

Keeping Students on Their Pathway

Texas Pathways
Institute #5
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Keeping Students on Their Pathway:



Objectives for this session:

- Make the 8-week transition easier
- Learn from our successes
- Pair with a mentor college



10:00 – 11:45 PM – College Presentations/Panel Discussion

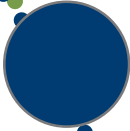
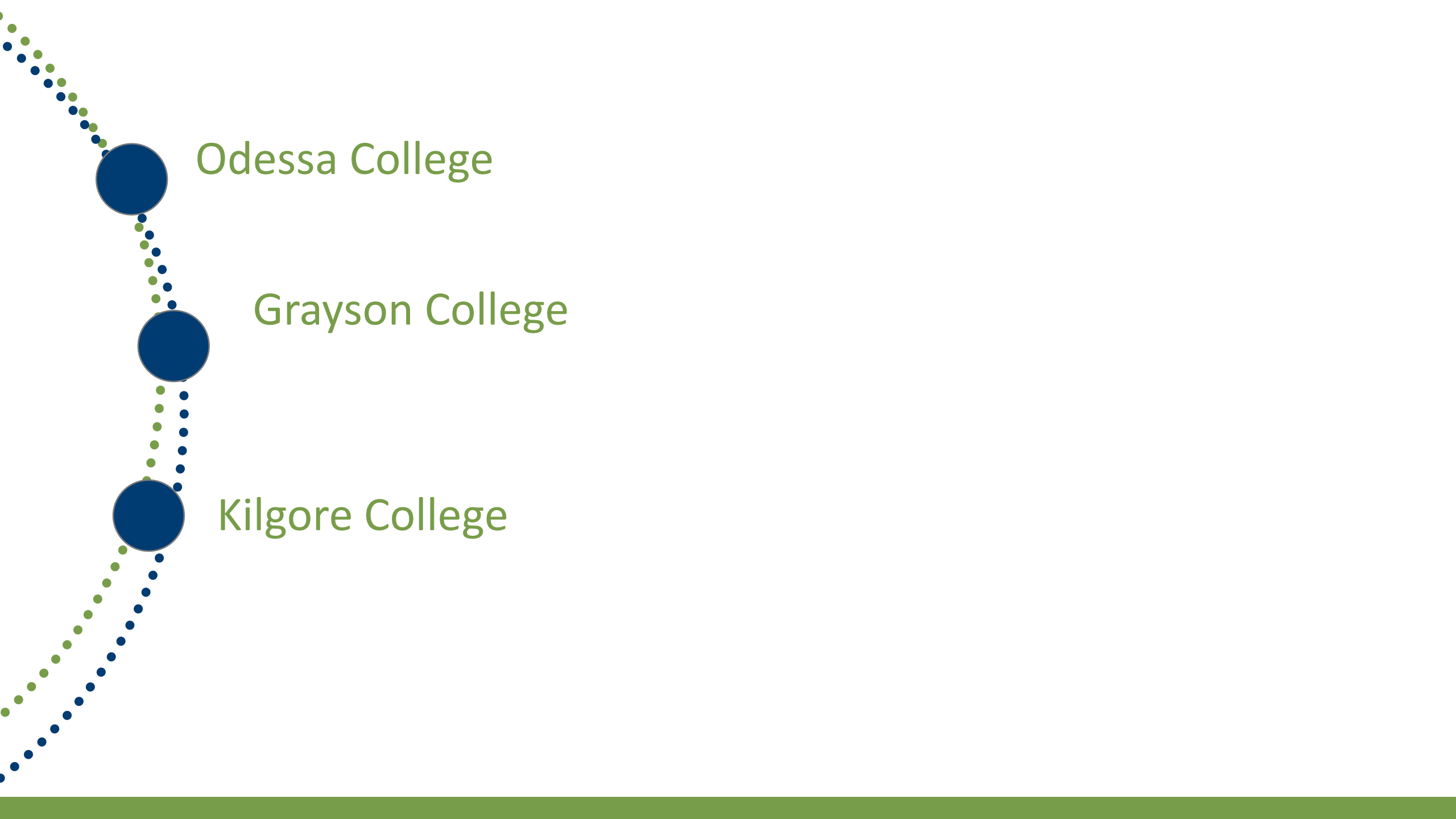
How we did it!

1 1:45- 12:30 PM – Lunch Break

Please remain in the room until dismissed; groups are staggered to optimize efficiency and to social distance

12:30 – 1:30 PM – College Speed Dating

Get answers to college specific questions



Odessa College



Grayson College



Kilgore College



WHY EIGHT-WEEKS?

BURNOUT
AT WEEK 10

OVERWHELMED
WITH 4-7 COURSES

LIFE HAPPENS
A LOT TO OC STUDENTS

THEN 13 HOURS

SEMESTER | AUGUST - DECEMBER

ENGL 1301

MATH 1333

HIST 1301

COLL 0171

PSYC 2301

NOW 13 HOURS

TERM 1 | AUGUST - OCTOBER

ENGL 1301

COLL 0171

PSYC 2301

TERM 2 | OCTOBER - DECEMBER

MATH 1333

HIST 1301

WHY CHANGE?

16 WEEKS IS A LONG TIME TO WAIT

STUDENTS HAVE TO WAIT 16+ WEEKS TO RESTART A CLASS IF THEY HAD TO DROP

8 WEEKS IS THE NORM FOR SOME COLLEGES

COLLEGES CATERING TO WORKING STUDENTS HAVE BEEN USING 8-WEEK COURSE STRUCTURE FOR YEARS

ADDITIONAL ON RAMPS

ADDITIONAL ON RAMPS FOR FIRST GENERATION COLLEGE STUDENTS TO MEET THEIR READINESS

DOES THIS MEAN WE ARE ON THE QUARTER SYSTEM?

