

## Welcome to the Division of Student Success and Engagement at Coastal Bend College!

At Coastal Bend College, we believe that every student's journey is unique and filled with potential. Our commitment is to place you, the student, at the very heart of everything we do. Whether you are starting your academic journey, continuing your education, or preparing for a new career, our goal is to support and empower you every step of the way.

To achieve this, we have reimagined our approach to student success, aligning our departments, teams, and processes with the lifecycle of our students. By breaking down traditional silos and fostering a collaborative, student-centered mindset, we are dedicated to ensuring that every interaction, service, and resource is tailored to your success. Our aim is to help you reach your academic and personal goals efficiently and effectively.

Our ambitious target is to attain a 55% three-year graduation rate by 2030. This goal reflects our dedication to doubling the number of students who graduate with valuable credentials in a timely manner. Everyone at Coastal Bend College plays a crucial role in this mission, and our detailed Student Success Plan outlines the strategies and activities we are implementing to achieve this milestone. From strategic enrollment management to enhanced onboarding experiences, and from faculty-led advising to tailored communication campaigns, each aspect is designed to support your journey.

Engagement and support are key pillars of our plan. We are excited to introduce new curricula and support services that cater to your holistic development, both academically and personally. Our focus on creating inclusive and vibrant learning communities aims to foster a sense of belonging and purpose. Whether you are participating in our student engagement curriculum or accessing our enhanced support resources, we are here to provide you with the tools and encouragement needed to thrive.

As we continue to innovate and refine our approaches, your feedback and involvement remain invaluable. Together, we will navigate the challenges and celebrate the achievements that come with your educational journey. Welcome to a community that is dedicated to your success and growth. We look forward to supporting you every step of the way at Coastal Bend College.

Go Cougars!

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