NAPA VALLEY COLLEGE RECEIVES $2.9 MILLION HSI GRANT

Thanks to the efforts of Robin Darcangelo, senior dean, student affairs, Napa Valley College has received a competitive $2.9 million Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI) grant from the U.S. Department of Education. The five-year grant will fund the Caminos al Éxito Project (Pathways to Success), changing the ways students experience their first year at Napa Valley College. Building on the success of a previous HSI grant initiative that supported Project RISE, the project will support development of culturally relevant practices among faculty and staff to best serve the college’s growing Latinx community.

The intent of the grant is to encourage, recruit and retain LatinX and first-generation students, and economically disadvantaged students to attend Napa Valley College. The grant will develop first-year Experience Programs and encourage students who typically shy away from Math and Science to pursue STEM careers. Chris Farmer will be the Senior Manager of Caminos al Éxito Title V HSI-Grant project.

More than 45 percent of the college’s student population identifies as Hispanic/Latinx, and nearly 47 percent are the first in their family to attend college. This is the third HSI-funded proposal in NVC history since the college became a Hispanic-Serving Institution in 2008.