

**LEVERAGING HIGHER EDUCATION TO
SUPPORT
AFTERSCHOOL & SUMMER LEARNING:
CAPACITY BUILDING RESOURCES@
UC IRVINE**

The Center for Afterschool and Summer Excellence

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PLACEHOLDER FOR ICEBREAKER

- Inner/Outer circle activity to share experiences leveraging higher ed
- OR use polleverywhere and have them text in responses
- Share out or discuss



GOALS

- Participants will be able to identify at least three capacity-building resources available to them from UCI.
- Participants will be able to identify at least three examples of how these resources have been used by other programs to support capacity building and program improvement.
- Participants will explore need and capacity to leverage any of these resources for their program.



CENTER FOR AFTERSCHOOL & SUMMER EXCELLENCE

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Providing 3 Services

**CASE: Certificate for Afterschool and
Summer Education**



**Afterschool Outcome Measures ONLINE
TOOLBOX**



**Program Evaluations: Customize your
program's needs.**



CENTER FOR AFTERSCHOOL & SUMMER EXCELLENCE

<http://sites.uci.edu/ucirvinecase/>

Provides the following capacity-building resources:

- ❖ Online Coursework

 - ❖ Certificate in Afterschool & Summer Education (CASE)

- ❖ Afterschool Outcomes Measures Online Toolbox

- ❖ Program Evaluation



CAPACITY BUILDING THROUGH COURSEWORK: UC IRVINE CASE PROGRAM

UC IRVINE CASE PROGRAM

HOME

COURSEWORK

FIELDWORK

CASE STUDENTS

FACULTY

RESOURCES



TURN YOUR PASSION INTO A PROFESSION!

EARN A CERTIFICATE IN AFTERSCHOOL AND SUMMER EDUCATION

COURSE MAP



CASE COURSE OVERVIEW

1 Capstone

50 hours FW

Training in quality assessment using exemplar videos

4 Content Specific

10-40 hours of FW

Literacy, fitness, math, technology, program evaluation

1 Foundations

20 hours FW

Origins, Youth Development, Program Design and Assessment



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EDUCATION

Certificate of Completion

NIDIA KIMBERLY FLORES

has completed all the requirements for the
Certificate in After-School Education
at the University of California, Irvine in June 2015.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin Reimer", written over a horizontal line.

