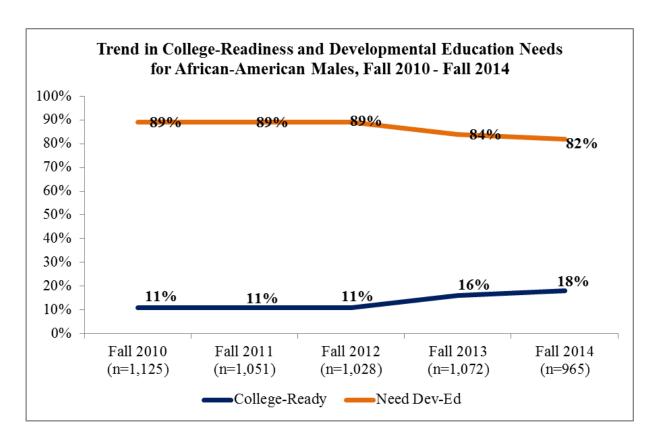


## **Background and Context**

In 2000, CCBC first identified achievement gaps between African American and white students



Scaled the orientation course for African American males in 2010



### How did we get here?

- CCBC established four initiatives for student success designed to touch large numbers of students.
- Contextualized learning in ACDV 101 A course built on sound evidence to support student success.



**2012**Contextualized
Learning
Experiences

**2013**AAC&U Roadmap Project

**MENS Academy** 

2014

Part I.

All in – Making the Grade

**2016**Network for Scholars

**2015**All in – Making the Grade Part II.

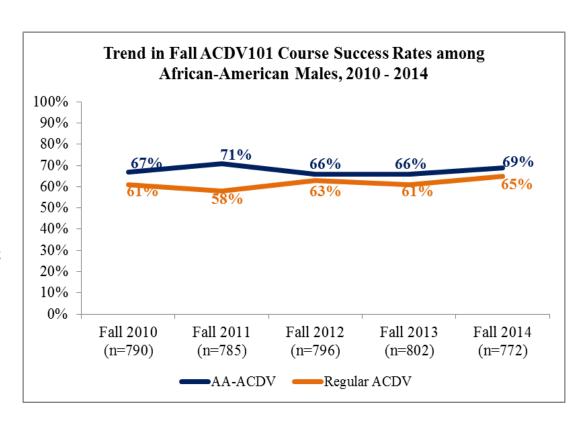
2010 ACDV for males



## **Academic Development for African American Males**

#### **Course Benefits**

- · Peer mentoring development
- Social Capital development
- Character Strengths workshops
- Accelerated English and Reading LC
- Direct conversations
- Building learning strategies

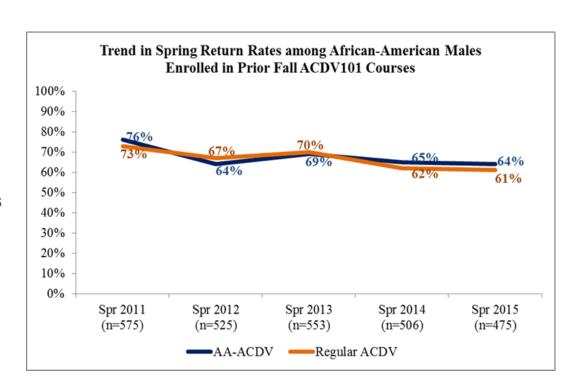


Student affairs professionals must develop out of the experience of African Americans, workable theories of student development. When traditional theories are used in working with Black students, conclusions are often reached that are not accurate" (McEwen, et al., 1990, p.134).

# **Academic Development for African American Males**

#### **Course Benefits**

- Intrusive academic advising
- Engage in a network of mentors
- Interact with other success focused students
- Focus referral to support services
- Guided career exploration and planning



<sup>&</sup>quot;Make connections between the reality of their lives and learning experiences in the classroom" (Kuh, et al., 2006).