**NO – WE STILL PLAN,
ADVISE, AND REGISTER
BY THE SEMESTER**

**FULL-TIME STATUS STILL
DETERMINED BY THE
SEMESTER CREDIT LOAD**

WHERE WE WERE

16 WEEK

LATE START
14 WEEK & 12 WEEK

10 WEEK
SUMMER

8 WEEK

5 WEEK
SUMMER

4 WEEK

ODESSA COLLEGE

HISTORY OF EIGHT-WEEK COURSES

**ELECTRICAL &
ELECTRONICS**

INSTRUMENTATION

AUTOMOTIVE

DIESEL

**OCCUPATIONAL
HEALTH & SAFETY**

**BUSINESS
PROFESSIONALS**

**CULINARY
ARTS**

**SOME GENERAL
EDUCATION
COURSES**

WHERE WE ARE

< 26% ARE 16 WEEK COURSES < 15% WITHOUT DUAL CREDIT



ODESSA COLLEGE
FIVE YEARS AFTER
INTRODUCING
EIGHT-WEEK
COURSES
at SCALE

25% INCREASE IN
ENROLLMENT

31% INCREASE IN
FTIC ENROLLMENT

6% INCREASE IN
COURSE COMPLETION

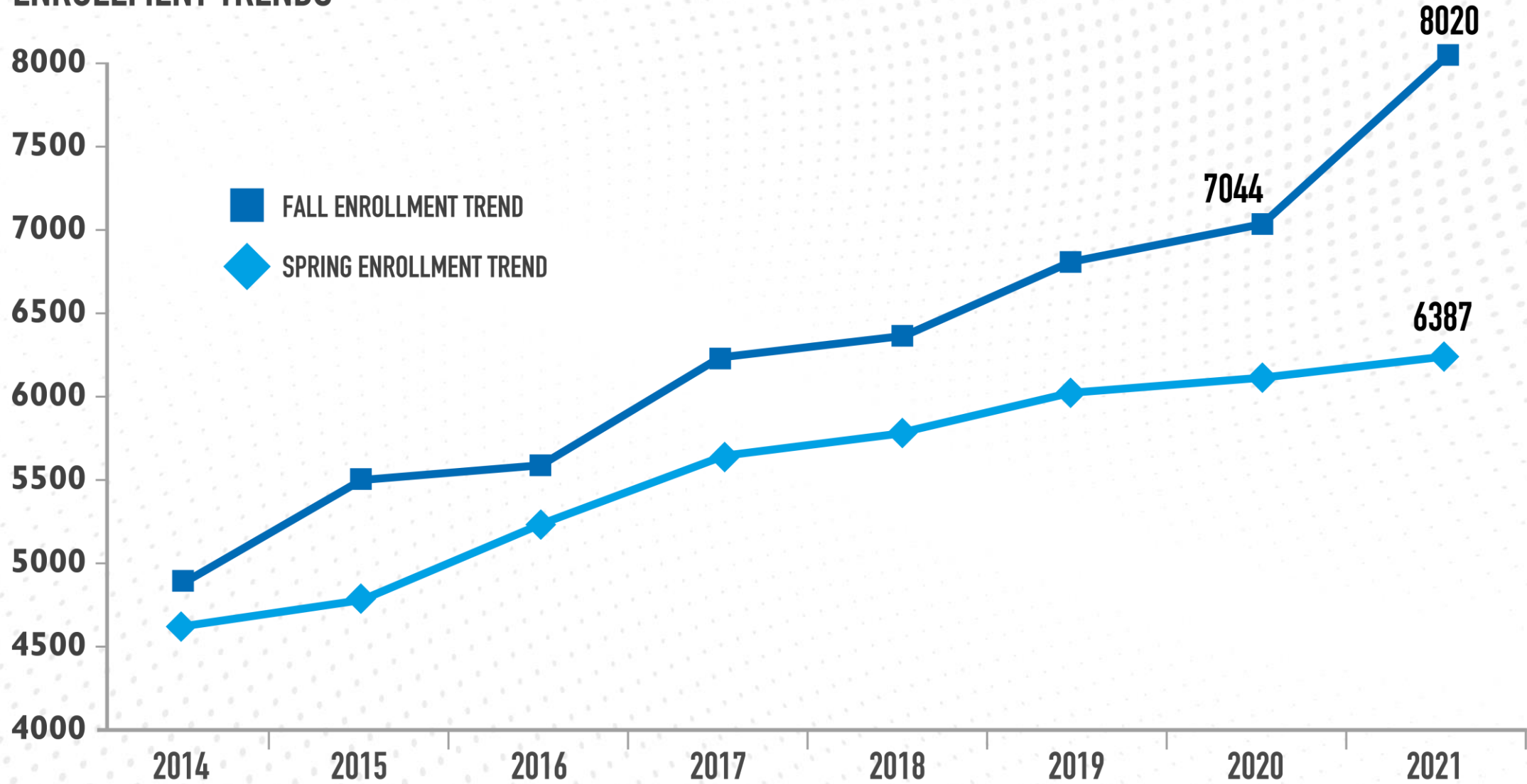
7% INCREASE IN
C OR BETTER SUCCESS

12% DECREASE IN
RETURN OF FEDERAL
FUNDS FOR NON-COMPLETION

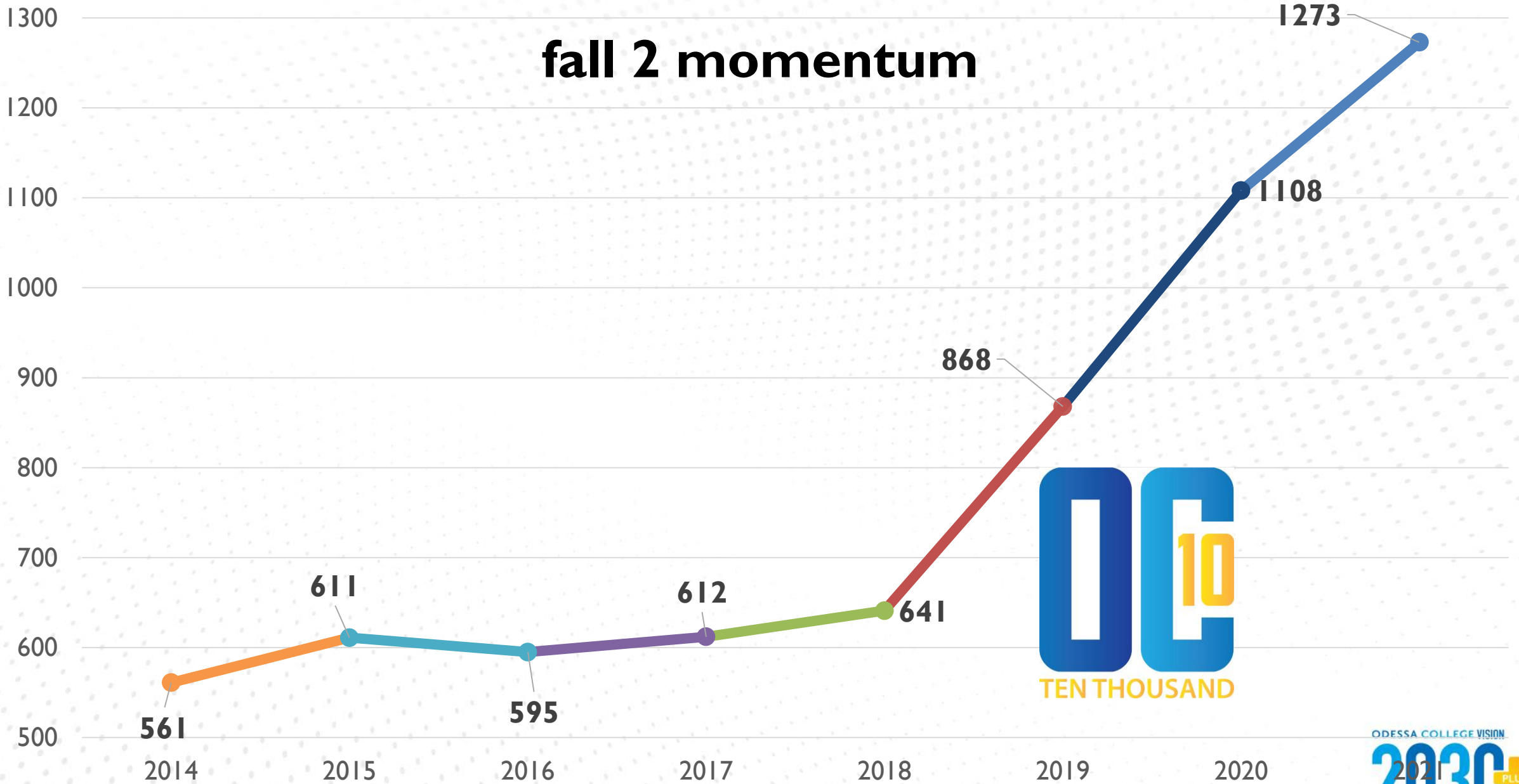
65% INCREASE IN
CREDENTIALS AWARDED

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ENROLLMENT TRENDS



fall 2 momentum





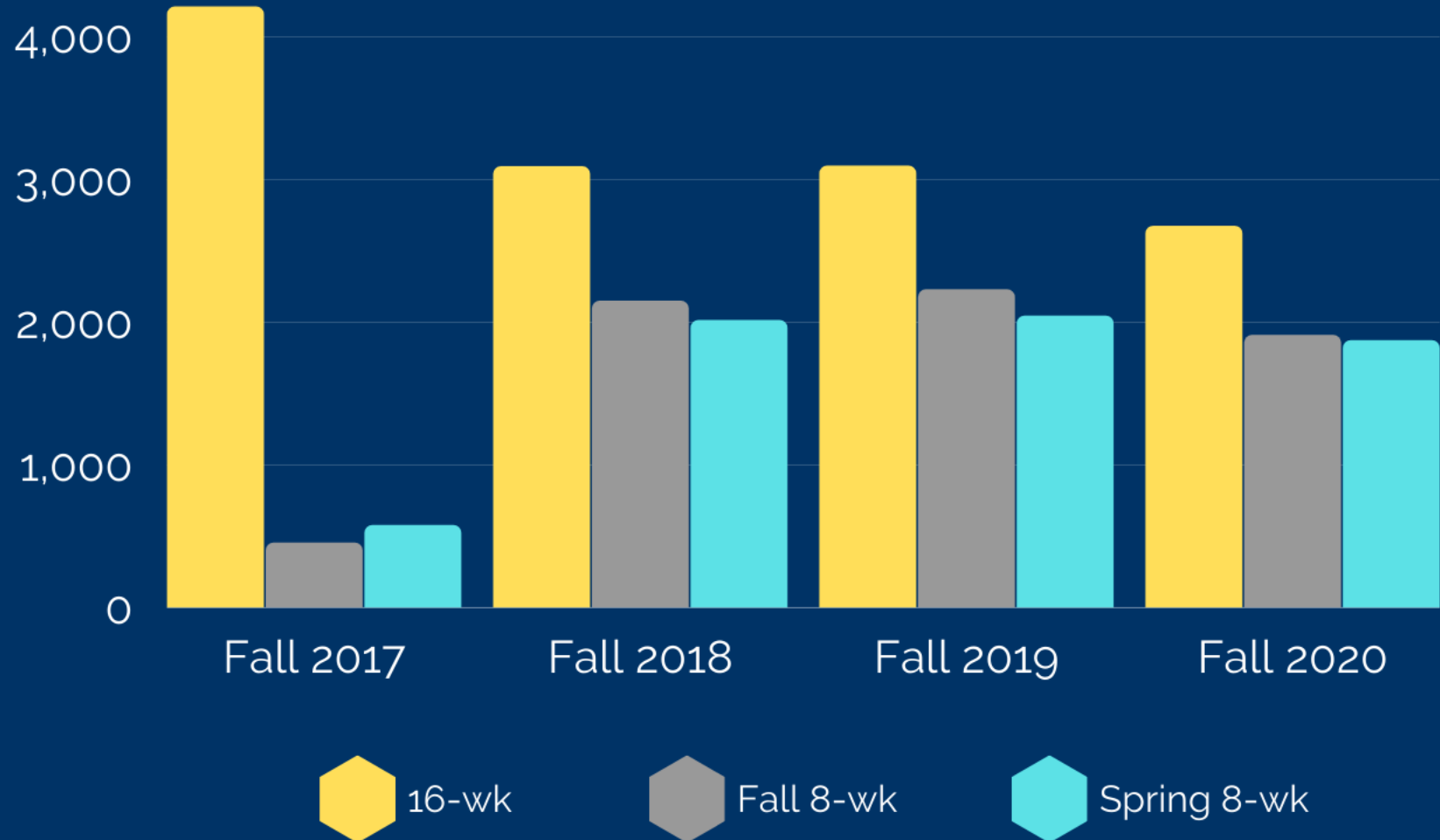
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COLLEGE

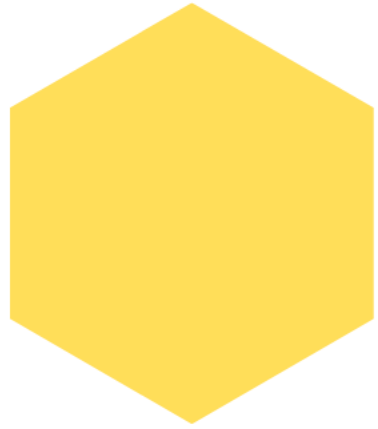