Dr. Kevin Reimer, Director of Student Affairs



UNIVERSITY-COMMUNITY LINKS

2010-2019



- 500 Undergraduates

- 15,000 hours of fieldwork

30 afterschool and expanded day
programs

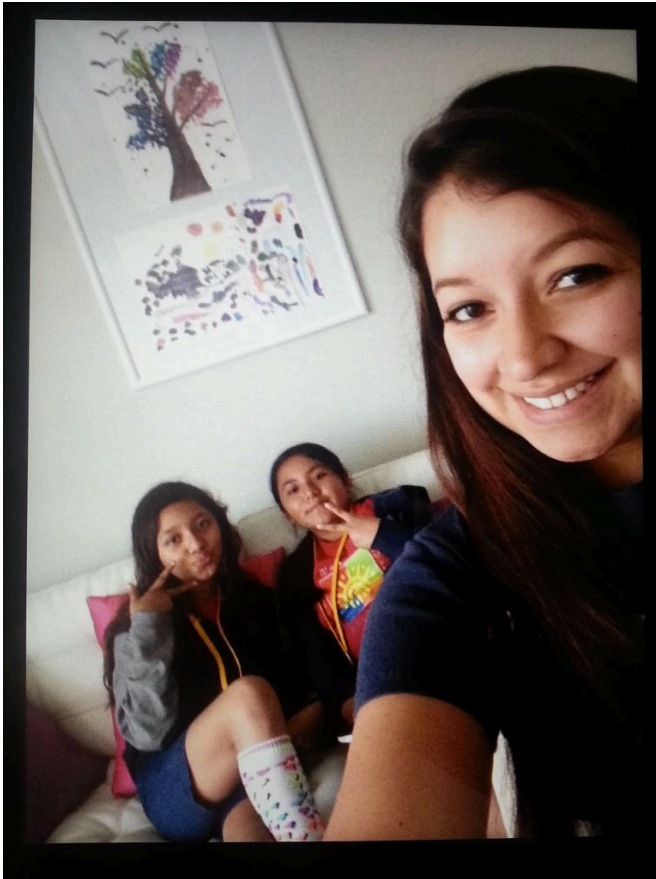
10 districts in Southern California



PARTICIPANT PROFILE

- **75 Certificate Earners** in last two years
- Reflect the economic and racial diversity of underserved students most commonly found in afterschool





I myself fell into this category [low-income students struggling within the classroom] growing up....This is a great target population to address considering they don't always have the proper resources and help they could use!

-UC Links Undergraduate



CASE IN ACTION



AFTERSCHOOL MATTERS

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SAMPLE STUDENT WORK



OUT-OF-SCHOOL LEARNING

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hello hello!

I'm Andrea, and I will be a third year this fall. I am double majoring in Cognitive Sciences and Education Sciences. I dance in uncomfortable situations, sing in my car, and give unorthodox compliments. I am also passionate about social justice, which I am still learning and will always be learning about.

Currently, I work with kids at Pretend City Children's Museum. I also am a coordinator of the Peer Educator program through the Counseling Center on campus. This summer, I am staffing SPOP, and this upcoming school year, I will also be a Peer Educator for Right to Know through CARE.

[WHY AFTERSCHOOL?](#)



ANECDOTAL REFLECTIONS FROM UG EXPERIENCES

- ✓ Quality Academic Support
- ✓ Quality Relationships
- ✓ Quality College & Career Planning and Support



QUALITY ACADEMIC SUPPORT



*After doing **quality assessment training** I have started to look at my site differently to see interactions, higher order thinking, materials, etc.*

@UCIrvine_CASE I didn't realize how much I used to answer problems and take the pencil from the kids during homework time until now. [#fieldwork](#)

I used to tutor like (this) when I began, I had no idea how to engage students. But I'm doing a lot better.



QUALITY RELATIONSHIPS

Today I realized how much I make a difference. One of the girls at the site asked me why I hadn't gone last week.

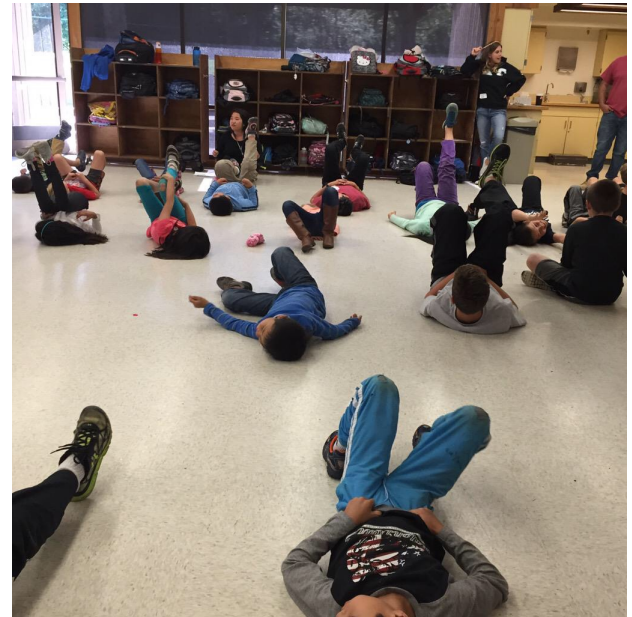
*Playing handball with a kid for a short time rewarded me with being his **trusted homework helper**. Even a small amount of attention goes far.*

The quality assessment training helped me better notice negative peer interaction, which helped me improve my own interaction with students



QUALITY COLLEGE & CAREER PLANNING AND SUPPORT

Fieldwork at Dale Jr. High for [@GirlsIncOC](#) today. Worked on long term vs. short term future planning for college and careers.



