

Student to Teacher Enlistment Project Undergraduate Program (STEP UP)

Overview

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The STEP UP Program

- Partnership between the Clark County School District, Clark County Education Association Community Foundation, College of Southern Nevada, and Nevada State College
- Available at eight comprehensive high schools: Chaparral, Cheyenne, Desert Pines, Eldorado, Mojave, Rancho, Silverado, and Valley
- Grants the equivalent of a \$20,000 college scholarship
- STEP UP is a nationally award-winning program

The Courses

- High school juniors begin college courses at their home high schools
- Students take high school and college courses simultaneously, earning dual credit for the college courses
- Students complete approximately one third of a college degree while in high school
- CSN provides the instructors to teach the general education core courses
- Upon completing their AA degree at College of Southern Nevada, students transfer to Nevada State College to earn their Bachelor's Degree

The Students

- STEP UP began in the 2004-05 school year with approximately 100 students and currently has over 320 students enrolled, the majority of which are first generation college students
- 180 students participate in the program at the eight high schools; 160 high school graduates attend CSN and NSC
- STEP UP strongly supports diversity of student participants

Employment

- The first group of teachers will complete the program in December 2008
- Several of the students are employed as instructional aides for the school district
- Qualified STEP UP students may apply to be substitute teachers while completing their degree requirements

