

CASE

(CREATING AVENUES, SUPPORT AND EQUITY FOR WOMEN AND MINORITIES IN ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES) AT PCC

Parent organization: NA

Web address: <http://spot.pcc.edu/case>

Grade level or ages served: Community College Students and some high school students affiliated with Community College Programs.

Overview: The CASE project is designed to increase the number of women and minority students at PCC (Portland Community College) enrolled in (and ultimately employed in) High Technology areas. A variety of strategies have been developed to facilitate this experience for women and minority students:

- Employer Advisory Committee
- IT career exploration course (CIS 100)
- Outreach to community partners and organizations
- Outreach to potential students: brown bag sessions, orientation sessions, presentations at a variety of events.
- CASE clubs at each campus for student support and networking.
- Identification of tutoring resources on each campus specifically for CASE participants.
- Enrollment of students in MentorNet, and international virtual mentoring program.
- Training of tutors who will work with CASE students.
- CASE website
- Women in Technology Conference

(Source: Report for Year 1, 07/2001 – 07/2002)

Subjects covered: STEM

Size of program: From the first annual report covering July, 2001 to July, 2002, the number of students directly impacted was 80, indirectly affected 870.

Where offered: PCC/ Sylvania and PCC/ Rock Creek.

Time spent by students: Depends upon the level of involvement of the student.

Partners/Sponsors: PCC Faculty and staff; PCC Programs: Multicultural Center, Native American Club, African American Club, Women's Resource Centers, TRiO Program, Advisors/Counselors, Alternative HS Completion Program, Adult Basic Skills,

Cooperative Education; Businesses/Industries: Intel, Nike, Mentor Graphics, IBM, Standard Insurance.

Materials available on web and/or purchase: A case study, an excellent explanation of the program, forms and policy statements are on the website.

Training: NA

Cost structure: There is no cost to participants. Scholarships, childcare reimbursement, and bus and mileage stipends are available.

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