- **UC Links student ([@uclinks uci](#))**
- We got the chance to bring our girls to UCI for wayzgoose. They got a **tour of the campus** and learned more about college life uci.pic.twitter.com/KpU9KBzhPLL

Our impact project plans to help students relieve stress by encouraging positive coping strategies such as yoga



*Setting up for interview,
practicing interviewing w/
guest speakers. Learning &
developing new skills!*

**Successful College Student Panel
on Thursday**



UC LINKS PRELIMINARY EVALUATION OUTCOMES

QUESTION:

*Does the CASE program make a
POSITIVE difference
in UG ability to identify high quality programming?*

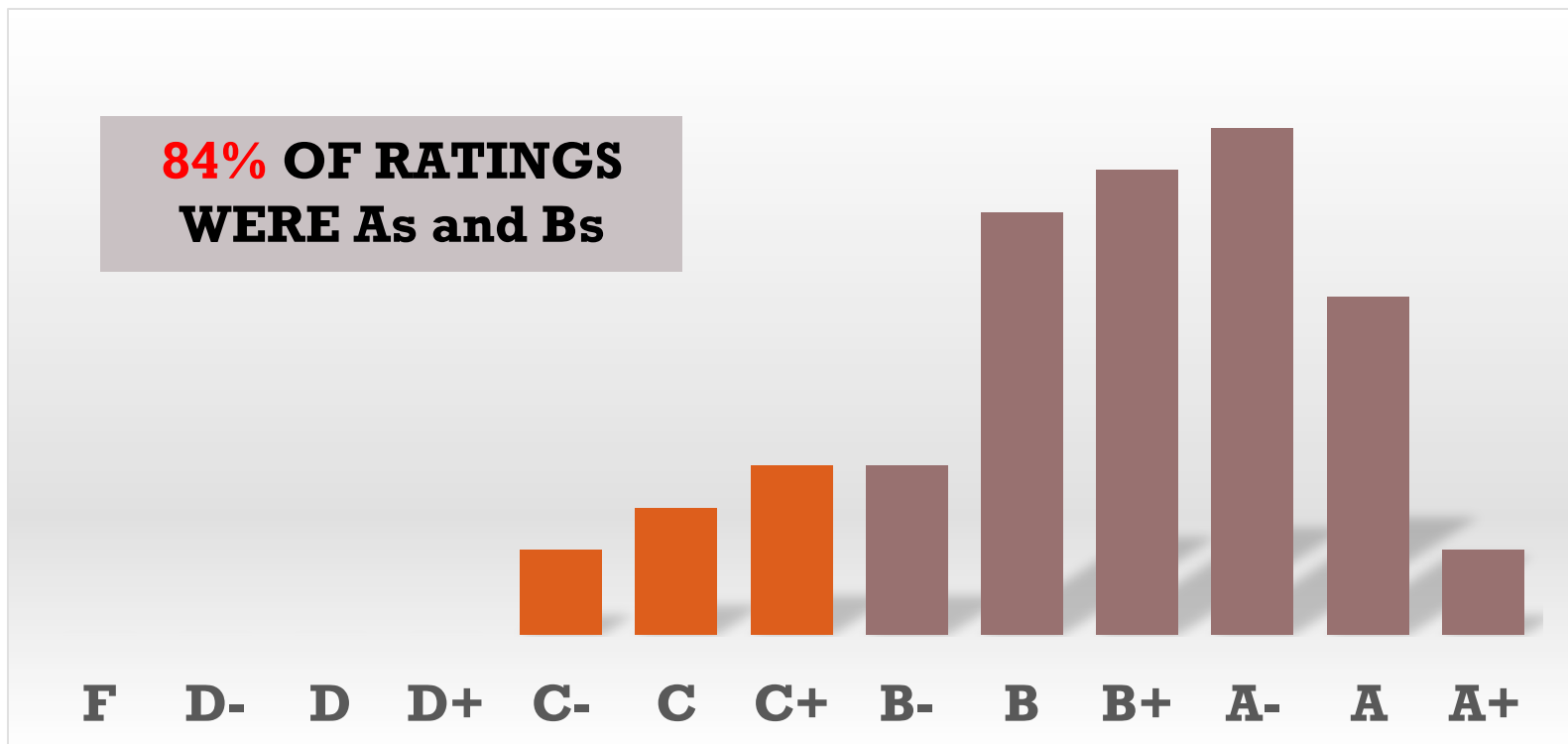


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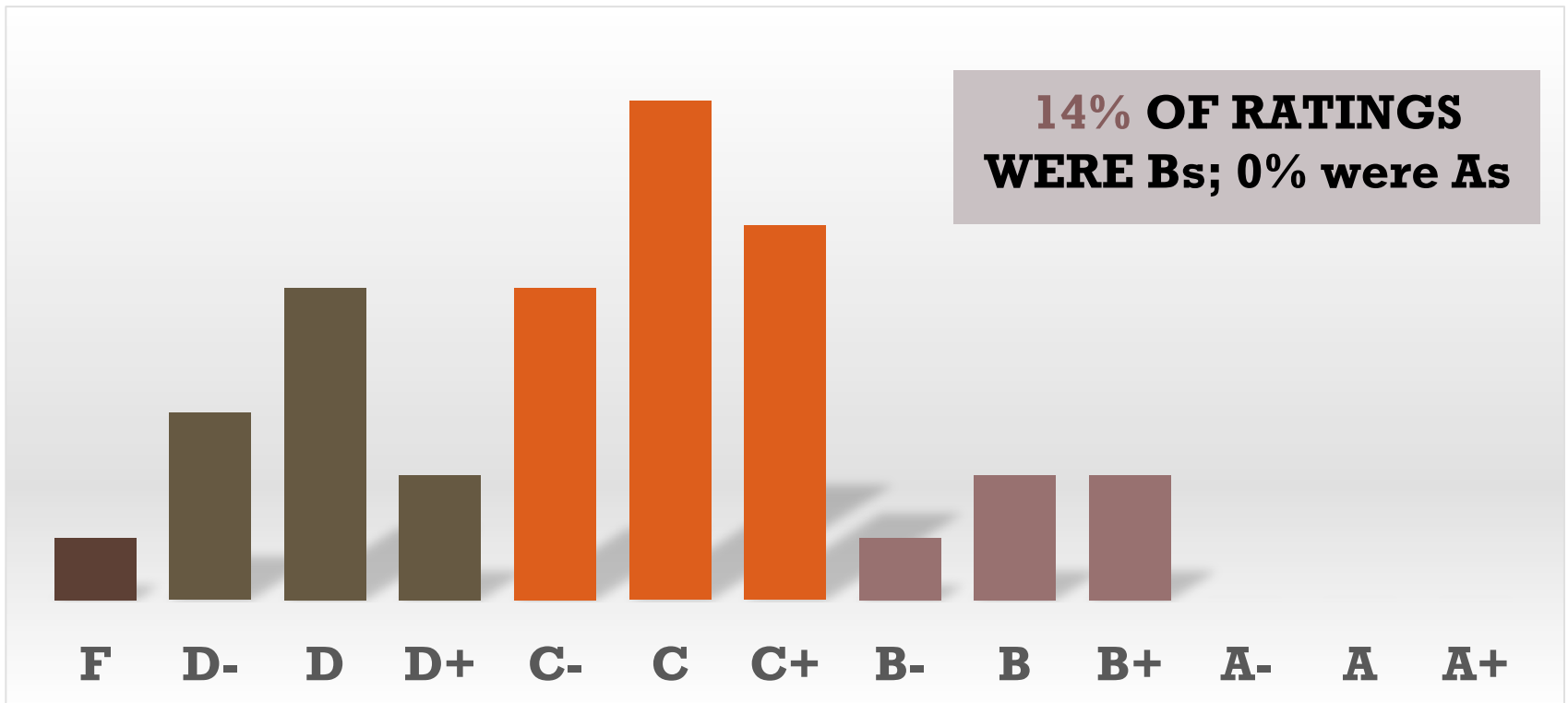


