

# Winners

Theme	Name	Dept.	BOLD Idea	Benefit to Fresno State
	Sharon Ramirez	HML Admin	Those students in trouble need a solution finder - but at a one-stop shop that could explain the processes. I was able to fulfill that role for scholarship students in the Teaching Fellows program, which lead me to believe that the University needs to have that one person that knows the University system also. This person would not take away from any other department duties, but rather to steer the student in the correct direction, without a lot of discouraging runaround. It would save administrative time, but also make the student feel like they have a support system. I know this would work because when the word got out that I was a resource, my scholarship students asked if I could help other students who were not in our program.	It would show Students that they are important to us. They are our VIP's, and with less run around, it takes less staff time to get them back on track and in control of their own education.
	Ram Nunna	Lyles College of Engineering	A potential solution is to establish an International Transfer Desk in the ISSP office - much like the International Admissions office. The staff in the Transfer Desk can be trained in DARS processes, will have a sensitivity to international relations, and can pro-actively process transfer credit prior to student arrival. Presently prospective students are sent a letter stating that X number of their units are transferred - and no additional info is provided. The Transfer Desk can (at least in the case of those universities with whom we have partnerships) process the transcripts and provide detailed transfer credit info to the students even before they arrive at Fresno State. Such details can even help students get visas more easily. This way, the student is very clear about what is transferred, the faculty advisor at Fresno State can help the student more effectively, the student can plan for a more predictable stay in the US (and finances as well) and all of this special service can only help in so many ways.	This solution can better serve international students. It can provide faculty advisers with appropriate tools for quality advising. It can promote the image of a caring institution.
	Dmitri Rogulkin	Institutional Effectiveness	Online social network designed for learning and collaboration, organized by majors/academic programs (specifically road maps) . Accessible for students, instructors, Fresno service area high school students and alumni. Objectives: to connect former, current and potential students in the similar disciplines; share learning resources; increase social and academic engagement. Faculty encouraged to contribute with the core content.	Save money by reducing printing, distribution, and development costs of handouts and flyers. It would also eliminate all the trash that is left behind on tables, counters, bulletin boards, and grounds.
	Anthony Bailey	Plant Operation	A week-long conference or seminar would produce many interesting answers to the issues going on with our high schools and community colleges that the University may not be aware of. Fresno State could then be able to act in a leadership role in giving to the students what might be the best way to handle the challenges of the future.	A legacy could be started. High school leaders will love to know that Fresno State cares and that it is on the cutting edge of communication and presenting our University as one that is sensitive to future leaders. In turn we will win more of the best thinkers in the central valley.
	William Rice	Marketing	President's Community Solutions Cup: Awarded to the School or College that showed the greatest creative and pragmatic solution to a community need. Each College or School could have up to 3 entrees. The entrees must be prototypes and have very graphic explanations showing application, benefit and sustainability. Each solution would be on display at the Vintage Days with the creating team being available for explanation. The projects would be graded by an external judging team and the winner would get the President's Community Solution's Cup for their School or College for 1 Year.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Great exposure to the community concerning the creative endeavors of every School and College.</li> <li>2. Give a another reason for the community to come to Vintage Days.</li> <li>3. Give our best students by discipline an opportunity to engage with the community and solve "bigger problems".</li> <li>4. Create a forum to draw high school students who want more pragmatic solutions in their earning situations. Could include high school teams to work with the college teams.</li> <li>5. To create "friendly" competition between Schools and Colleges.</li> </ol>
	Charah Coleman	Financial Aid	Like I said before, the problem at hand is a communication problem. Students are used to their smartphones keeping them in touch with the rest of the world. This is how they communicate. With emojis, quick posts on instagram, and tweets. Nothing long, nothing complicated, and very direct. So we need to meet them where they are. What type of service are we giving our students if we demand that they use some ancient form of communication? That's like telling a baby boomer to use a telegraph instead of a house phone! And so many people on campus (I'm sorry academics/faculty) will oppose my viewpoint that we should accommodate this digital form of communication because we are an institution of Higher Education. Yes we are! But they're not going to be writing their term papers via text because of us communicating with them via an app. We need to differentiate our expectations of them academically with their expectations of us institutionally. My "bold idea" is that we create an app (perhaps purchase one, etc) that students can download on their smartphones and/or laptops and view quickly and instantly what their status is of: 1) admissions 2) financial aid -to-do list/award and 3) financially (what they owe). Leave the difficult navigation to their student center, this app will have quick information that they need to know and have either a green checkmark next to it, or some other positive validation (you're done!) or a red cross out sign, that they can click on to tell them what they need to do. If we want to worry about regulations, etc. and details, we'll refer them to their Student Center. This app is quick, easy information that's immediately available.	We're all on this campus to serve students and our community by producing educated individuals that contribute and give back. Having an app in place that tells them things like if they have outstanding items on their to-do list, what they owe, and if their financial aid is going to come through not only give offices like mine (the financial aid office) less traffic so we can work on student files, it also give students peace of mind and one less thing to worry about, as well as a positive experience with our school.