

Step 6: The International Student Pathway

Hi. I'm Jack, your International Student Coach here at Pasadena City College...

and I'm Laila and I'm a student here. Welcome to PCC.

Thanks for choosing PCC. You're really going to like living and studying here.

Laila and I want to talk to you about an awesome program that was created to help you during your first year of college in the United States. The International Student Pathway The Pathway has 3 important parts that will help you succeed.

Number one, the Student Success Team. Number two a Student Success Course called College One and number three the Teaching and Learning Center or as everyone else calls it, the TLC. A place where you can study and get help.

The Student Success Team includes coaches, tutors, and counselors. You'll get a coach like Jack, similar to an academic advisor.

Your coach will help you both in out of the classroom. Want to do well in your classes? Your coach will help you manage your time, set goals and study effectively. Home sick or just want to make friends? Come talk to your coach in the TLC.

You'll also have access to tutors. They're friendly Pathways students who have been trained to help you with your English and math classes. They'll also answer questions like where to eat lunch or where to park your car...and if you want to see a counselor you can go right to the front of the long line at the Counseling Office. Why? Because you're a Pathway student.

Not bad, right? Your Pathways Counselor will help you plan your classes here at PCC so you can transfer to a university quickly. Only Pathways Students will receive *Priority Registration*, which will allow you to register earlier than many other students. If you choose **NOT** to be part of the Pathways Program then you will NOT receive Priority Registration, may **NOT** get the classes you need to transfer and it could take you longer at PCC to complete your educational and transfer goals.

If I were you I would join and stay in the Pathways Program.

Finally, Laila and I wanted to tell you about a special student success course. It's called College One. You'll take it in your first semester here at PCC. It is a 3 unit course that is transferable to all the University of Californias and Cal State Universities. That's right, I took College One last year and it helped me read better and do research. I really learned how to be a successful College.

The International Student Pathway is a great program. It will help you in your first year and provide you with the support you need to succeed here at PCC...and at your transfer University. We look forward to meeting you

We'll see you soon.