ABOUT GC

- Rural Community College in north central Texoma (serves Grayson & Fannin Counties)
- Locations
 - Main Campus – Denison
 - South Campus – Van Alstyne
- Approximately 4100 students

Fall Semester Headcount Comparison by Term





PRESIDENTIAL PERSPECTIVE OF ACCELERATED PATHWAYS

Accelerated Time to Degree
Increased Number of On-Ramps

PRESIDENTIAL PERSPECTIVE OF ACCELERATED PATHWAYS



**Efforts to Reduce
Time to Degree**



**Part of Larger
Cultural Shift**



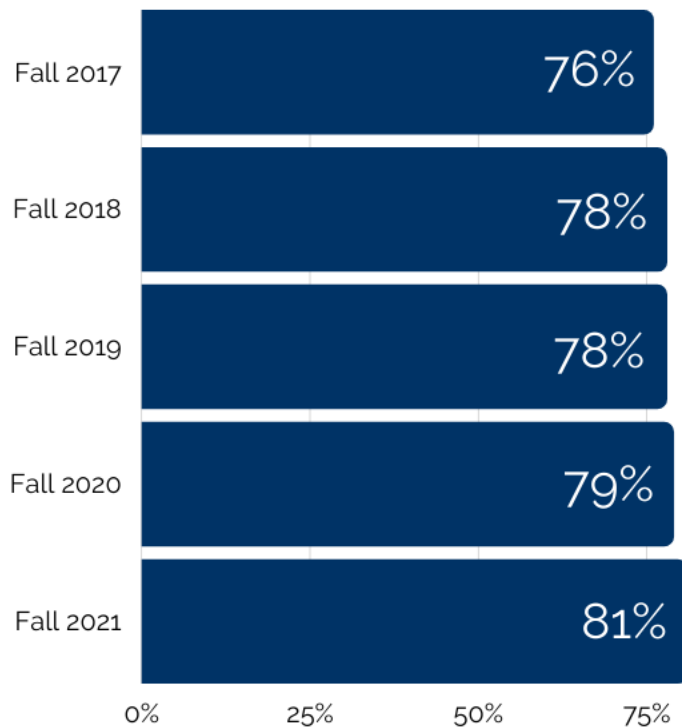
**Not About Changing
the Academic
Calendar/Schedule**

