Celebrating Partnerships:
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NACME NEXT Five-Year Framework

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Lessons Learned

• Board companies continue to be:
  – Aligned on providing support for students to improve persistence and graduation rates
  – Believe student network and university relationships are a core asset
  – Aligned on providing students with career opportunities at board companies

• Areas for Improvement:
  – Is the NACME Scholarship amount enough given the rising cost of education?
  – Is NACME serving students with most need and potential?
  – Leverage opportunities to provide access to corporate mentorship
  – Provide greater on-campus connections with companies
  – Leverage partnerships with student-focused/led organizations
  – Desire for NACME to partner more closely with company HR teams on recruiting logistics
NACME Next Five-Year Framework

• To increase scholarship awards from $2,500 up to a maximum of $5,000 per student by 2020

• To deepen engagement with university partners

• To strengthen the linkage between board companies and NACME Scholars
NACME Scholars Program
Framework for Next Five Years

**Scholarship Awards**
- Increase scholarship awards from $2,500 to $5,000
- Require funded partner institutions to match dollar for dollar the grant funding received from NACME
- Current partner institutions that are unable to meet the matching requirements will match at a level to be determined, with the goal of a full one-to-one match by the end of the grant period.

**Deepen Engagement with Partner Institutions**
- Retain to graduation 80% of NACME Scholars
- Retain to graduation 90% of NACME Scholars who transfer from the community college
- Track retention rates and six-year graduation rates by race and ethnicity.

**Strengthen linkage bet. Companies and NACME Scholars**
- Engage NACME board companies with NACME Scholars:
  - Expand board recognition
  - Place a minimum of two NACME Scholars in a summer internship
- Expand NACME recognition among NACME Scholars

**Achieving Impact**
- Opportunity to add new partner institutions
- Partner institutions will be selected based on a combination of their track record
- Consideration for corporate partner’s target institutions that successfully enroll/graduate URM engineering students
Questions for Break-Out Session

• What are the responses to increasing the NACME Scholarship award from $2,500 to $5,000 for each NACME Scholar?
  – Awarding larger grants to fewer students

• What are the implications for a matching grant requirement for your institution?

• How can NACME deepen engagement between NACME Scholars and board companies?

• How can NACME deepen engagement with NACME Scholars?