training program – Summary



- Develop relationships with aligned high school programs
- Design lower credit courses college course that function as an onramp to a credential or degree
- Engage with industry to design course outcomes and assessments
- Involve industry HR, College Foundation, Marketing and Outreach in process
- Program expansion – 8 students in 2021 cohort, 24 students in Fall 2023



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# BIOTECH

Early  
College  
Option

Ted Szczawinski

Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Passaic  
County Technical-Vocational Schools, New Jersey



# The Vision

- In 2017, the 21 county vocational school districts in New Jersey were unable to meet the needs of 17,000 students who sought enrollment but could not be accepted due to a lack of facilities.
- On November 6, 2018, the voters approved a general obligation bond issuance for the Securing our Children's Future Initiative.
- Our unmet need for Life Sciences programs in 2019 was 800.
- We will be able to support 150-200 students per year, our first cohort will be 150.
- Dual enrollment funding will utilize a combination of local district funds and grants received through the community college





# The Bond

- The Securing Our Children’s Future Bond Act funds Career and Technical Education (CTE) expansion projects at county vocational school districts (CVSD) and county colleges in New Jersey.
- Offering one or more of the following; High School Diploma and College Associate Degree, Pre-apprenticeship and Industry Credential attainment for students in high-skilled, high wage, high-demand career pathways.
- Strengthening the relationship between PCTVS & PCCC by connecting both institutions.



# Project Funding

- Seventy-Five - percent (75%) of the project's \$25 million-dollar cost is funded by the State of New Jersey from the bond legislation funding.
- Twenty-Five - percent (25%) of the project's cost will be provided through a County bond issued by our Passaic County Commissioners.



# PROJECT COLLABORATORS





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Grade 9: Freshman	PCCC Course	Associate Credits Earned
<b>Biotech</b> CTE Level I (100 Minutes): Intro to Biotech / Laboratory Operations / IVC (CASE Curriculum)		
English I		
Algebra I or Geometry		
Biology / (PA) Biology I & II*	Biology I & II*	8
World Language I		
World History		
Physical Education/Health		





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Grade 10: Sophomore	PCCC Course	Associate Credits Earned
Biotech CTE Level II (100 Minutes): Selected Topics in Science, Intro to Supply Chain Mgmt/ Certified Production Technician (NJMEP Pre-Apprenticeship	Selected Topics in Science	3
English II		
Algebra II / Geometry		
Chemistry / Chemistry I & II*	Chemistry I & II*	8
World Language II		
Physical Education		
Intro to Psychology/ Sociology	Intro to Psychology/ Sociology	3





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Grade 11: Junior	PCCC Course	Associate Credits Earned
Biotech CTE Level III (100 Minutes): Applications of Biotech - Cell, Micro & Genetics*	Cell, Micro & Genetics*	12
English III*	COMP I*	3
Algebra II/ Calculus*/ Business Calc* /AP Calculus AB/BC	Calculus*	4
Elective		
U.S. History I & II / (PA) History I & II*	History I & II*	6
Physical Education/Health		
College Learning Strategies*	College Success*	2





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Grade 12: Senior	PCCC Course	Associate Credits Earned
Biotech CTE Level IV (140 Minutes): Organic Chemistry I & II* for Biotechnology	Organic Chemistry I & II*	8
English IV / COMP II*	COMP II*	3
Elective		
Elective		
Elective		
Physical Education/Health		
		<b>60</b>





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# Creating an Equity-Centered Biotechnology Program: From Concept to Action