Financial Aid &
Business Office Functions

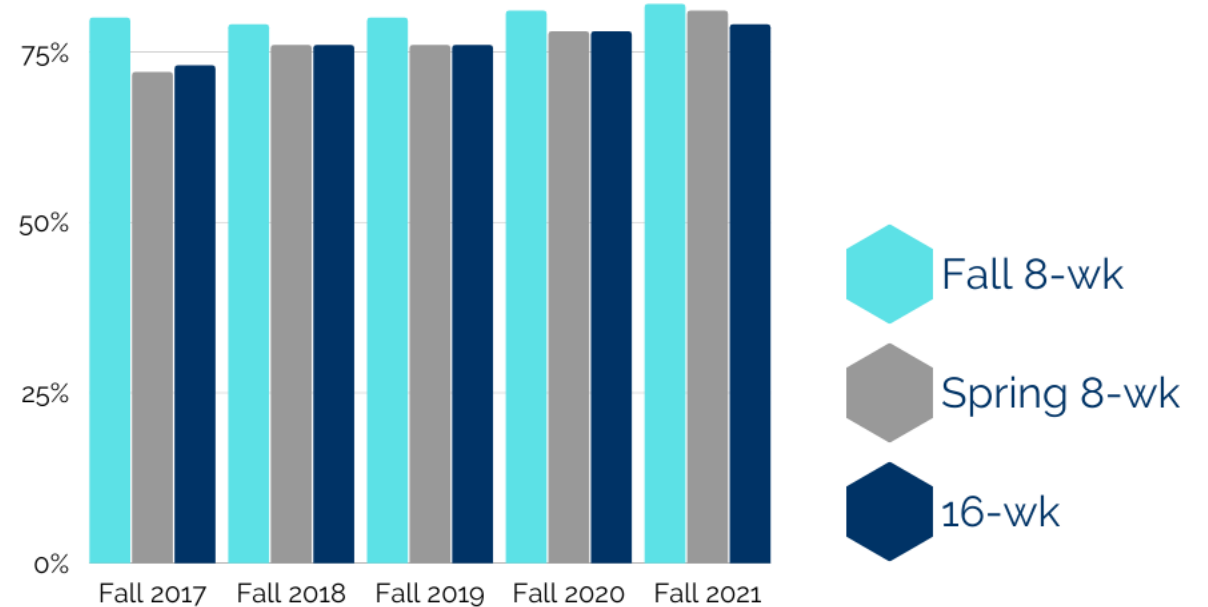
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Reason for Transition = Student Success
Increased Course Completion (As, Bs, and Cs)

