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(please inform student of your referral to us.)

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Mission Statement

The Developmental Studies Department will enhance student success and graduation rates by preparing secondary school students for college level work and by creating community-rich academic and advising experiences for SF State students—all while following relevant executive orders.

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