Andria P. Denmon, PhD., Santa  
Monica Community College





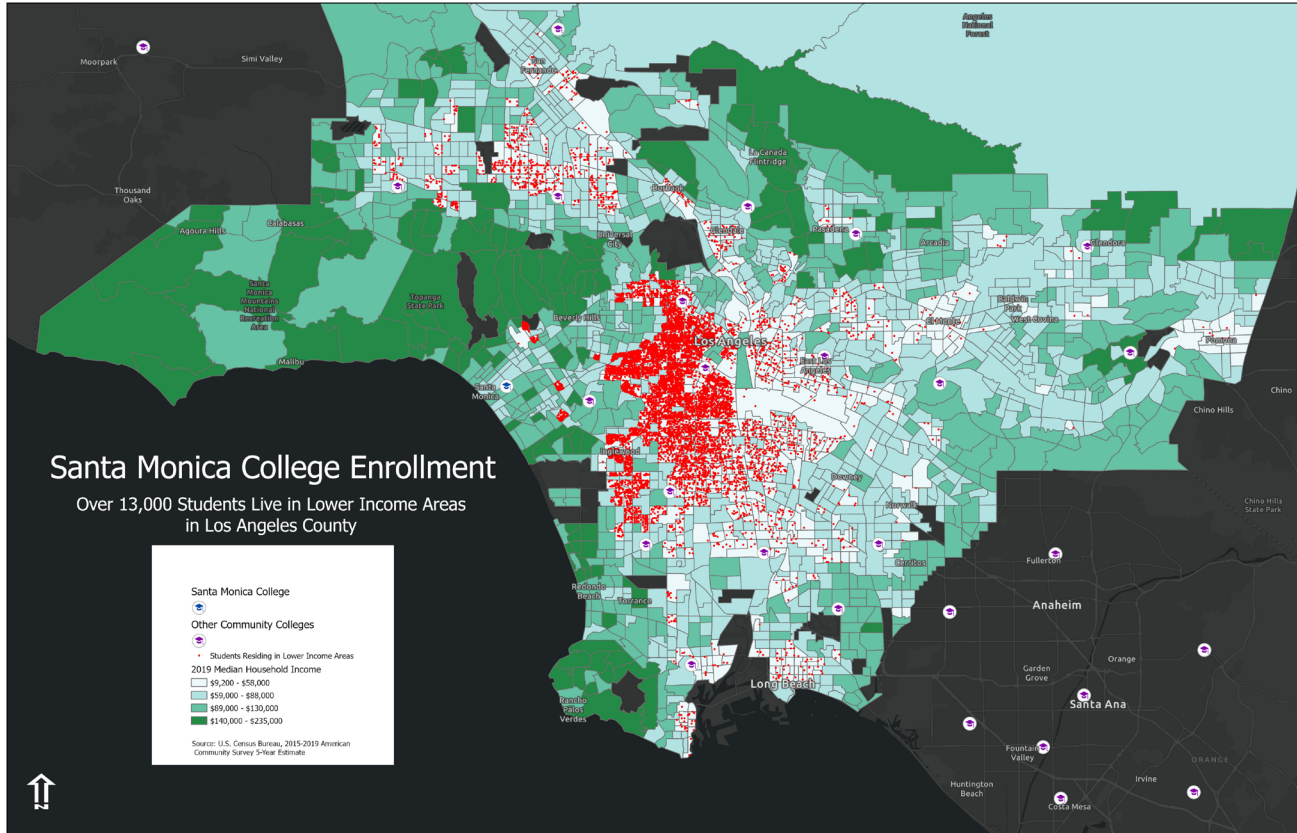
# Actualizing Equity

**“Equality is leaving the door open for anyone who has the means to approach it; equity is ensuring there is a pathway to that door for those who need it.”**

