NGTC and ATD

Every Day...Every Student...A Graduate!

Welcome to the first edition of your Achieving the Dream Newsletter. During the next year, these newsletters will offer highlights of the work being done, explanations of the ATD journey, and open the communications with you. We welcome your feedback – this is your newsletter – let us know what you want!

What is Achieving the Dream?

It is a national reform movement centered on student success in higher education.

What do NGTC and ATD have in common?

The driving force behind everything we do at NGTC is putting our students to work. ATD mirrors this goal. The Achieving the Dream movement is helping nearly 4 million college students have a better chance of realizing greater economic opportunity and achieving their dreams.

Your Opinion Counts!

What has been your experience interacting with advisors at NGTC? What do you think helps students succeed in their course work?

Tell us what you think:

Please send your thoughts and comments by using the Student Suggestion form on the Intranet:

https://northgatech.edu/pages/forms/Student_Suggestion_Box.aspx

ATD Vocabulary

Disaggregated data

This term is used to describe data reported for whole populations that has been broken down into smaller segments. It simply means looking at test scores by specific subgroups of students. For example, we are tracking a cohort of students, but within that cohort, we may disaggregate the data into details that indicate success rates for “first time in college” students.
Progression on the ATD Journey

Where we were

For the last several months we have gone through the process of kicking off our Achieving the Dream journey.

- We formed two driving teams: the Core Team and the Data Team.
- We have completed a work plan for the year that maps out our measures for progress.
- We held an organization-wide kick-off and began the work of opening up the conversations about student success with all of our stakeholders including faculty, staff, students, community, employers, and board members.
- We have started looking at ways to improve student success opportunities, beginning with an in-depth look at student success in online courses.

Where we are

We are reviewing feedback about online success factors and have formed a sub-committee to delve more deeply into some potential interventions. After interviewing students in an initial round of focus groups, we are making plans for additional venues to gather student feedback such as open forums, online surveys, invitational focus groups, and student suggestions.

Where we are going

February will be an exciting month as we once again welcome our ATD Coaches Dr. John Cooper and Dr. Joe Forrester to campus.

We are also planning on several more focus groups or student forums during Spring semester so we can hear directly from you. Be on the lookout for invitations or announcements and join us if you can!

Engage!

To the Finish Line!

Excerpted from the game enacted at the ATD Kick-off, our faculty and staff consider scenarios like this and consider ways we can impact student success:

When this student met with his/her advisor, the advisor noticed the high school from which the student graduated. The advisor was positive and encouraged the student, predicting success even in challenging classes. The advisor talked to the student about some favorite classes and instructors and boosted the student’s confidence.

Did you know?

Nearly one-half of all students seeking higher education choose a technical or community college, yet statistics show that fewer than half of those students actually finish what they start. Those without an education will be unable to compete in a national workforce landscape that, more than ever before, demands high-level job skills. Technical and community colleges remain the nation’s gateways to good jobs for millions of students who dream of a better tomorrow. North Georgia Tech is determined to serve our community and support students in their ultimate goal: graduation and employment.

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