

## Essential Elements

### **Student Support.**

Student support is woven into the fabric of Project DEgree both in and out of the classroom. Students reflect on their growth, and their success is celebrated regularly and zestfully. Partnerships within and outside of the college allow staff to serve students holistically and comprehensively.

- All staff understand the student target population – their profiles, challenges, and backgrounds.
- Team members are trained in solution focused communication strategies and intervention techniques; positive student behaviors and successes are recognized formally and informally.
- Resource specialists schedule regular one-on-one goal-setting sessions with students.
- All students have a graduation plan; the resource specialist or completion advisor reviews the graduation plan with each student each term.
- Wrap-around support services are identified (e.g., clinical counseling, child care, housing); students are actively connected to existing colleges services.