

Queensborough Community College Grant: Latino STEM Support Network (LSSN)Early Alert



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- IBM Latino Early Alert System
- Blackboard Screen display
- Database Screen displays
- Next Steps



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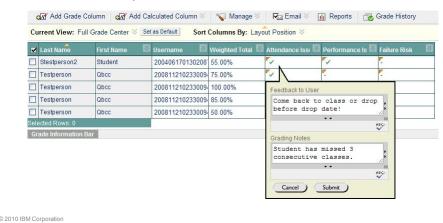
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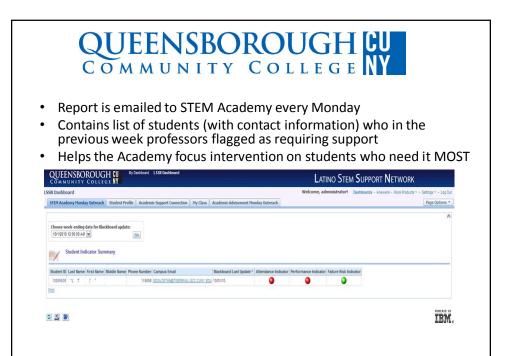
- GOAL: Support Latinos in the STEM curricula via \$250K of IBM supplied technology and services
 - Grant focuses on Latino students; solution will impact ALL students within the identified STEM courses; projected to support entire QCC campus
- Services/technology targets:
 - Increasing retention and graduation of Latino students in STEM curricula
 - Providing earlier identification and support for students in need
 - Offering automated insight into the classroom

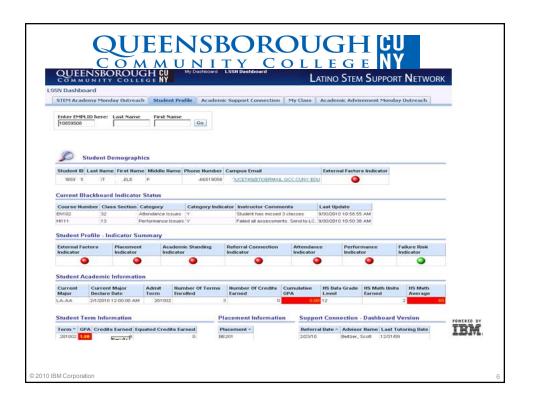
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- All risk factors are in easy-to-navigate columns in Blackboard
- Instructors add comments/make weekly updates to flag students
- Flags and comments flow into LSSN system weekly for intervention reports







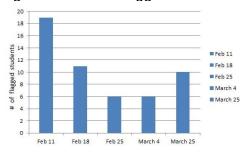


- This report lists students who have been flagged as being referred to tutoring but who have not received services
 - Report used for follow up with the student to determine why the student didn't receive support



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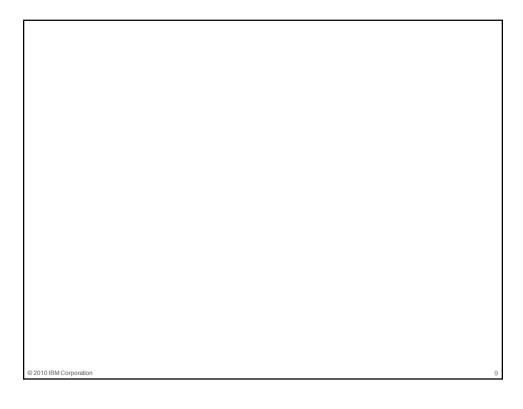
- Evaluation of the Pilot
 - Tracking the number of flagged students over time



student overlap?

Out of 19 flagged students at the start (on Feb. 11), only 2 remained flagged at the end (on March 25)

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- Students were very receptive when they were notified about missing assignments, not attending classes, and poor test/ quiz grades.
- Appreciated hearing from someone who was outside of the classroom to help them get back on the right path.
- As a result of the interaction with student, they felt motivated to go for tutoring, and speak with their professor to get caught up with missing assignments and tests.
- Once initial contact was made with the student, follow up appointment was made with student to discuss if there was improvement in the course, continued use of tutoring services and to determine whether or not student should withdraw.

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- Withdrawal success rate 69%
 - Out of 16 students flagged by faculty with withdrawal recommendation, 11 withdrew (thus, avoiding F or WU grade by the end of semester)
- Experimental-control group end-of-semester evaluation is in progress
 - Student satisfaction surveys; GPA and withdrawal rate comparisons
- Faculty surveys
 - all 6 respondents recommended college-wide implementation (one responded recommended implementation only for core requirement classes)

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- Spring 2011 Semester Completed
- IRB Approval for system pilot (early January)
 - Train faculty on LSSN (early January)
 - Pilot LSSN in 10 STEM classes (January June 2011)
 - Measure system effectiveness (January -June 2011)
 - Modify LSSN based on faculty feedback (Jan June 2011)
 - Publish results
- Fall 2011 Semester Completed
 - Deploy LSSN campus-wide to all classes, Freshmen Academies and Academic Advisement (September 2011)
 - Determine potential release to CUNY

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