

# Give Transfer Students a Compass

## San José State University

### *Goal*

To promote a meaningful and successful educational experience for transfer students through:

- Focus on LEAP Essential Learning Outcomes
- Increased participation in high-impact practices

### *Strategy*

A “Transfer-Year Experience” in partnership with Evergreen Valley College (community college), especially with EOP students. Key components include:

- English composition course emphasizing liberal education themes before transfer
- Peer mentoring before/after transfer
- Expanded advising before/after transfer
- Co-curricular activities before/after transfer
- Common courses after transfer

### *High-impact practices*

The project involves the following “high-impact practices”:

- Modified “first-year experience”
- Service-learning project: “Writing Partners”
- Learning community across semesters
- Common intellectual experience
- Increased awareness of opportunities to participate in other high-impact practices, such as study abroad, internships, and capstones

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