

Growing Amidst the Great Opt-Out

EAB's State of the Sector for Small and Regional Universities

We help schools support students from enrollment to graduation and beyond

ROOTED IN RESEARCH

8,000+ Peer-tested best practices

Enrollment innovations 500+ tested annually

ADVANTAGE OF SCALE

2,100+ Institutions served

Students supported 9.5M⁺ by our SSMS

WE DELIVER RESULTS

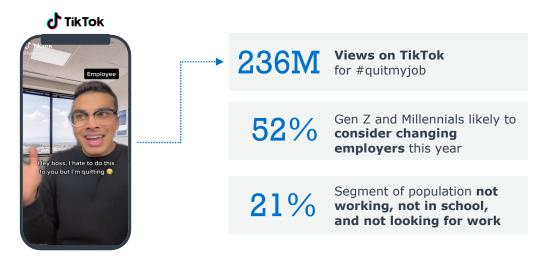
Of our partners continue 95% with us year after year, reflecting the goals we achieve together



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- Centralized Talent Strategy a Must Amidst a Looming Sansdemic
- Compounding Talent, Mental Health Crises Put Spotlight on Integrative Well-Being

The Great Opt-Out...Broadcast in Real Time

Disillusionment with the Status Quo Produces Widespread Disengagement



"It's like **the whole country is in some kind of union renegotiation**. I don't know who's going to win...but right now it seems like workers have the upper hand."

Betsey Stevenson Economist, University of Michigan

Three Critical Opportunities to Inflect a Greater Opting In

Rapidly Growing Population of "Non-Consumers"

17% Of HS seniors abandoned college plans

Grow Your Margin By Serving Your Mission to Improve College Access Rising Talent Churn at All Levels

-11% Decline in higher ed workforce, 2020-2021

Become the **Employer of Choice** You've
Always Wanted to Be

Shrinking Ability to Meet Demand for Well-Being Support

90% Of college counselors are reporting burnout

Support the Whole Person and Campus—through Integrated Well-Being

Source: EAB analysis of the Current Employment Statistics Survey via the Bureau of Labor Statistics; "Covid-19 and Education: The Lingering Effects of Unfinished Learning," McKinsey and Co, 2021; "Provider Burnout in Counselling Centers Due to COVID-19," Mantra Health; EAB interviews and analysis

Toward a Greater Opting In



Regional Institutions' Unique Opportunity to Do Well by Doing Good

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During this Session, We Will Share



Data analysis of rapidly-shifting markets



Intel on how to identify your market position



Case profiles of successful institutions

Beyond Today's Agenda



Dedicated Support for Our Partners' Evergreen Priorities

Research and Services Available:

- Achieving Financial Sustainability
- Advancing DEIJ
- Modernizing IT
- Academic Program Innovation
- Growing Student Success
- Reimagining Campus Space

Introducing EAB's DEIJ Institutional Strategy Index

A data-informed, guided collaborative approach allowing institutional participants to:



Comprehensively and objectively evaluate current state of DEIJ efforts against best practice



Create a **prioritized roadmap of investments** to close the most critical equityrelated gaps first

Discrete activities required to close equity gaps measured for maturity

Undergraduate Non-Consumer Market Larger, More Reachable than Assumed

Common Misconceptions Non-Consumers Aren't Interested in or Cut Out For College Non-Consumers are a 'Hidden' Population that is Hard to Reach Serving Non-Consumers Requires Unsustainable Aid Emerging Realities The Majority Want to Enroll, But Face Addressable Barriers Many Non-Consumers Are Already in Your Databases Process & Outreach Redesign Have Outsized Impact on Enrollment