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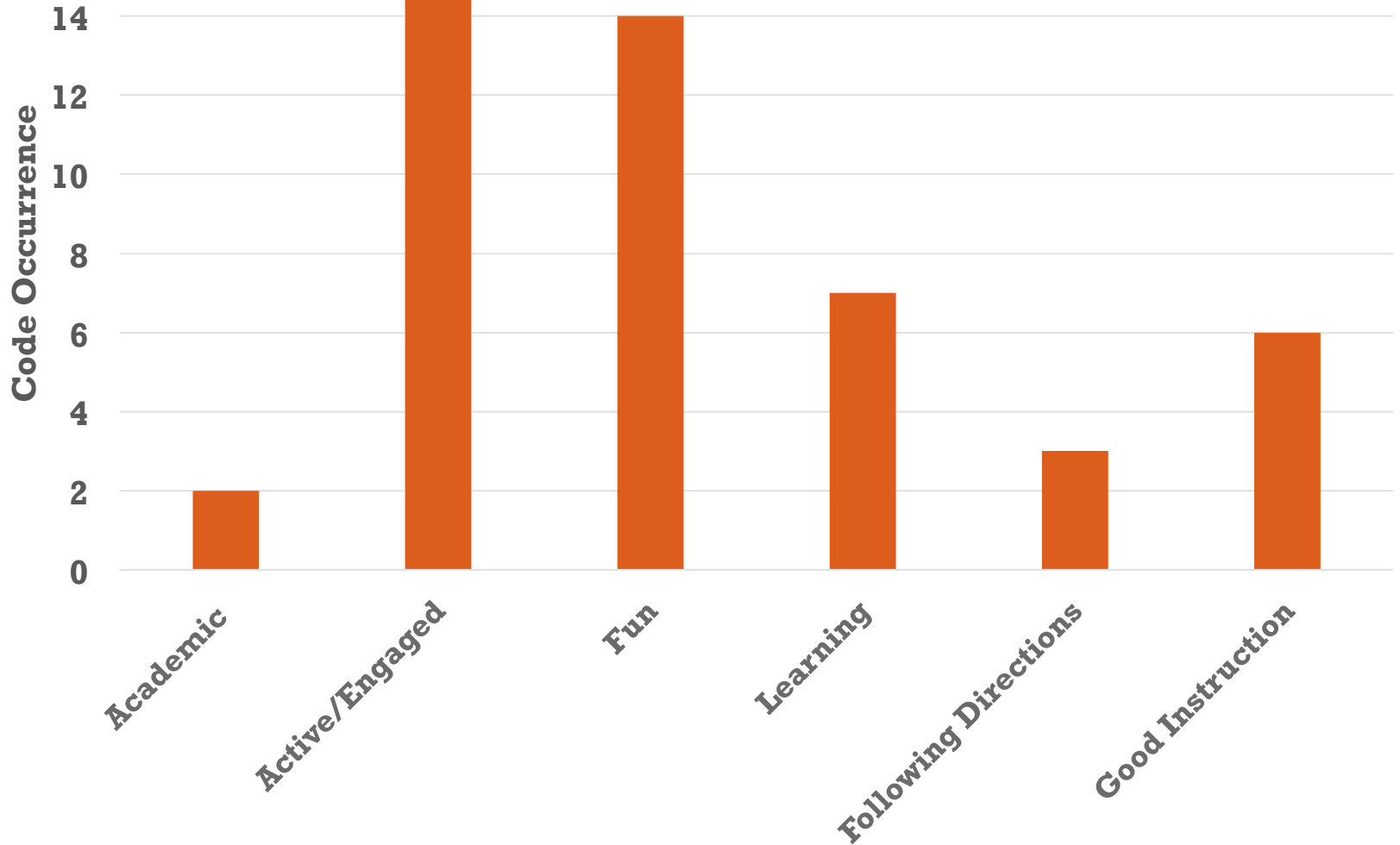


