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**Career Beginnings --- Focus: African American Males in Enrichment Program**

- **Specific Educational Programs Addressed:** Board of Governors Special Project Educational and Career Beginnings — FII Eligible
- **Programs And Services:** Program Development — Board of Governors Basic Agenda Priorities: Access

- **Consortium Project:** Pasadena City College, Pasadena Unified School District, area business/social service community

- **Specific Problem:** African-American males are dropping out of high school in alarming numbers and consequently not enrolling in college. PCC proposes a comprehensive, college:high school:community project to address this problem.

- **Population Served:** 75 African-American at-risk junior males in John Muir High School and Pasadena High School in target group; 75 in control group

- **Objectives:** Increase the number of African-American males 1) completing high school, 2) developing mentor relationships with role models, 3) developing educational and career goals, 4) utilizing PCC support services while a senior in high school, 5) enrolling in college.

- **Activities:** Activities include 1) matching students with mentors, 2) providing students with summer career-related jobs, 3) providing students with enrichment classes at PCC, 4) offering students academic classes and student support services at PCC.

- **Impact And Transferability:** Because of large college and community support, the project is likely to achieve all of its objectives and be institutionalized.

- **Evaluation:** Empirical data will be collected at the beginning, middle, and end of the project. In addition, both summative and formative evaluation will be conducted. Five year follow-up will also be conducted.

- **Dissemination:** Comprehensive manual that summarizes project activities, Participate in development of a systemwide network.

- **Budget:** Total: $78,423; $41,623 in local funds (PCC and community); $36,800 requested from the Fund for Instructional Improvement