Winning in an Era of Demographic Decline

How Our Research Agenda Has Evolved to Help Partners Sustain Growth

Grow Market Share

EAB's 2021 Research



Grow in "New" Markets

EAB's Ongoing Research





Adult & Graduate

1.6%

Annual growth in grad. degree conferrals 2017-20

63%

Of enrollment changes explained by market share

-11%

Decline in projected college enrollments, 2025 – 2030

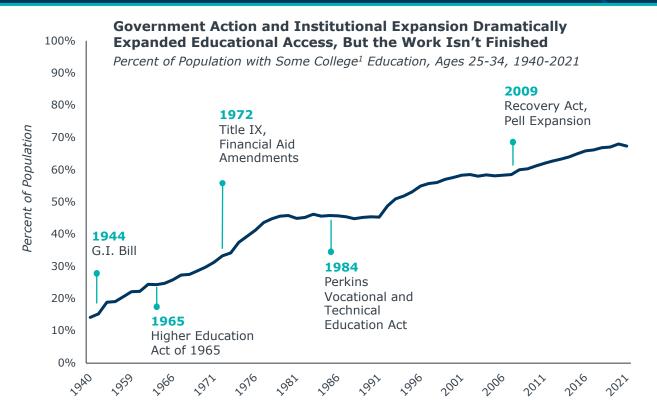
Expand the Market

Today's Discussion



32% Of 18-24-year-olds graduate HS, don't enroll in college

A Century of Transformation, Still in Progress

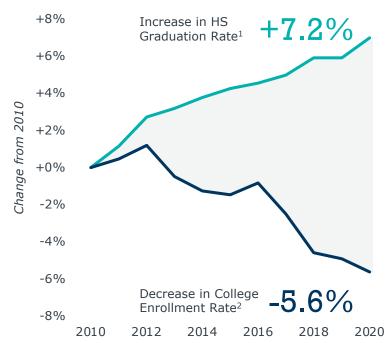


One or more years enrolled at a college or university.

Your Biggest Competition May Be No Institution

The Non-Consumer Market is Getting Bigger Every Year

Change in Ed. Attainment at 19 (2010 to 2020)



Pandemic to Increase Nonconsumption

Short-term Disengagement

+2.3M

Increase in **Absent Students** Grades 8-12

17%

Of seniors abandoned college plans

Long-term Barriers

25%

Of 3rd graders behind in reading **catch up** by end of HS

¹⁾ Pct. Of total 19-year-olds who have graduated HS

Pct. Of HS graduates who have some college experience at age 19
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Not Our Students



"This is not really a population that our institution is designed to serve"

Uninterested

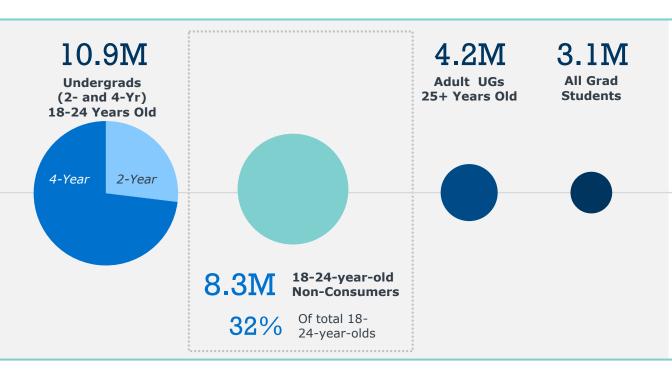


"From what I've seen, these people don't want to be in college"

Hard to Reach

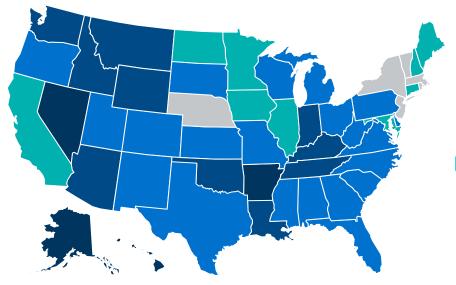


"It would be a major investment—in time and resources—to even locate these students" Sizing the Nonconsumption Market Opportunity



Nonconsumption Higher than 20% In All States, But Exceeds 40% In Some

Percent of 18-to-24-year-old high school graduates with no college experience, 2020



- Nonconsumption more common in areas with lower peer, parent educational attainment
- States with more poorly-ranked K-12 schools have larger non-consuming populations

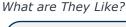


What are Non-Consumers Doing?