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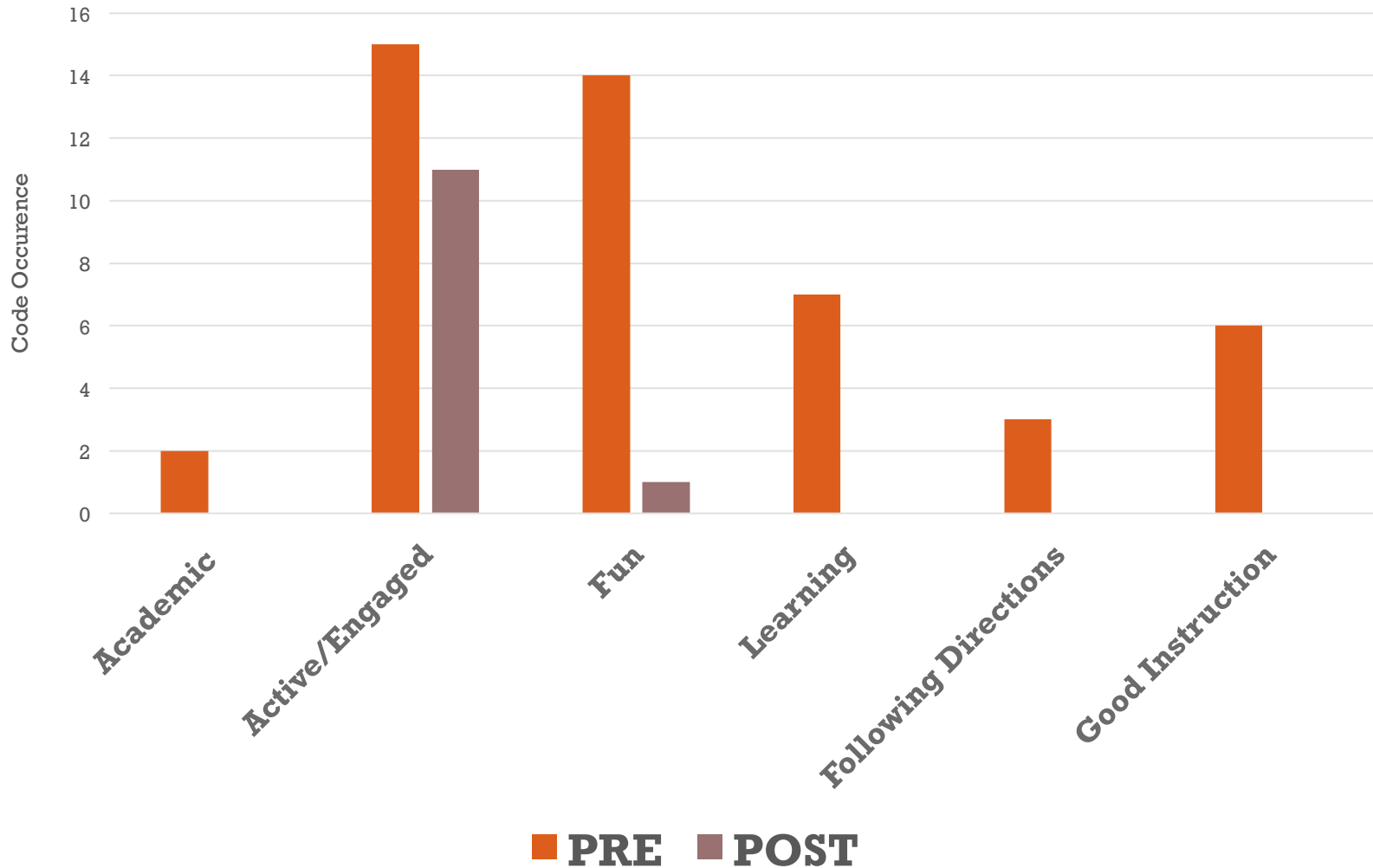
