NORTHWEST VISTA COLLEGE
2015-2018 STRATEGIC PLAN

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Mission:

Northwest Vista College creates opportunities for success by offering quality academic, technical and life-long learning experiences to its diverse communities in a collaborative, student-centered, data informed and shared leadership environment.

Purpose:

As a Hispanic Serving Institution, Northwest Vista College fulfills its mission by offering the following:

- Transfer education designed to provide students with the first two years of the bachelor’s degree
- General education courses in the liberal arts and sciences to support all college degree programs
- Career preparation provided through workforce programs to prepare students for immediate employment
- Developmental studies for students to bring their basic skills to a level appropriate for college work
- Continuing education, including a variety of enrichment, training, licensure, and professional programs
- Academic and student support services for all students, including those with special needs, that include comprehensive advising and monitoring, high-quality learning resources, assessment, counseling, tutoring, and financial assistance
- Academic co-curricular activities and social and cultural activities, and information literacy

Vision for Learning:

To become responsible members of our world community, we create exemplary models for:

- Learning to Be…
- Learning to Work…
- Learning to Serve…
- Learning to Lead…

Together.
Values:

The members of the Alamo Colleges are committed to building individual and collective character through the following set of share values in order to fulfill our vision and mission.

- Students First
- Respect for All
- Community-Engaged
- Collaboration
- Can-do Spirit
- Data-Informed

Strategic Objectives and Goals

Strategic Objective I: Completion – Promote degree and certificate completion to support student and community success.

Strategy I.A Strategic Student Support – Develop infrastructure and services to support students from pre-enrollment through certificate, degree completion or transfer.

Organizational Action Plan I.A.1 – Students Support from Connection to Completion

1. Explore and cultivate new relationships to expand prospective student outreach. (Connection)

2. Each student will obtain advising to support and verify appropriate degree plan for their institute, career and transfer goals before completion of 15 hours. (Entry)

3. Each student will receive faculty mentoring following completion of 30 hours. (Progress)

4. Reduce time to completion and credit hours to completion. (Completion)

Strategic Objective II: Learning – Enhance engagement and success for all.

Strategy II.A Learning Quality and Effectiveness – Enhance curriculum, teaching, and learning models to improve student learning outcomes.
Organizational Action Plan II.A.1 – Quality and Effectiveness of Teaching and Learning.

1. Finalize and implement the Quality Enhancement plan.

2. Expand engagement in Active & Collaborative Learning instructional techniques appropriate for academic rigor and enhanced learning.

3. Develop and implement a plan to fully utilize resources for faculty and staff professional development.

4. Provide opportunities for student engagement and leadership development in co-curricular activities.

Strategic Objective III: Sustainability – InFUSE Continuous Quality Improvement to support the NVC mission.

Strategy III.A High Performance and Continuous Improvement – Fully embrace and celebrate a culture of continuous improvement.

Organizational Action Plan III.A.1 – Quality Enhancement and Institutional Effectiveness

1. Create opportunities to share, recognize, and celebrate the effectiveness of our practices.

2. Integrate systematic cycles of measurement and improvement.

Strategy III.B Community Partnership and Engagement – Collaboratively engage surrounding community in the fulfillment NVC mission

Organizational Action Plan III.B.1 – Community Partnerships and Engagement

1. Grow partnerships to include Alamo, business, social, civic, governmental and education entities.

2. Integrate systematic cycles of measurement and improvement for Community and Public Service.

3. Create opportunities to share, recognize, and celebrate our engagement with our communities.