*–Caroline Belden*



# Know Who You Plan to Serve



# Learn What Students Need



**Develop relationships  
built on trust**



**Create safe spaces for  
focus groups**



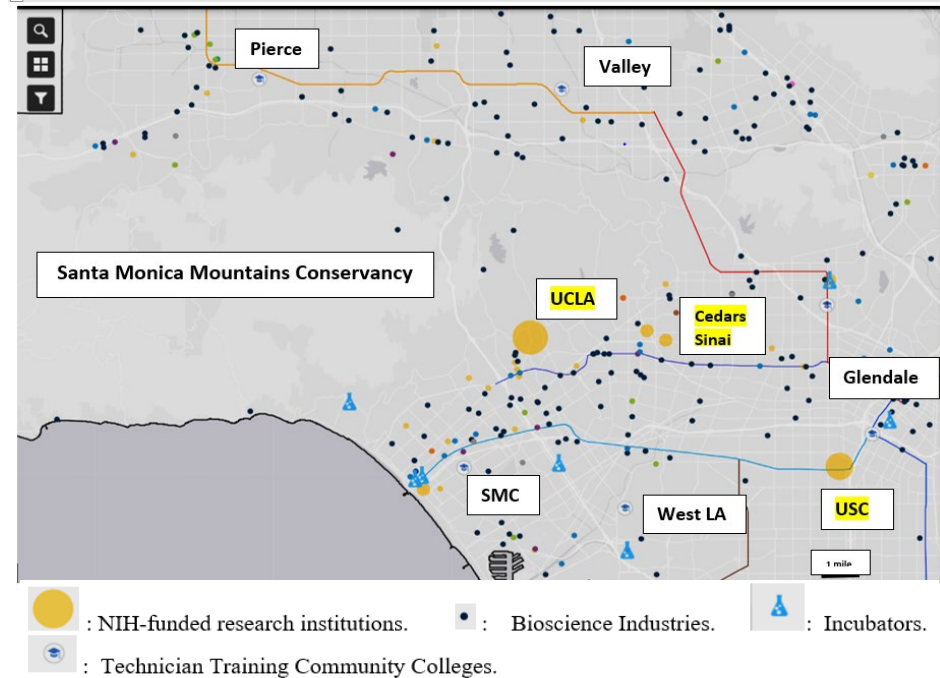
**Follow up with surveys**

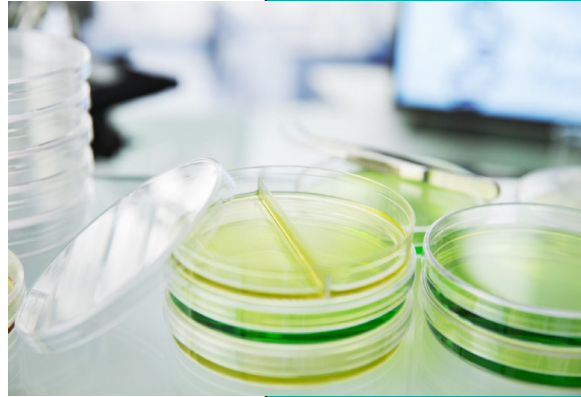


**Provide updates on the  
outcomes generated by  
student input**

# Know Your Industry Partners

- Identify partners within your student service radius
- Work with HR
- Understand the impact of paid internships on student financial aid
- Discuss eligibility for DACA and system impacted students
- Advocate for accessibility





Thank  
You!



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## Strategies for recruiting High School students to Community College Biotechnology Programs

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# High School Recruitment Goals

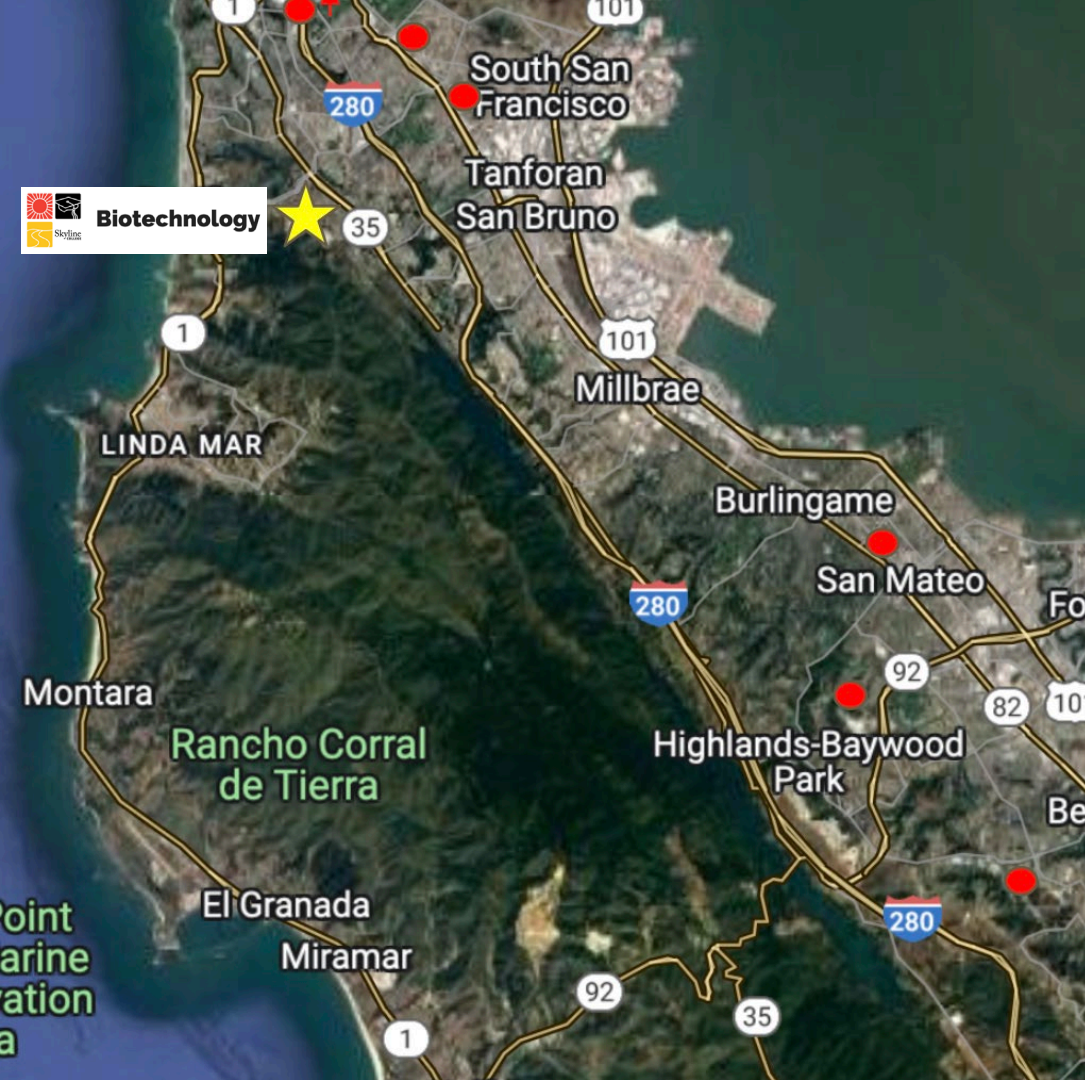
- Increase the # of Dual Enrollment Biotech students matriculating from partner high schools by 50%
- Increase the # of Underrepresented Minority (URM)\* students enrolled in Biotechnology courses at Skyline by 25%