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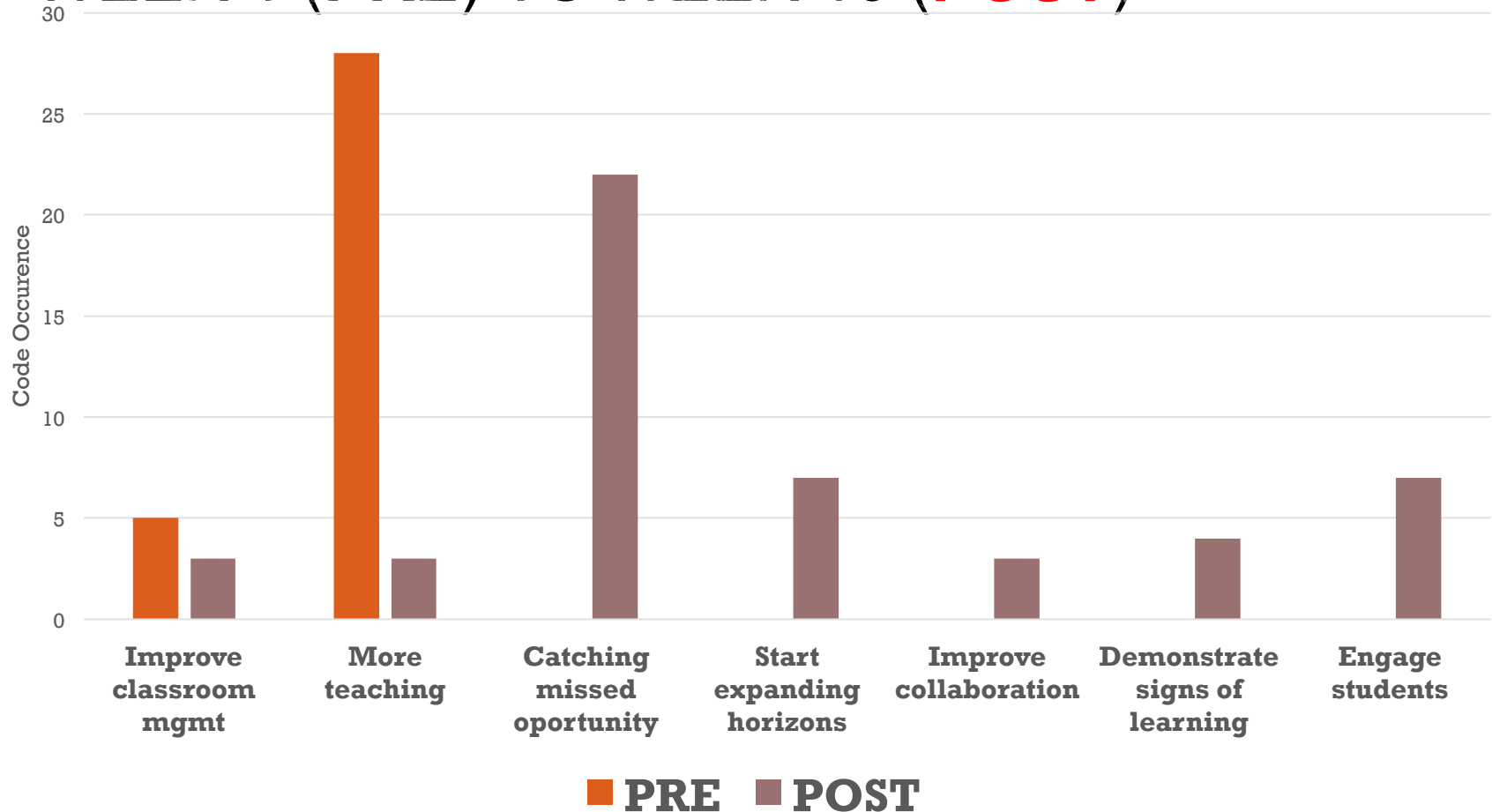


