Resistant Capital



The skills and knowledge
historically gained by
underrepresented students
challenging inequality in resistance
to subordination; persevering and
succeeding in a system that was
not built with them in mind.

Resistant Capital may manifest as a "Prove-them-wrong" mindset.



Students may challenge themselves to achieve what others believe they cannot.

Students may be encouraged to work hard for the sake of others like them.



Methods of persistence *(Means, 2022)

Career and personal aspirations helps students to persevere through the challenges of stereotypes.

Underrepresented students receive support and encouragement from their social networks.

Psychological factors such as motivation, self-confidence, intellectual curiosity, and resiliency.

Support found through religion and spirituality as guidance during challenging times.

Ethnic Studies courses allow students of color to learn the history of resistance efforts; see themselves in the curriculum, texts, and stories; and provide methods to navigate interpersonal and institutional racism *(Acevedo and Solorzano, 2021).



