



## Gateway to College Early College High School At Riverside City College



### At A Glance...

- Located on the campus of Riverside City College, Gateway to College is a California public charter school.
- Gateway to College empowers youth, 16 – 20 years, who have dropped out of high school or are not on track to graduate to earn a diploma and dual credit in a supportive college environment.
- After successful completion of the first term college preparatory experience, students transition to classes with the college's general (adult) population.
- Highlighted school-to-career pathways include Automotive Technologies, Logistics and Manufacturing.

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Gateway to College students learn how to succeed in an educational setting, under the guidance of a caring team of instructors and student support specialists with experience and interest in at-risk youth. In their first term, students take foundational courses as part of a learning community. This experience builds their academic and personal skills, preparing them for college courses with the general student population. During the Foundation term, students take reading, writing, math, information competencies, plus a college survival and success class where students learn how to take effective notes, study for tests, and juggle school, work, and family life. After completing the Foundation term, students take a career development class to help them focus their academic goals and select a major. They also begin taking classes on the comprehensive campus.

Gateway to College is changing lives. Students who had little chance of even graduating from high school are earning their diplomas and succeeding in college. They are pursuing college degrees and challenging careers. In short, they are reinventing themselves for their future.

Gateway to College was developed at Portland Community College in Portland, Oregon and is now operating in 24 community colleges nationwide. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the WalMart Foundation have supported Gateway to College as an exemplary educational model helping our most vulnerable youth, whom teachers, administrators, and parents have often written off as failures, to gain solid footing on a path to real academic success.

**School-to-Career Pathways!** Each term Gateway to College provides activities (including field trips), presentations and academic planning to enroll students in one of RCC's many school-to-career pathways. Gateway to College highlights school-to-career pathways in Automotive Technologies, Logistics Management, and Manufacturing Technology to students interested in earning all of the following: High School Diploma, industry certification, and the RCC Associate's Degree in Science (A.S.).

Gateway to College will continue to enroll up to 100 new students per semester. Orientations and selection for spring 2010 will begin October 6, 2009. For further information, please contact Gateway to College Early College High School at (951) 222-8934 or (951) 222-8931 and visit our website at <http://www.rcc.edu/services/workforce/gateway.cfm>