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I. Math and Science Initiative Goal: Improving Teacher Knowledge

II. UC College Preparatory Initiative (UCCP):

The UC College Preparatory Initiative offers college preparatory courses to California high school students through distance-learning technologies. (<http://www.ucop.edu>)

III. Purpose

The mission of the UCCP is to provide Advanced Placement and honors level online college preparatory courses to high school students who otherwise would not have the opportunity to achieve eligibility or competitive eligibility for admission to the University of California and other top universities. This initiative is an on-going part of the University of California's outreach effort and is intended to increase the number of high school graduates who are eligible to attend college. UCCP also offers professional development to teachers through an annual Summer Institute.

IV. Accomplishments/Results

Begun approximately three years ago, UCCP's 2002 enrollments have grown over 3000 students in 180 schools across California. UCCP offers approximately 20 Advanced Placement and Honors Courses, including Advanced Placement Calculus and several science courses. UCCP also provides online content, test prep and academic support free of charge to students and teachers from eligible schools.

V. Plans for the next 12 months

UCCP is working to expand the program to additional schools in the state and exploring ways to utilize some of its online course materials to improve teacher knowledge.