8-Week Course Success Rates



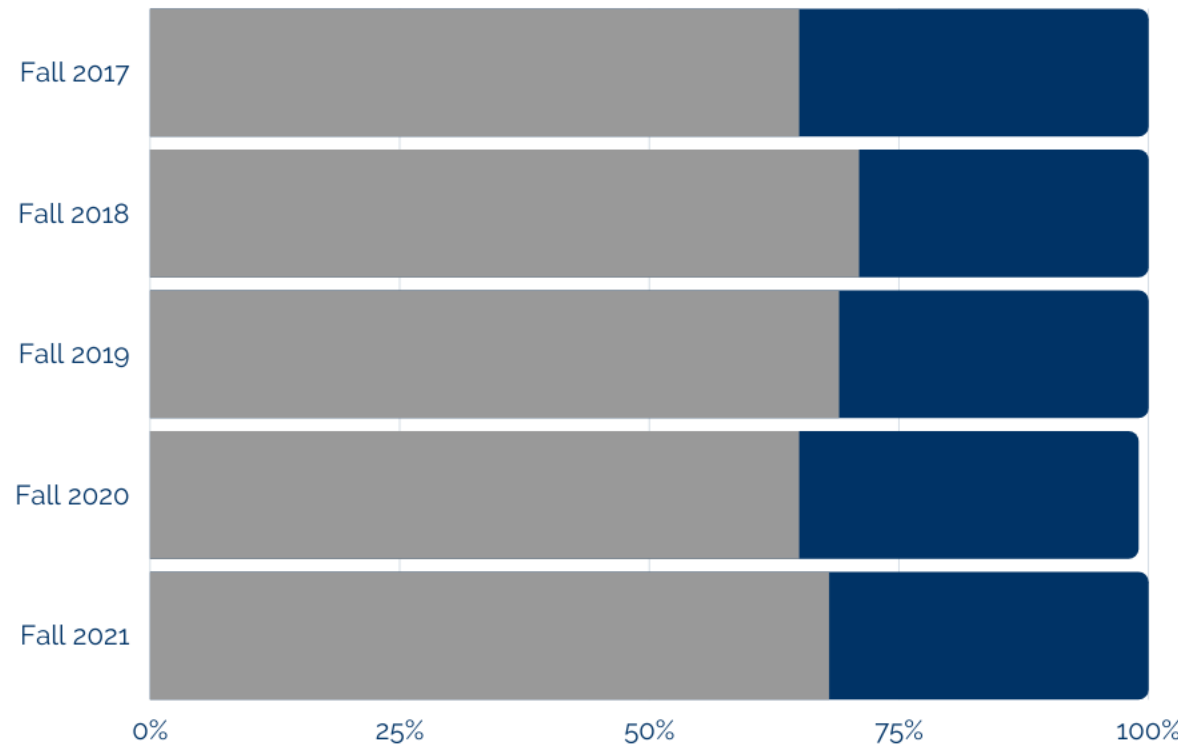
Course Success Rates by Term



PRESIDENTIAL PERSPECTIVE OF ACCELERATED PATHWAYS

Increased % of Full Time Students

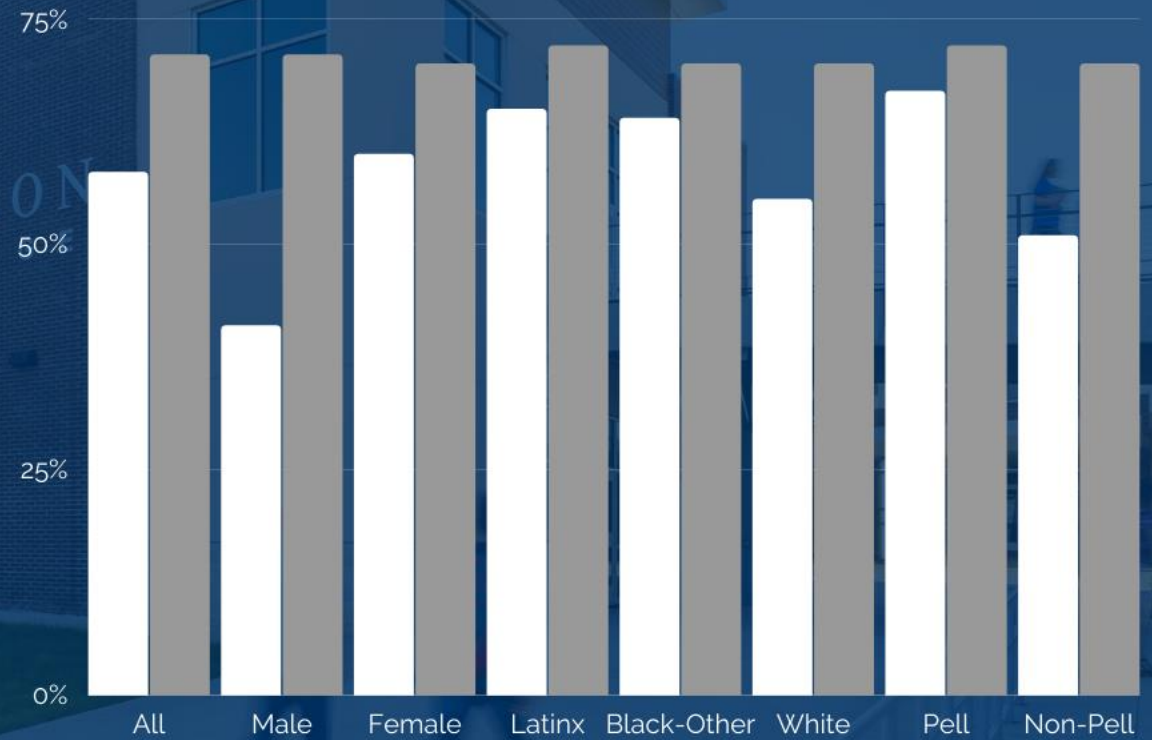
8-Week Enrollment by Term and Status



Full-Time Part-Time

PRESIDENTIAL PERSPECTIVE OF ACCELERATED PATHWAYS

Starting Cohort Fall to Spring Persistence



Fall 2017

Fall 2021



**Hear from
the Vikings**



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GC Student and Faculty Voices on
the 8-week Term

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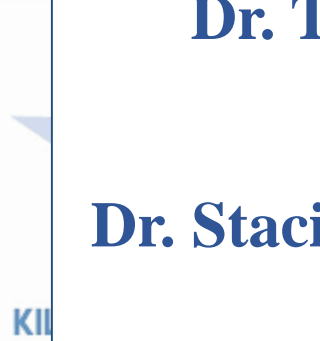


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About Kilgore College

- Locations:
 - Main Campus: Kilgore
 - KC-Longview Campus
- Enrollment: 6,875 (credit + non-credit)
- Average age: 22
 - Traditional (22 & Under): 73%
 - Non-traditional: (23 & Older): 27%
- Enrollment Status:
 - Full-time: 39%
 - Part-time: 61%
- Transitioned to 8-week semesters in 2019



