

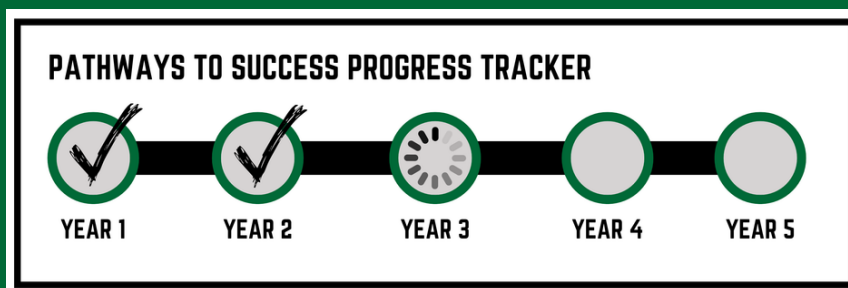
July 2026

NEWSLETTER

Pathways To Success - Title III

TOP NEWS

The inaugural Summer Bridge program successfully concluded in July, marking an important milestone for the Pathways to Success grant. Throughout the program, students participated in academic coursework, tutoring, campus activities, and individualized support designed to strengthen their transition to MSSU. Program staff collaborated with numerous campus departments to connect students with resources and provide additional assistance when needed. With the first cohort complete, the project is now moving into evaluation and planning, including student feedback and review of established program success measures to help strengthen future Summer Bridge programming



YEAR 3 OBJECTIVES

- By Fall 2026, at least 75% of Year 1 Agribusiness students will earn grades of C/+.
- By Fall 2026, at least 75% of Year 2 Food Science students will earn grades of C/+.
- By Fall 2026, at least 75% of Year 2 online RN-BSN students will earn grades of C/+.
- By Fall 2026, at least 75% of Summer Bridge 8 wk. program (with remedial Math) pilot students will achieve success measures defines in development.
- By Fall 2026, at least 75% of students in Meta Majors/Degree Mapping Year 2 pilot will declare meta-major with degree map.

Agribusiness

Agribusiness continued preparing for future program growth during July through ongoing curriculum and implementation planning. Project leadership continued evaluating opportunities to strengthen student pathways and position the program for long-term sustainability as the grant transitions toward Year 4. Collaboration between the project team and institutional leadership remained focused on supporting the continued development of the Agribusiness initiative

Food Science and Nutrition

Food Science and Nutrition focused on strengthening future transfer opportunities during July. The program coordinator collaborated with Dr. Cullers on development of a Crowder College 2+2 program application and also worked on development of a China transfer agreement. These efforts support continued program expansion, recruitment, and the creation of additional pathways for students entering the Food Science program

Online RN to BSN

The program remains positioned to resume work as the academic year begins and continues toward its Fall 2026 student success objective.

Summer Bridge

Summer Bridge completed its inaugural eight-week program in July after a summer focused on academic preparation, student engagement, and connection to university resources. Students had access to additional tutoring and individualized support throughout the program, while staff worked closely with campus partners including Admissions, Disability Services, the Student Success Center, Math Department, Project Stay, Recreation Center, and others. The team will now review student feedback and program outcomes to evaluate the pilot and continue refining the experience for future cohorts.

Meta Majors / Degree Mapping

Meta Majors and Degree Mapping made substantial technical progress during July. Human Services and Humanities Degree Works audits were created in the testing environment and submitted for review, while the Business Pathway Degree Works audit and SEP template were updated to reflect revised requirements. The new Assistant Registrar continued twice-weekly training and scribing sessions with Strata Information Group, and SIG created approximately 175 SEP templates in the Degree Works test environment. The project is now preparing to move approved audits and templates into production for student and advisor use.

Other Activities:

Several grant initiatives moved forward during July. HyFlex classroom installation continued as equipment arrived and faculty training plans were finalized. The Online ECE-BSE team also began setting up its recording space and preparing for future course development.

Mental Wellness advanced NaBITA training efforts and continued the Togetherall contracting process for a planned January 2027 launch. Project-wide activities also included Quarter 3 monitoring and evaluation meetings, Year 4 planning, budget oversight, and ongoing grant compliance.