CSU Graduation Initiative Symposium 2025
Only 9% of students from under-resourced communities earn a bachelor’s degree by their mid 20s.
MyCoach Mobile App
6-Year Persistence Rate

85%
We are still having the same conversation about student success.
Our students are creative, resourceful, and whole. Let’s stop using deficit-based models; let’s acknowledge their perseverance and see them as assets.
Our students’ journeys are not linear; they experience college in modes. The game-changer is not “time” but comprehensive support and guidance.
We need both – human and tech solutions – if we want ALL students to succeed. Humans can’t scale and apps can’t empathize.
Systems achieve the outcomes they are designed to achieve. Our education system isn’t broken; it was intentionally built to open the path of opportunity to a select few.
At 38 U.S. Colleges

More students come from the top 1%...

... than from the entire bottom 60%
Income Gains at the Top Dwarf Those of Low- and Middle-Income Households

Percent change in income since 1979

1979 2015

Top 1%

Everyone else
Shift from education for graduation and economic mobility, to education for LIBERATION.
What is the ONE thing you can do to ensure that one of your students isn’t standing on this stage in 23 years sharing a story like mine or Yesenia’s?
Thanks!

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