THE SYMBIOTIC RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE STUDENTS, SI LEADER, AND PROFESSOR

How SI Transforms the Classroom

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Venn Diagram Setup
Possible Solutions
Student Benefits

• Spend more time interacting with the material
• SI leader is a model for success
• More comfortable asking and answering questions
• Reinforce course content
• Develop study skills (learn how to learn)
• Efficient use of study time
Student Benefits continued

• More productive and fewer frustrating experiences, especially in lab
• Student Success

MCC SI data Spring 2016

GPA Comparison

Course Completion %

% of Students Earning an A or B
STUDENT BENEFITS CONTINUED

• Even those who don’t attend benefit from the example of well prepared students in the class.
Faculty Benefits

• More efficient use of time
• Opportunity to be more creative with activities and teaching style

Both of the above, combined with the fact that students have a better attitude and are less frustrated, has enabled me to “raise the bar”.
Faculty Benefits *continued*

And challenging students can lead to higher achievement.*

Isn’t that a student benefit?

Yes! BUT

The fact that I can cover material more in depth gives me
- A more positive attitude towards course content (I am less bored) & this excitement is conveyed

What Works Best: Evidence-based practices to improve NSW student performances. Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation 2014
FACULTY BENEFITS

• Course materials get more use

• Easier to write meaningful recommendations
SI Leader benefits

- Enhance soft and hard skills
- Develop deeper understanding of the course
- Exposure to teaching/networking with faculty
- Convenient on-campus employment
- Learn new ideas and approach to subject matter
Collaboration is crucial!

- SI Administration
- Faculty
- SI Leader
- Students
Collaboration is Key

- Strong partnerships result in consistently high SI session attendance and better grades
- Sends message that SI is valuable
- Gives credibility to SI leaders
- SI sessions become an important continuation of class
- SI promotions also showcase value of SI
Questions?

Thank you!

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