Advance educational partnerships and regional collaborations that promote equity, community engagement, and economic mobility

● More than 50 partners from 25 institutions across the Central Coast have convened to establish the Central Coast K-16 Education Collaborative.
● Awarded a $250,000 CERF planning grant to streamline equitable pathways from high school to postsecondary education and into the workforce.
● Develop a collective impact initiative to address equity gaps along the education to employment pathways for historically marginalized students.
● Prioritize and invest in a wide range of workforce and economic development projects, while contributing to a comprehensive approach to regional economic resilience through Uplift Central Coast.
● Drive a 2-year planning process to create an inclusive economic development plan for the Central Coast.
● Prioritize innovation and high wage jobs.

Engage Central Coast presidents & chancellors

● Expand outreach to community college and state university leaders to identify new areas for synergy through site visits.
● Streamline and expand transfer pathways from community colleges.
● Convene regular meetings of all higher education presidents and chancellors to develop shared regional interests and apply for grants.
● Foster the pipeline to develop new faculty and allow graduate students to teach at community colleges and state universities as part of a future faculty program.

Lead in equity innovation for research distinction and student success

 Joined the HSRU Alliance which includes every Hispanic-Serving Research-1 university in the U.S.
At HSRU institutions at least 25% of undergraduates self-identify as Hispanic or Latinx.

Focused on achieving two important and ambitious goals by 2030:
1. Double the number of Hispanic doctoral students enrolled at our universities.
2. Increase by 20% the Hispanic professoriate in our universities.
Transfer Pathways
Foster a transfer receptive culture and expand support

Establish new transfer pathways - exploring more lower division pathways, dual admissions, $3 million HSI grant funded to improve transfer pathways

Creating a Community College Partnership Program to increase the number of:
- Newly enrolled Latinx transfer students by 10%
- Degrees awarded to Latinx transfer students by 5%
- Latinx transfer student’s sense of belonging by 5%
- Latinx transfer student’s intention to attend graduate school by 3%

Developing more research and graduate pathways for transfer students

Conference for HSRU Hispanic Women in STEM

With support from the Henry Luce Foundation, UC Santa Cruz will host a June conference for Hispanic women faculty, postdocs, and graduate students in the physical sciences and engineering disciplines to collaboratively define and develop a framework to support advancement in their academic and professional careers. The goals of the conference are:

1. Build and deepen relationships within the scholarly community of HSRU Alliance Hispanic women STEM faculty, postdocs, & PhD students.
2. Spark cross-institutional and cross-regional programming and research.
3. Enhance professional network and create a pathway to doctoral education and academic employment.
4. Build capacity among the cohort in grant development and management funders and faculty who have managed large grants.