



OBJECTIVE: To help adults in the Kansas City region earn a college degree or high-quality certificate.

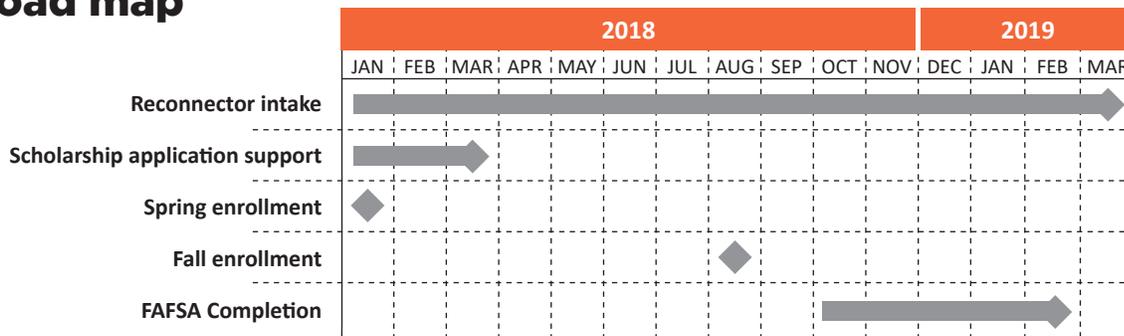
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KC Degrees

ACCOMPLISHMENTS	NEXT STEPS	SUSTAINABILITY
<p>225 Reconnectors (adult learners) enrolled in the spring 2018 term with an additional 100 estimated enrollments by fall 2018.</p> <p>10 Reconnectors have graduated — five recent graduates are continuing their education from associate’s to bachelor’s degrees. One of the first KC Degree’s graduates who completed a bachelor’s in 2017 has just completed a master’s degree.</p> <p>Six students received debt forgiveness from MCC in order to access their transcripts and enroll for fall.</p> <p>Launched the Agile Work Profiler pilot, a career exploration tool, in June 2019.</p>	<p>A bilingual navigator is expected to begin in August.</p> <p>The KC Degrees website will be redesigned and newsletter featuring student stories will be launched.</p>	<p>Institutional debt has been a major barrier to Reconnectors being able to return and finish. A community-based grant program has been established through Metro Lutheran Ministries to address this issue. Additional dollars are being requested to expand this fund and two institutions have created processes in order to offer debt forgiveness. In April, all 17 institutions stated they would not consider forgiveness, but some have since changed their stance.</p> <p>Project Coordinator is working to expand the out-referral network and launch the business engagement pilot project.</p>

Road map



Metrics

- 612 Reconnectors (active adult learners).
- 225 enrolled Reconnectors, with an additional 100 enrollments by fall.
- 95 percent persistence from fall to spring semesters (190 times the national average).
- 10 graduates to date, with 60 percent continuing to pursue higher degree attainment.
- Working toward a 75 percent completion rate.