Living at Home

60%

Live with parents or grandparents



Similar in Income to College Bound Peers

\$77K

Median HH Income for Non-Consumers

\$86K

Median HH income for College Goers



Not Starting Careers

1 in 3

Not working¹



Racially, Ethnically Diverse

16%

American²

Black/African

27% rican Hispanic

48% White³

Majority Male

59%

Male



Most Want to Attend College, But Experience Barriers

Quotes from HS grads choosing not to pursue college, Pennsylvania Senior Exit Survey 2020-2021

"I didn't want another year of online school.
Online school has taken a significant toll on my mental health."

"The college process was much harder than I thought. I felt like I had no clue what I was doing." "My mom isn't working right now and I'm worried about money"

- 1) Excludes those not working due to disability
- Non-Hispanic population
- 3) Non-Hispanic population

Identifying Your Competitive Set



Work at Local Business

\$16/hr plus signing bonus!



Full-Time Dependent Care

At-home responsibilities a full-time endeavor



Enlist in the Military

Honor, duty, pay, benefits, and travel the world



Earn a Prof. Certification

A 6-month fast track to a \$50k+/yr entry-level job



For The Vast Majority of Non-Consumers, Perceived ROI Isn't the Barrier

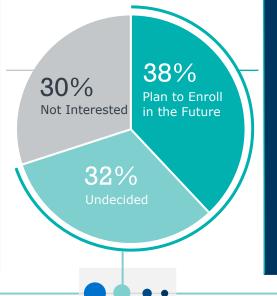
"Do You Plan to Enroll in College In the Future?" (18-24-Year-Olds Not in College), 2021

A 'Hard No' from a Few

2.5M

Not attending because:

- "College is a waste of money"
- "I don't need a degree to get a good job"



But Most are Open to College

5.8M

Not attending because:

- "Working full-time"
- "Disruption/uncertainty from the pandemic"
- "Couldn't afford it"
- Don't know what to study"

Online survey conducted by Intelligent.com of 1,250 Americans 18-24 not currently enrolled in higher education, Jan. 2022.

The Non-Consumers in Your Backyard





Summer Melt Drives Nearly a Quarter of Nonconsumption

21-25%

Of 8.3M non-consumers



Applied



Accepted



Didn't Enroll



253K - 310K

Seniors Accepted, but Not Enrolled Each Year, 10% of First-Time Attendees

Estimated¹ for Pre-Pandemic years Majority of Non-Consumers are Recent Applicants

61%

Of 18-24-year-olds who had never attended college before said they applied to college in the past year.¹

Source: NCES, High School Longitudinal Study of 2009, 2013 Update, (link); WICHE, Knocking at the College Door

Estimated by applying HSLS proportions to estimates of HS graduates and estimates of college enrollment in 2020
 ACS Estimates for 2020

How Progressive Institutions Are Closing the Gap

Four Key Steps in Identifying and Enrolling Non-Consumers



Identify Your Competition

Explore labor market data, CBO¹ intel to identify what students are choosing instead of you



Eliminate Legacy Barriers

Deploy targeted support to streamline enrollment and reduce summer melt











Locate Your Nonconsumption Population

Invest in data-sharing and K-12 partnerships to size local market

Appeal Directly to Non-Consumers

Craft program portfolio and student experience with these students at the center



Org. Confusion Limits Critical Summer Retention Efforts















The 'Bermuda Triangle' of Summer Melt

- · HS guidance offices close
- Sudden decline in collegegoing messaging
- · Prospects confused on who to contact
- Urgent questions go unasked and unanswered