*\*UCSF Office of Diversity and Outreach "...racial or ethnic makeup is one of the following: African American/Black. Asian: Filipino, Hmong, or Vietnamese only. Hispanic / Latinx."*



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## Participating High Schools with Dual/Enrollment Biotechnology



- Gateway HS\*
- El Camino HS\*
- South San Francisco HS\*
- San Mateo HS
- Carlmont HS
- Aragon HS

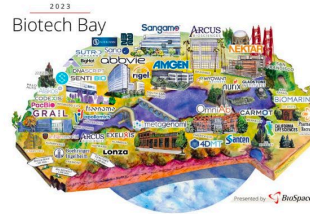
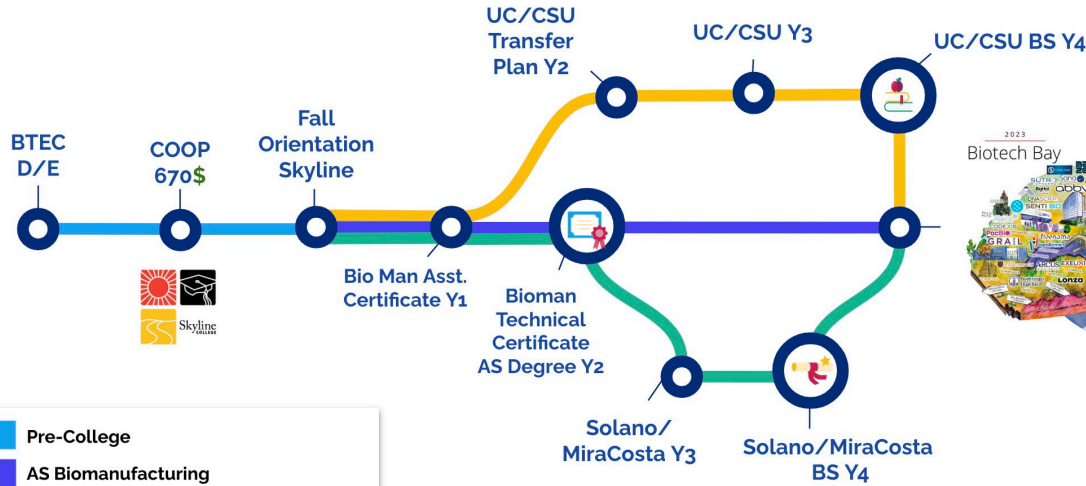
**\*Recruitment focus on 3 schools closest in proximity, Title I and/or URM population**



# Editable Tube Graphic



## Biotechnology

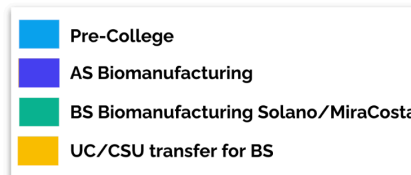


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<span style="color: yellow;">■</span>	UC/CSU transfer for BS

