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Community colleges across the nation are facing serious issues. “Six years after enrolling, less than four in 10 community college students have earned a degree; at urban colleges, the rate is lower” (“Rethinking the 'cafeteria' Approach to Community College.”). Macomb Community College has decided to address this problem by partnering with “COMPLETE COLLEGE AMERICA” (“The Leader's GPS: Guided Pathways for Success.”) and implanting their Guided Pathways to Success program. Guided Pathways to Success is not the first of its kind, but rather the newest model Macomb Community College will be implanting to fix a broken system. Guided Pathways to Success is full of great slogans and principals that will help students graduate in a timely fashion, but the program raises questions as well. Why is there a need for a new system? When did the old system become obsolete? Why did Macomb decide now was the time to implement a new system? Who is defining success for the nearly “48,000” (“About Macomb.”) students attending Macomb Community College? Is the same definition of success being given to the “2,500” (“Barnard at a Glance”) Barnard College? Or is there perhaps a “Hidden Curriculum” (Anyon 68) underlying these definition of success?

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