

Environmental Scan

Good to Great April 2021



ALAMO COLLEGES DISTRICT
St. Philip's College



Social

- Continuous re-evaluation of advocacy/increasing advocacy-related needs (i.e. domestic violence, safety, food, housing costs and insecurities)
- Immigration contingencies
- Emergency Readiness and Contingency Planning
- Remote and Social distancing trends
- Family obligation & challenges for students
- Impact of national health crisis/safety factors when students return
- Part-time student requirements; shorter time to completion, alternative course schedules
- Mental health awareness and support, higher incidents of anxiety
- Preparedness and needs of diverse multi-generational incoming learners



Economic

- Increasing financial needs of adult students related to major life changes
- Economic uncertainty and the impact of pandemic
- Living wage contingencies
- Human resources to address remote learning capacity
- High unemployment due to COVID-19
- Lack of funding due to contact hours/state reimbursement funding
- San Antonio has the highest poverty rate of the largest 25 US cities (US Census Bureau)
- AlamoPromise
- Gentrification
- Increasing college tuition and operating costs; i.e. free tuition, Early College and Dual Credit expense, decrease federal and state contribution



Technological

- Equitable WiFi/digital divide
- Hardware/software access for staff and students
- Cybersecurity measures to combat security threats with virtual learning/working
- Access to resources for students and employees
- Increased employee training for remote learning through technology tools
- Technological challenges for career and technology programs
- Training technology with working in Word/Google classroom
- LMS for ISD partners in relationship to SPC's LMS
- Increased technology needs/infrastructure and faculty/staff training opportunities
- Overall technological capability and capacity
- Business continuity plans
- Virtual reality experiential learning



Regulatory

- Un-funded student success mandates
- SB 1882, which creates the oversight of under-performing K-12 districts
- Addition of SB 212 that requires college employees to report sexual assault
- Risk Management/emergency preparedness response to a pandemic or natural disaster
- Tracking the CARES ACT regulatory requirements
- WHO/CDC/San Antonio Metro Health
- CPOS implications
Texas code funding (student service fee)
- 6-course drop rule
- SACSCOC and Programmatic Accreditation criteria
- Licensing for Workforce Programs