Admissions role ends after deposits received







Student Affairs support begins at orientation

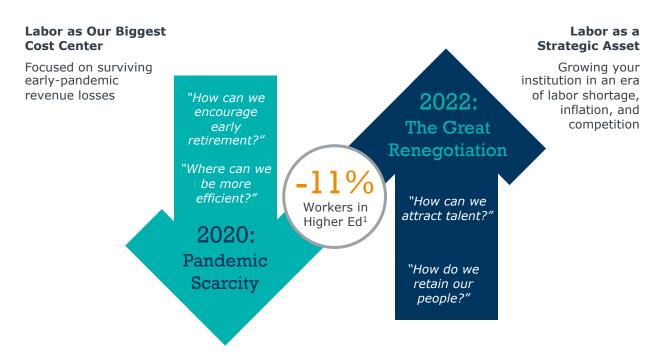
Academic Affairs efforts start during the fall term

Centralized Strategy A Must Amidst a Looming Sansdemic

Talent Crunch is Short-Term – Addressable with Compensation Higher Ed Has a Distinct Value Proposition that Attracts Employees Recruitment and Retention Delegated to HR, Dept. Leaders Emerging Realities Talent Shortages are a LongTerm Reality Higher Ed's Benefits Out-of-Step, or Unappreciated by Job Seekers Effective Talent Strategy Requires Leadership from the Center

Pandemic Forces Give Higher Ed HR Whiplash

Talent Shortages force Shift From Cost-Containment to Asset Management

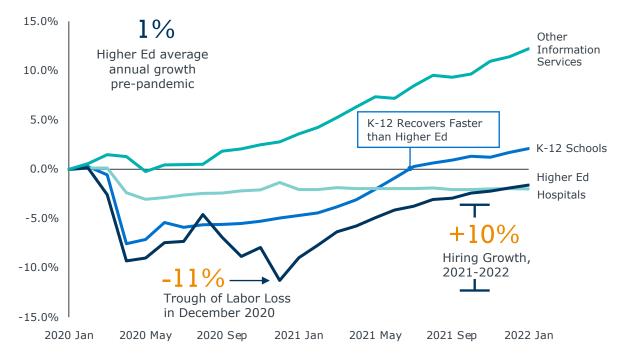


Estimated loss of workers in the college and university industry from January 2020-January 2021 (lowest employment level during pandemic)

Higher Ed Experiences Growing Pains

Historically High Hiring Growth Stresses Higher Ed HR

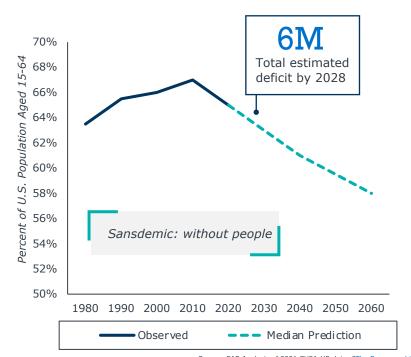
Percent change in total employees from January 2020, seasonally adjusted



The Other Side of the Demographic Cliff

From Great Resignation to Great Sansdemic

Decline in working age population



Pandemic Losses Largely in On-Site, Lower-Level Jobs

Change in jobs from 2019-2021

-5% Office/Clerical Staff

-4% Service/
Maintenance Staff

Technical/Para -professional

Forthcoming Wave of Losses Likely in Skilled Fields

Staff

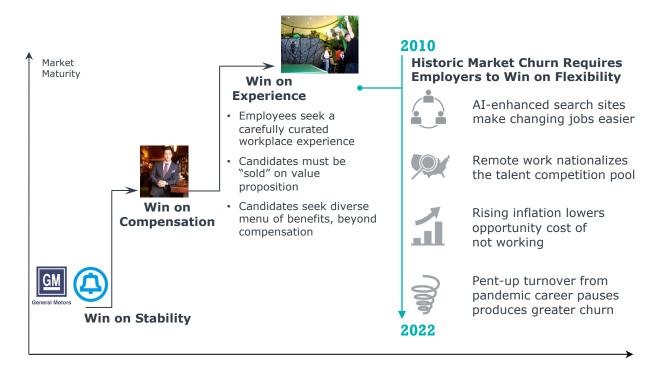
40%

HR and IT employees at least "Somewhat Likely" to be looking for new work in 2022

