Department of Education hosts the First in the World Director’s Meeting in Washington
April 3rd, 2016
Our Project Director, James Rudd, partnering campus site directors, Dave Douglass and Mary-Jo Apigo, and our external evaluator visited the capitol as the Department of Education held their 2nd annual First In the World Director’s Meeting. This meet was hosted to unite the 18 colleges and universities that were awarded the First in the World grant to help our students in completing postsecondary programs. These programs in the grant help students who may be adult learners, working students, part-time students, students from low-income backgrounds, students of color, students with disabilities, and first-generation students.

For more information on the FITW program, please visit this link.

US department of Education awards 18 colleges and universities the “First in the World” grant
February 23rd, 2016
The US Department of Education has awarded multi-million dollar “First in the World” grants to 18 colleges, universities, and organizations that are innovating to solve critical challenges with access, recruitment, retention, and student success. At AI, we have interviewed each of the recipients to learn more about the projects these institutions are pursuing, how their approaches are unique, and what other colleges and universities can learn from these new efforts.


Executive Committee of the STEM education Consortium meets at Cal State LA
November 16th, 2015
Welcome to the STEM Education Consortium! STEMEC is a multi-institutional collaboration between partnering campuses, Pasadena City College and West Los Angeles College. We had our first ever annual conference on November 15th, 2015 with the consortium personnel. Our gathering entailed a meet and greet between the site directors and faculty of all three campuses, we discussed the Consortium’s goals and timelines as well as project evaluation needs.

Cal State LA awarded $5.8 million in grants from the U.S. Department of Education
October 23rd, 2015
Cal State LA was awarded two grants from the U.S. Department of Education totaling $5.8 million to promote success in STEM education. The First in the World grant program is part of the Obama Administration’s agenda to spur innovation and ensure a college education is accessible to all Americans. The College of Natural and Social Sciences received $2.8 million, for a period of four years, to establish a multi-institutional, regional STEM Education Consortium. The consortium will include Pasadena City College and West Los Angeles College.