Kilgore College Objectives

Improve Completion Rates

Increase Student Retention

Increase Enrollment via Recruiting

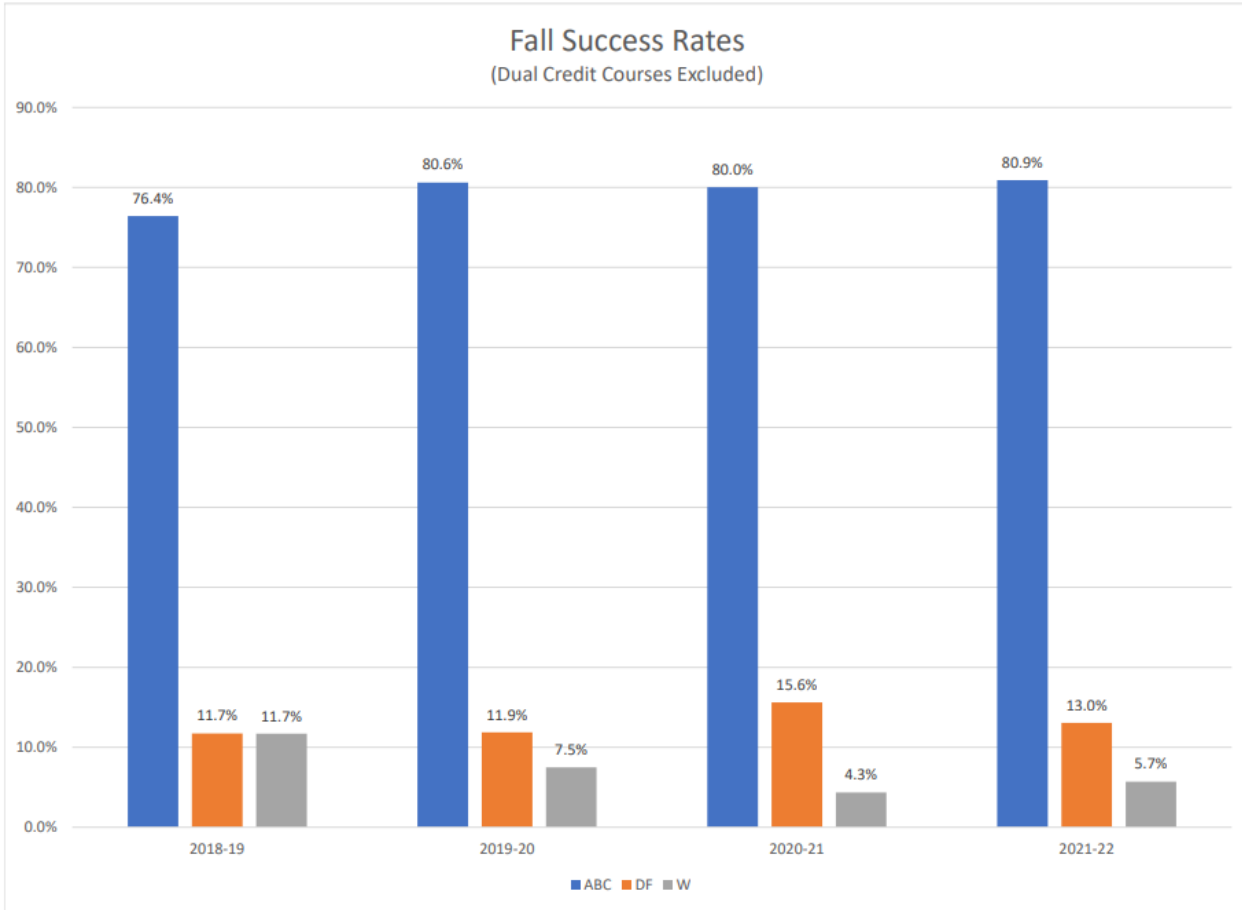


Learn more, earn more with **EIGHT-WEEK CLASSES** at KC!

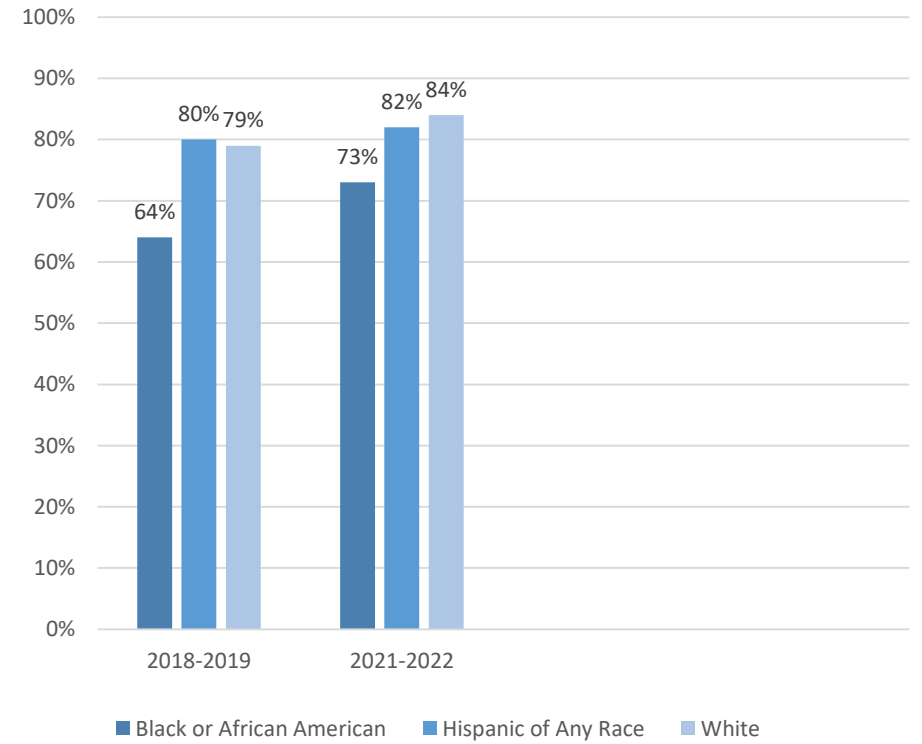
- Avoid the burnout most students get with long semesters.
- Avoid feeling overwhelmed with fewer courses to take at the same time.
- Avoid juggling multiple assignments and deadlines.
- It's a good fit for everyone! (Including overachievers, working students and students struggling academically)

Data Snapshot

Fall Success Rates
(Dual Credit Courses Excluded)