Source: EAB Analysis of 2021 CUPA-HR data; "The Demographic Drought: Bridging the Gap in our Labor Force," April 2021, Emsi Burning Glass. "FDUCAUSE and CUPA-HR QuickPoll Results: The Misalignment of Preferences and Realities for Remote Work," Educause Review; EAB Interviews and Analysis

Welcome to the Era of Employee as Customer

Recent History of the Employer Value Proposition on One Slide



Quantifying the Value Proposition

Put Dollars to Non-Cash Compensation to Showcase 'Perks' of Employment



Total Compensation Calculator for University Staff and Faculty

· Cash Compensation

Gross Annual Income

\$55000

 Employer Paid Non-Cash Compensation

Employer Paid Medical

\$11454

Total Compensation

\$76897

Provide job candidates with a clear list of non-cash compensation that is:

- Easy-to-locate from the job posting and accessible in language and design
- Inclusive of **unique benefits** beyond healthcare
- Written to show value in commonly misunderstood or underappreciated benefits

+\$22K
Compensation in

addition to salary

Explore the CU Calculator Here

Making Talent Center-of-Plate for the Board

Elevate Talent Strategy, Gain Unique Perspective from Board Braintrust

Ball State's Employee Development and Wellbeing Board Committee



Formed in January 2022 as a compensation committee to inflect talent attrition



President expanded focus to include employee experience



Areas of focus include:

- Talent acquisition and succession planning
- 2 Employee development and engagement
- 3 DEI
 - Annual demographic and compensation data reviews

➤ Incorporate the Board's Out-of-Sector Expertise in Talent Strategy



How have other industries navigated talent shortages?



What does higher education need to learn from industry about retaining top talent?



Where is our institution uniquely positioned to win?



What value drivers of higher ed employment are currently underleveraged?

From Great Renegotiation to Org Transformation

How EAB Can Help Institutions Achieve Their Strategic Talent Management Goals



Winning the Great Renegotiation



Becoming a Top **Talent Destination**



Maximizing Organizational Learning and Effectiveness



Implement high-impact tactics with proven ROI in the current labor market



Customize compensation packages based on employee value and preference analyses



Develop a data-informed understanding of competitive position as a local, regional, and global employer



Use strategic employer branding to gain a competitive advantage



Identify top barriers to continuous improvement and peak performance



Redesign structures, roles, and processes to realize longterm goals (e.g., increased operational efficiency)

Sansdemic-Era Playbook for Staff **Recruitment and Retention** (forthcoming)

Employer Brand Diagnostic and Associated Toolkit (forthcoming)

Proactive Succession Planning Guide and Interactive Workshop (forthcoming)

URGENT

IMPORTANT

TRANSFORMATIONAL



Fall 2022



Fall-Winter 2022



2023 and Beyond

Compounding Talent, Mental Health Crises Put Spotlight on Integrative Well-Being

Common Misconceptions Emerging Realities Counselor Shortages a Temporary, Localized Phenomenon Mental Health is Primarily a Student Affairs Concern Campus Well-Being a Center-of-Plate Cabinet Imperative Prevention-Focused Approach The Only Way to Sustain Well-Being

Executive Perceptions \neq Campus Realities



Presidents Attuned to Mental Health Challenges...

