

Two-Year College (2YC) students are a microcosm of the challenges and opportunities for the geosciences

- Geoscience is a “discovered” major: >40% of geoscience majors decided in the first 2 years of college (Wilson, 2017)
- ~30% of all geoscience majors take at least some courses at a 2yc (Wilson, 2017)
- 2ycs are overrepresented with New Majority, but not geoscience classrooms (Wolfe, 2017)
- Reframing how we think about “rigor,” start to build trust
- Changing what we value within the curriculum- how do we make the content authentic and relevant?
- How do we create a culture of retention?
- Rethinking pathways and the “typical” student