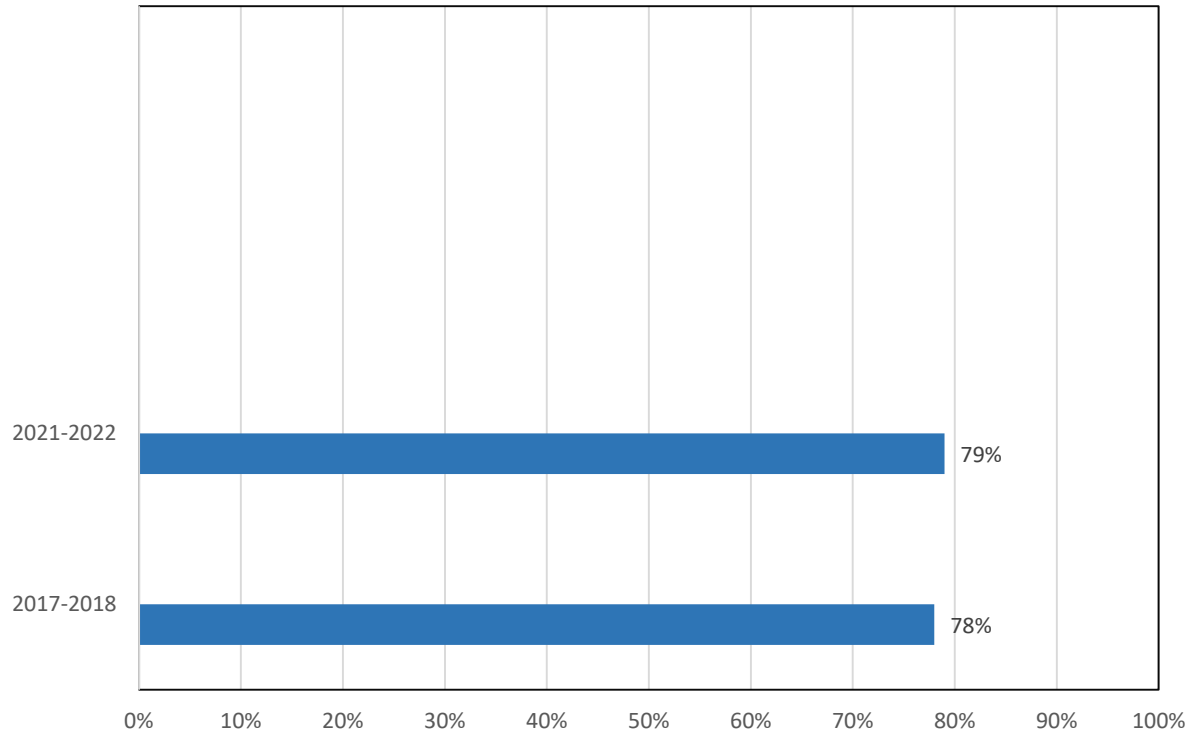


Fall Success Rates Disaggregated (A,B,C)

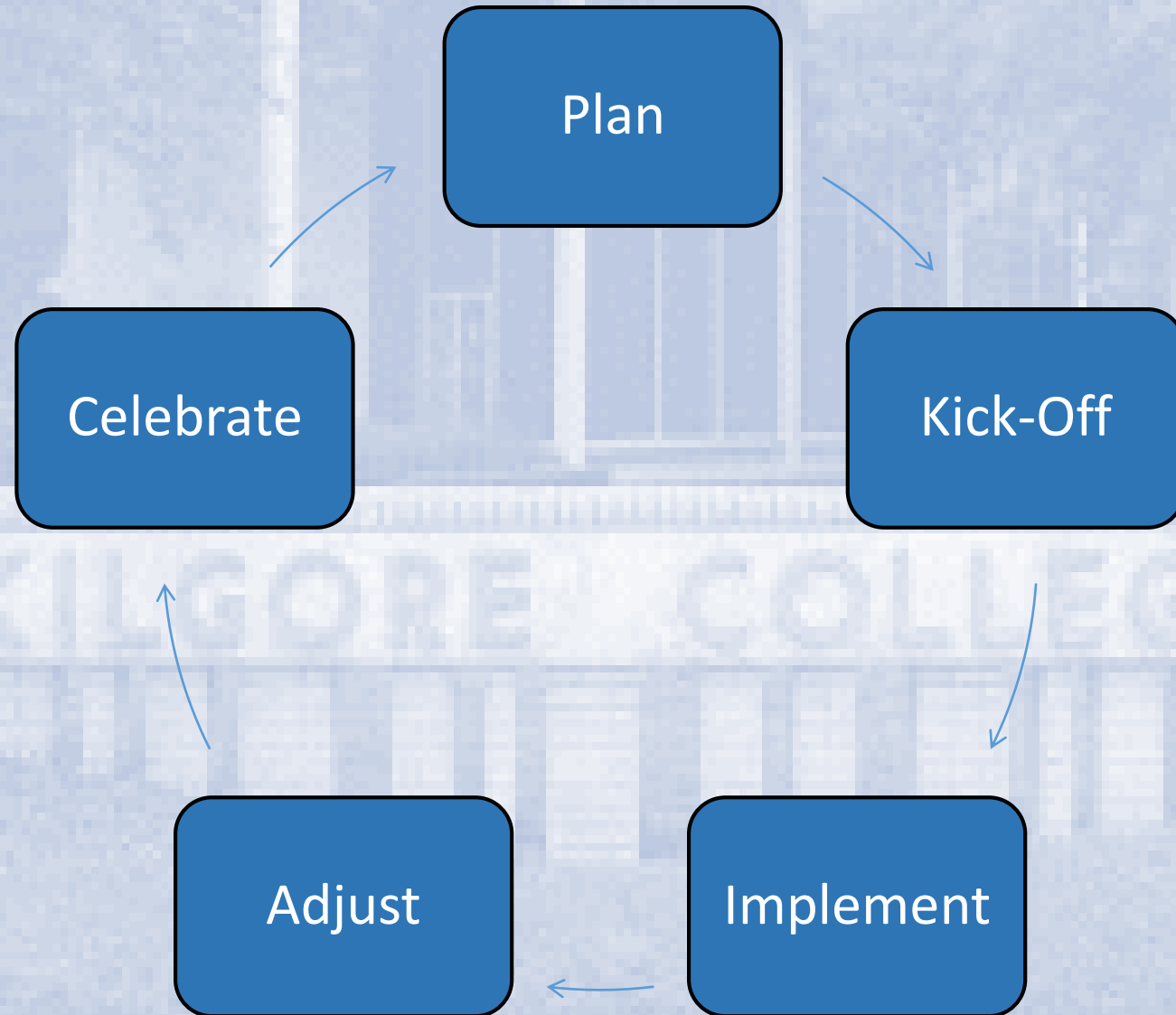


Snapshot Cont.

Fall to Spring Retention



KC Road to Success



KC Voices

<https://youtu.be/D-U-UGMNHhQ>



**KILGORE
COLLEGE**

KC Successes: Getting Stakeholders on Board

- We did it!
 - The “train left the station.”
 - Everyone came on board.
 - It’s hard to argue with data.



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Enjoy Lunch!

College Speed Dating

Burning Questions

Each college will come to your table

Then Switch



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Next Steps

Make a commitment

Sign up with a mentor college



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