STRENGTHS

WEEK 1 (PRE) VS WEEK 10 (POST)



AREAS OF NEED IDENTIFIED IN OPEN-ENDED COMMENTS WEEK 1 (PRE) VS WEEK 10 (POST)



SURVEY OUTCOMES

FLUBBER VIDEO RATING

Table 1. Descriptive Table of Summary Statistics & Independent t-tests between Pre and Post Surveys

Pre-Survey					Post-Survey					t-tests			
n	Mean	S.D.	Min	Max	n	Mean	S..D.	Min	Max	t	df	p value	S.E.
55	9.76	1.90	5	13	36	5.39	2.31	1	10	9.84***	89	0.0001	0.44

Note. Pre-Survey taken September 2015 and Post-Survey taken December 2015.

* $p < 0.05$ ** $p < 0.01$ *** $p < 0.001$



SURVEY OUTCOMES

OST LEARNING IS IMPORTANT

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n	Mean	S.D.	Min	Max	n	Mean	S.D.	Min	Max	t	df	p value	S.E.
58	6.47	2.55	1	10	37	8.57	1.59	4	10	4.48***	93	0.0001	0.47

Note. Pre-Survey taken September 2015 and Post-Survey taken December 2015.

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SURVEY OUTCOMES

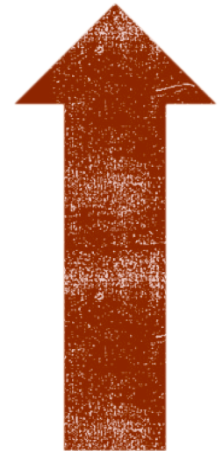
COMFORTABLE RATING OST

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Pre-Survey					Post-Survey					t-tests			
n	Mean	S.D.	Min	Max	n	Mean	S.D.	Min	Max	t	df	p value	S.E.
57	3.68	0.97	1	5	38	4.39	0.55	3	5	4.00***	91	0.0001	0.18

Note. Pre-Survey taken September 2015 and Post-Survey taken December 2015.

* $p < 0.05$ ** $p < 0.01$ *** $p < 0.001$



NEXT STEPS

Re-assess students after they **complete** CASE

Q: Will UGs demonstrate significant differences in ability to identify and articulate high-quality practices in OST after earning a CASE certificate?

As measured by:

- Survey outcomes
- Ability to rate practices using videos with a range of quality
- Language used by UGs to describe promising practices



APPLICATION TO THE FIELD

*One course can make a significant difference in undergraduates' perceptions of overall program quality.



GROUP REFLECTION

Elbow Partner Q:

What opportunities and/or barriers do you think you have to leverage local colleges/universities to support your programs?



CAPACITY BUILDING THROUGH THE ONLINE TOOLBOX

Afterschool Outcomes Measures Online Toolbox

STEM Toolbox now available!

Use a validated tool to get important feedback from any one or a combination of:

- Students
 - Staff
- Program Observations



STUDENT MEASURES:

Students' reports of the quality of their experiences in their program, including:

- ✓ their engagement in program activities
- ✓ supportive relations with program staff
- ✓ supportive relations with peers

Why these measures are important:



- These student reports of program experience correlate highly with observational data of program quality.
- Youth reports of program quality are also linked to positive youth outcomes and supportive relations with peers



SAMPLE OUTCOMES

- placeholder



TOOLBOX REFLECTION

Placeholder for debrief in groups:

- What successes/challenges have you had in using the Toolbox or any other online resource for measuring program quality?
- What other online resources are available or *should be* available from your local higher education institutions?



CAPACITY BUILDING THROUGH PROGRAM EVALUATION SUPPORT

- ✓ Evaluation design consultation
 - Identifying measures
 - Identifying data collection tools & processes
- ✓ Program Evaluation for funders
- ✓ Program Evaluation for capacity building
- ✓ Analysis
- ✓ Reporting



SAMPLE OUTCOMES

- Placeholder for evaluation outcomes



EVALUATION RESOURCES REFLECTION

- Placeholder for debrief in groups:
- (Dot activity?)
- Is evaluation an afterthought for your program or does it play a key role?
- What successes/challenges have you experienced with identifying measures, collecting data, reporting and/or using data to inform program development?
- If there was one question that you could have answered about your program, what would it be and what support do you need from higher ed to get there?



QUESTIONS?

- Poll everywhere for word cloud on feedback/thoughts?



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