Cohort-based Experiential Learning

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CSB/SJU . . . . Who are we?

- **College of Saint Benedict / Saint John's University**
  - two nationally-leading liberal arts colleges with a unique partnership
  - provides highly engaged learning experience preparing students for leadership and service in a global society.
  - enhanced by Catholic and Benedictine traditions and an extraordinary sense of place and community.
- **Enrollment:**
  - First-year enrollment: 927;
  - Total undergraduate enrollment: 3,640 (FTE)
- **Multicultural Students**: 626; 16.4%
- **International Students:** 178; 5.9%.
- **Geographic Facts:** CSB and SJU students come from 37 different states and 27 different countries.

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Cohort-based Programs as HIPs

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Bonner Leader Program

- National Service-Scholarship program located in Princeton, NJ
- Approximately 65 colleges in the network
- 4-year developmental program with a focus on leadership, service, and social justice
- CSB/SJU program started in 2007 and has 40 students (10 per year)
  - Work in the community 10-12 hours per week (student employment)
  - Attend bi-monthly leadership meetings on campus
  - Host on-campus events and volunteer in the community
  - Receive a $2,500 renewable service scholarship

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Jackson Fellows Program

- Established in 2008
- 10-12 students selected to serve a community site for the summer
- All fellowships include civic engagement and work devoted to improving community life
- To date 90 students, 25 different majors, 70 program sites and 31,000 hours in the community

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Intercultural LEAD Program

- Intercultural Leadership, Education and Development
- Collaboration across institution
- Intentional cohort connections
- Regular seminars
  - Campus resource connections
  - Practical, inspirational, aspirational
- Leadership funding available
- Results
  - Scholars overrepresented in study abroad
  - Three Fulbright scholars in a single cohort (2016)
  - Scholars in campus leadership positions
  - Alums pursuing advanced degrees

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COHORT BASED PROGRAMMING AND HIPS

HIPS	Bonner	Jackson	Intercultural LEAD
Writing Intensive			
First-Year Seminars	X		X
Internships		X	★
Undergraduate Research		★	
Common Intellectual Experiences	X	X	X
Learning Communities	★		X
Service-Learning	★	★	★
Diversity/Global Experiences	★	★	X
Collaborative Assignments		X	X
Capstone Courses	X	X	

Aspirational

- **Small Urban**
- **Small Rural**

- **Large Urban**
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Brainstorm

1. Who are you and where are from? Include what cohort-based programs do exist or might exist?
2. Generate a list of challenges to incorporating HIPs into cohort-based programs you brainstormed…
3. Generate a list of opportunities to incorporating HIPs into cohort-based programs you brainstormed…
4. Based on what you've heard, what three HIPs would you choose and where would you start to build them when you get home?

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