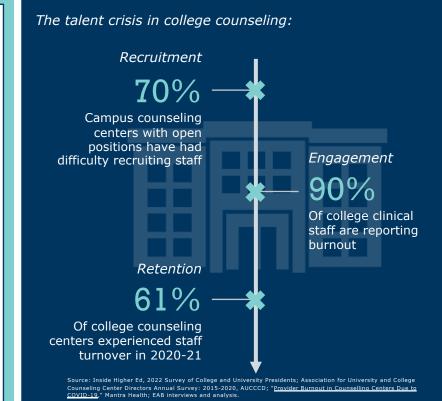
69%

Presidents said they were "very aware" of the state of mental health of undergraduates

...But Miss Rapidly Accelerating Counselor Shortage

66%

Presidents agreed that their institutions had sufficient capacity to meet students' mental health needs

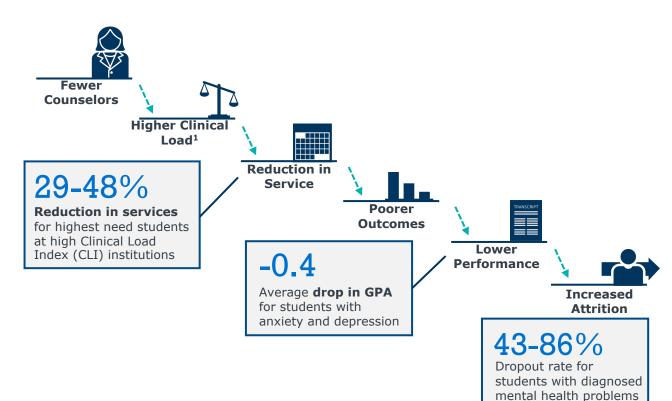


Supply of Counselors Plummets While Demand for Services Surges

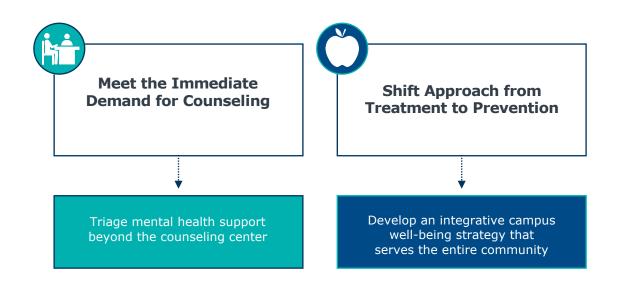


We are seeing an unprecedented number of college counseling center clinicians leaving this field...and [candidate pools to fill vacancies are] smaller than anyone could have ever imagined."

Gary Glass, Director of Counseling and Career Services Emory University



¹⁾ CLI: # of students attending 1 or more appt + Weekly expected © 2022 by EAB. All Rights Reserved, eab.com



Short-Term Opportunities to Scale Counseling Efforts 34

When Hiring More Counselors is Out of the Ouestion, Alternative **Providers are Greatest Opportunity for Triage**

PEER COUNSELORS



Peer Counselors are Especially High-Impact for Vulnerable **Student Populations**

39% COMPARED TO 20%

Of Black and Transgender students have utilized peer counseling during the pandemic

Of students overall have utilized peer counseling during the pandemic

Students-in-Training



Counseling, Social Work Students Ease Strain at **Lower Cost**

\$31k

One institution pays doctoral interns a \$31k salary, compared to the national average of \$53k for counseling staff

Third-Party Providers



Third-Party Providers Add Capacity Beyond the 9-5

72%

Of institutions will continue or adopt new telehealth mental health services

Long-Term Progress Requires Cabinet Commitment



Institution-Wide Well-Being Framework Sets Commitment and Strategy



- Outlines UBC's commitment to wellbeing for faculty, staff, and students
- Contains 6 well-being priority areas
- Provides directives to embed wellbeing opportunities across campus
- Sets concrete **metrics and goals**
- **Accountability** reports released annually