# First year semester schedule samples



## Biotechnology



### Sample Semester 1 Schedule



Course Name	Units
<b>BTEC 400-</b> Foundations of Biotechnology	2
<b>ENGL 100-</b> Composition	3
<b>COUN 100-</b> College Success	3
<b>CHEM 210-</b> General Chem I	5

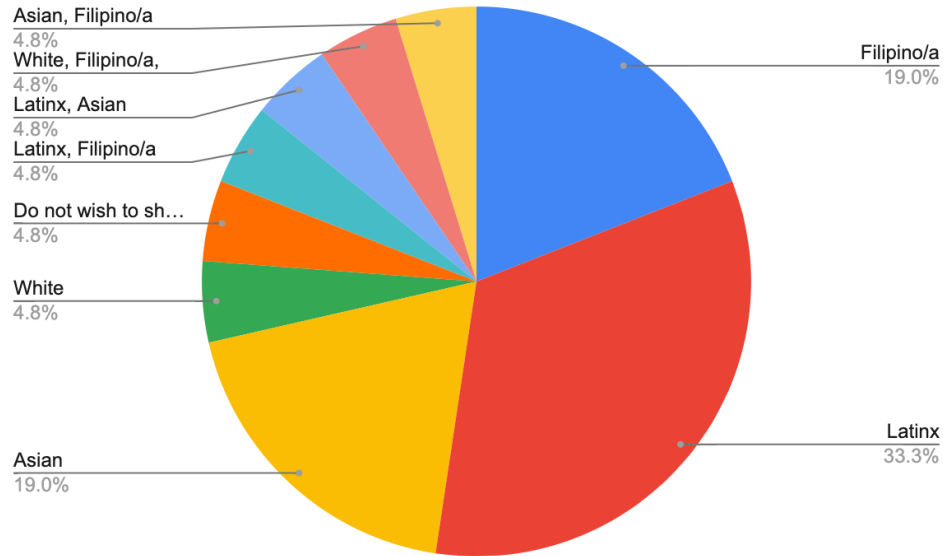
### Sample Semester 2 Schedule



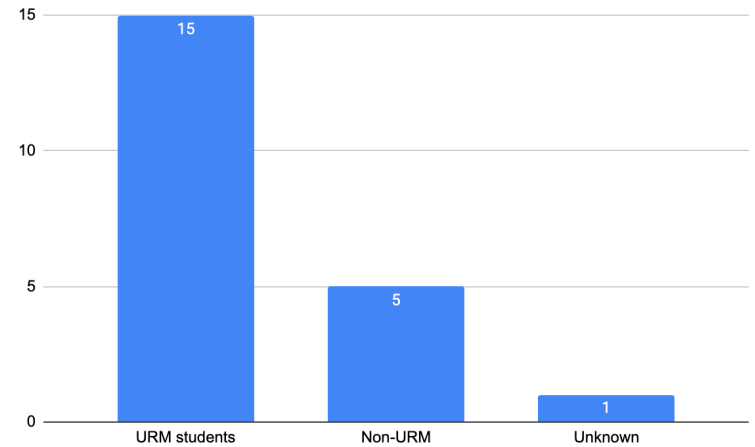
Course Name	Units
<b>BTEC 170-</b> Principles of Applied Biosciences	3
<b>BTEC 171-</b> Lab Principles of Applied Biosciences	1
<b>Math 200-</b> Elementary Probability & Statistics	3
<b>BIOL 215-</b> Organismal Biology: Core I	5

# Summer Biotech COOP 670 Enrollment

## Self Identified Ethnicity (n=21)



## URM Population (n=21)



# Suggested Recruitment Strategies



**Provide choice to students & families. Transferring to earn a 4 year degree should be included in addition to Certifications and AS degrees. SHOW them what this might look like.**

**Seek out multiple touch points with students throughout high school. One time events (fairs, career days) are a start but try to pair with direct outreach in classrooms---doing hands on labs can help.**

**Internships, apprenticeships, are greatly discussed topics across ATE disciplines right now. Paying students to participate in a field that many are unfamiliar with (or may not feel welcome), can bring immediate value to career options like biotechnology.**

# Audience Questions for the Panelists (4 min.)



# Questions for State Teams to Discuss (10 min.)



1. Is there a similar unmet need in your state?
2. What resonated for you in the mini-panel presentation?
3. How can you bolster/develop new pathway programs in your state to bring more students into biotechnology programs?