## Extending the Contextualized ACDV 101 Course to High School – Audience and Instructional Content

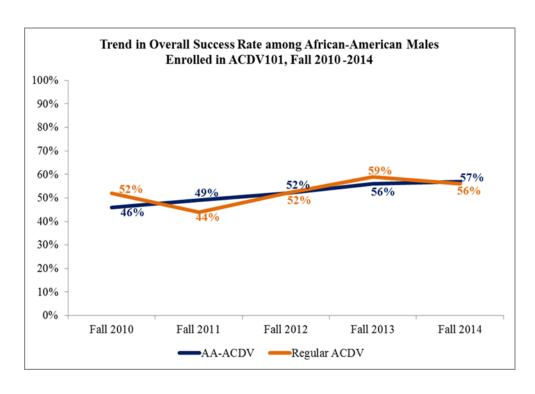
#### Woodlawn HS - Fall 2015

85% African American – 80% Graduation rate 6% Latino – 50 % graduation rate 6% Asian – 88% graduation rate

82% free or reduced lunch

#### **Course Focus & Engagement**

- Foster academic mindsets
- Provide an early staff connection at college
- Introduce students to the realities of life on campus for men of color
- Positive messaging (validation)



## **Contextualized Learning Experience**

#### Accelerated learning

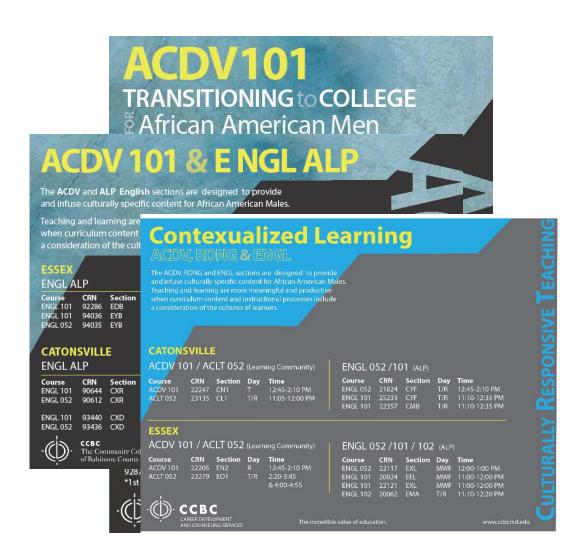
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- AMP

#### Contextualized sections

- English
- Reading

#### Other instructional areas considerations

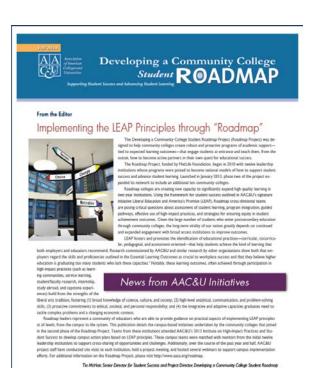
- Health
- African American Studies
- Math



### **AAC&U Roadmap Project** Minority Male Community College Collaborative

#### Male Engagement Network of Scholars (MENS)

- Pre-college institute
- Accelerated English and reading
- Cultural Responsive Practices (CRP)
- Peer mentoring development
- Career counseling component





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Operation 100%, or, Completion by

### Community College Survey of Men (CCSM)

- African American males enrolled in contextualized orientation course
- Address persistence and college completion
- 15 sections, enrollment of 300 students (Fall 2013),153 survey respondents





#### Working Toward African American Male Student Success through Two Programs

In 2009, CCBC joined Achieving the Dream, a national reform network between the private sector and community colleges that promotes best practices for improving student retention and achievement. At this time we began to look more closely at one of our own strategic retention strands, the freshman orientation course Academic Development: Transitioning to College (ACDV 101), with particular focus on the all-African American male sections. From the inception of this course, we understood that offering an engaging course taught by an African American instructor was vitally important because many of these students would not have the opportunity to study

# All in – Making the Grade Part I.

### Part I. - Eligibility criteria

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- College ready skill level or in need of only one developmental course
- Enrollment of nine or more credits
- Complete Financial Aid (FASFA)
- Attend summer leadership orientation
- Sign contractual agreement

	<b>2014</b> Fall MSSI
Participants	34
Success Rate	73%
Average GPA	2.17
Spring 2015 Return Rate	82%

# All in – Making the Grade Part II.

	Droliminary Data	2015
Part II Eligibility criteria	Preliminary Data	Fall MSSI
Any male but target African American males	Participants	186
Any developmental course level	•	
Enrollment of three or more credits	Success Rate	58%
<ul> <li>Complete Financial Aid (FASFA)</li> </ul>		
Sign contractual agreement	Average GPA	2.25
What were/are the Challenges to N	Spring 2016 IMI Return Rate	68%

- Staff turnover
- Grant funding
- Student commitment
- Student Mindset
- Campus climate
- Commitment from the institution