Annual President's **Leadership Forum Ensures Cabinet-Level Buy-In**



University President



Cabinet Leaders



Faculty and Staff



Student Leaders



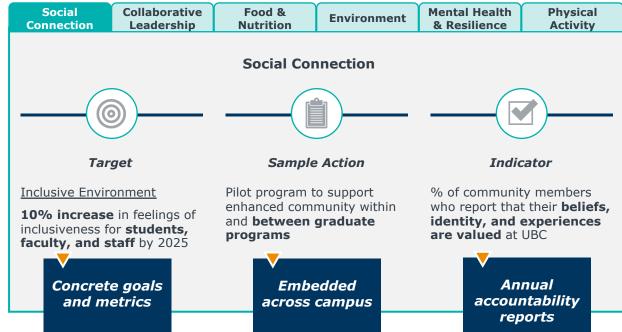
UBC Leaders

System-Wide Commitments

Cross-Campus Support Across Well-Being Spectrum

Framework Strives For Holistic Well-Being Support for Entire Community





Embedded Experiences Key to Shift Strategy from Treatment to Prevention



Embed experiences in **high-traffic campus spaces** and activities



Build experiences around evidencebased practices





Residence Halls

Residence Assistants become specialists in wellbeing, DEI, or student life



Orientation Training

Offer a course about trauma as a part of orientation leader training

SUNY ONEONTA

Unused Spaces

Transform unused campus spaces into meditation hall

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Accessible Messaging Reduces Summer Melt



New Admits Are Overwhelmed

Simplify and Centralize New Student Messaging

Immediate and Outsized ROI



On average, new students receive

~300

emails from over 80 different offices

Students don't know where to turn for advice



Deployed an AI-enhanced chatbot to proactively ask and answer questions 24/7 via text

Do you have any questions about getting ready to enroll? - GSU

> Yes! My financial aid isn't showing up...



\$100K

AI Chatbot Investment



22%

Reduction in summer melt

~\$3M

Tuition revenue from additional students

Source: Georgia State University Reduction of Summer Melt (link): Inside Higher Ed "How Georgia State Prevents Summer Melt (link) EAB Interviews and Analysis.

Recruitment Shouldn't Stop After the Fall

Use Your Institution's NSC Report to Identify Non-Consumer Warm Leads



Non-Enrolled Student Report (Example)

Applicant	Enrolled At:
Frances M.	Unknown
Chloe Z.	Unknown
David S.	Unknown
Bob W.	University A
Peter S.	University A
Pat G.	University C
Linda M.	2-Yr College B
Charlene S.	2-Yr College B



Quickly Re-Recruit Students with 'Unknown' Enrollment Status

- Unlikely to have enrolled elsewhere¹
- · Data available by mid-November
- ► Launch a re-recruitment campaign to applicants with 'unknown' destination



Also Consider Priming a Transfer Campaign At the Same Time

- 80% of community college students intend to earn a bachelor's degree
- Only 25% end up transferring
- Reach out after one year with information on transferring

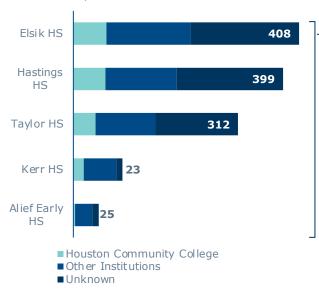
NSC has coverage over 97% of enrolled students. 'Unknown' destination students are very likely to not be enrolled anywhere.

Where Have the High School Graduates Gone?

Colleges Lack Data on Those with Unclear Intentions

What Happens to Area High Schoolers After Graduation?

2016 Alief Independent School District Graduate Destinations



For Sizable Portion of Alief HS Graduates, Answer is Unknown

46% Alief ISD high school seniors whose post-graduation destinations are unknown

- 66

At one particular high school, over half of their graduating class was unaccounted for in higher education. These are kids who are on the bubble. They don't necessarily view college as accessible to them.

Shantay Grays Assoc. Vice Chancellor, Enrollment Mgmt.

HOUSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

"

Automatic Admission Solves "Opt-In" Problem

Default Admission Enables Broader, Deeper High School Recruitment



School District Data Transfer Automates Admission



Parent signs consent form to allow transfer of FERPA-protected data



High school sends student academic and college interest data to HCC



College sends admission letter if parent consents, follows up for onboarding

Consent Form Evaluates Student Interest in HCC

Parent Selects All That Apply

- ☐ Student enrolled in HCC dual enrollment
- ☐ Student already completed application
- Student plans to attend HCC
- ☐ Student plans to attend another institution
- ☐ Student needs help determining career or educational pathway

Admission Data Transfer Initiates Recruitment

- · Admission letter welcomes student to HCC
- Students receive information on HCC programs identified in consent form and through HCC career assessment
- Students who attend another institution receive marketing for summer, winter courses

3

Weeks to implement transfer at Alief ISD

6

Houston school districts adopting data transfer

260

New HCC enrollments from Alief ISD since data-sharing launch

Peer Counselors Provide 1:1 Mental Health Support

The University of Michigan's Individual Peer Support Program



Students Select a Peer Counselor

Students can browse a directory and indicate interest in the program on the counseling center website



13 Peer Mentors 2020-2021



Students Meet With Their Peer Counselor

Students set up a schedule with their peer mentor that will best fit their needs and goals



Peer counselors have dedicated time with counseling staff to reflect on recent success, themes and challenges

Key Program Logistics



Supervised and trained by the counseling center



Volunteer-based and students interested in becoming a peer counselor must go through an application process



A staff member is on call for peer counselors who need additional guidance to help their client outside of normal hours

Group Support via Student-Led Cohorts

Wolverine Support Network Complements Michigan's 1:1 Peer Programming

The Wolverine Support Network

Student-led organization that empowers students to support each other's identity, mental well-being and day-to-day lives through peerfacilitated groups and biweekly events

How It Works



Students Request to Join a Group

a custom algorithm assigns students according to their needs/preferences



Group Cohorts Meet Weekly

30 weekly groups (2019-2020)



Two Student Facilitators Per Group

60 leaders undergo semesterly training and meet weekly with the counseling center director

Results

470+ Members 2019-2020

% Who Said They're...

88% better able to listen to others

85% more able to empathize with & understand others

82% more able to open up to others

A New ResLife Model at Virginia Tech

Specialization Reduces Risk of Focus Areas 'Falling through the Cracks'

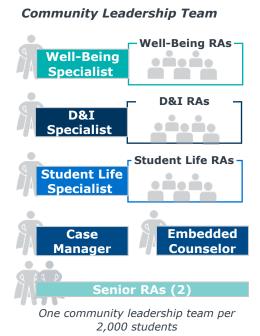
Traditional ResLife Model

Generalist RDs oversee groups of generalist RAs



In fall 2022 Virginia Tech will transition to a specialist model

Virginia Tech's Residential Well-Being Model:



Each RA team has 1 of each below: Well-Being Specialist D&I Specialist Student Life Specialist Professional Coach One neighborhood

Every Student Connected

Specialist Approach Enables Strong Relationships across Campus

We're prioritizing relationships [between residence life staff and other campus specialists] in a way we've never done before. [Our] goal is that EVERY student is connected to well-being on campus. I know the word "every" is thrown around quite a bit, but we intend to measure progress against this goal. If every student isn't connected, then we've missed the mark and will recalibrate so that we are taking care of every student."

- Sean Grube, Director of Residential Well-Being, Virginia Tech

Making Wellness-Centered Design a Reality



Services Design



Assess demand, offcampus providers before adding highcost services, spaces



Select a central, well-trafficked location on campus



Integrate wellness apps, staff to create seamless experience



Include **mix of public, private spaces** to enable confidentiality



Actively promote planned services to **potential donors**



Use scientificallybacked features that promote health

Embedding Wellness into All Campus Spaces

WELL Building Standard v2

- Strategies to advance health through design and operations
- Uses checklist of features to scores buildings on 10 concepts:

Air

Thermal Comfort

Water

Sound

3 Nourishment 8

Materials

4 Light

Mind

5 Movement

10 Community