

# COMPLETE COLLEGE AMERICA

## Game Changers - Colorado

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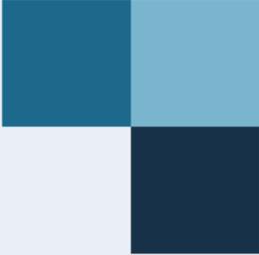
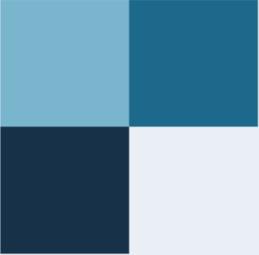


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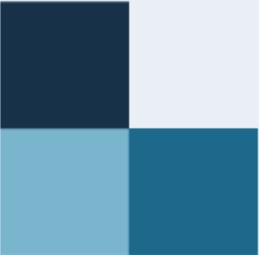
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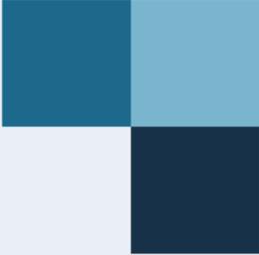
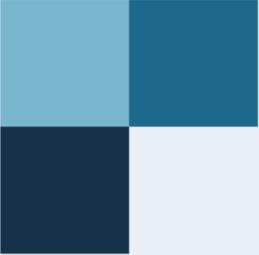
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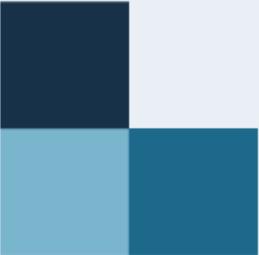
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# COMPLETE COLLEGE AMERICA

Working with states to significantly **increase** the number of Americans with quality career **certificates or college degrees** and to **close attainment gaps** for traditionally underrepresented populations.

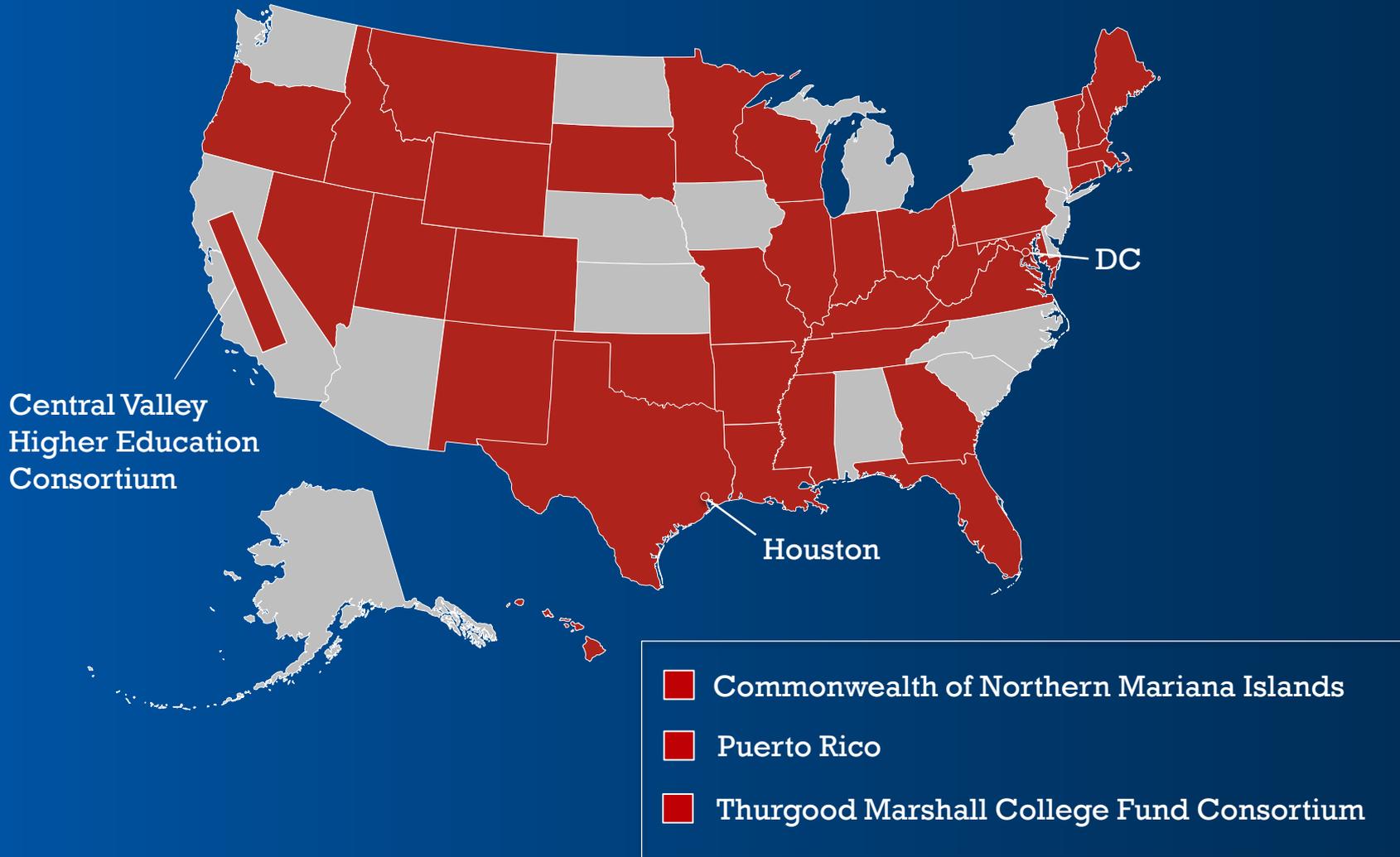
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# Our Approach

Work with states, systems and consortia to implement **evidence-based strategies at scale** to see double-digit gains in outcomes.

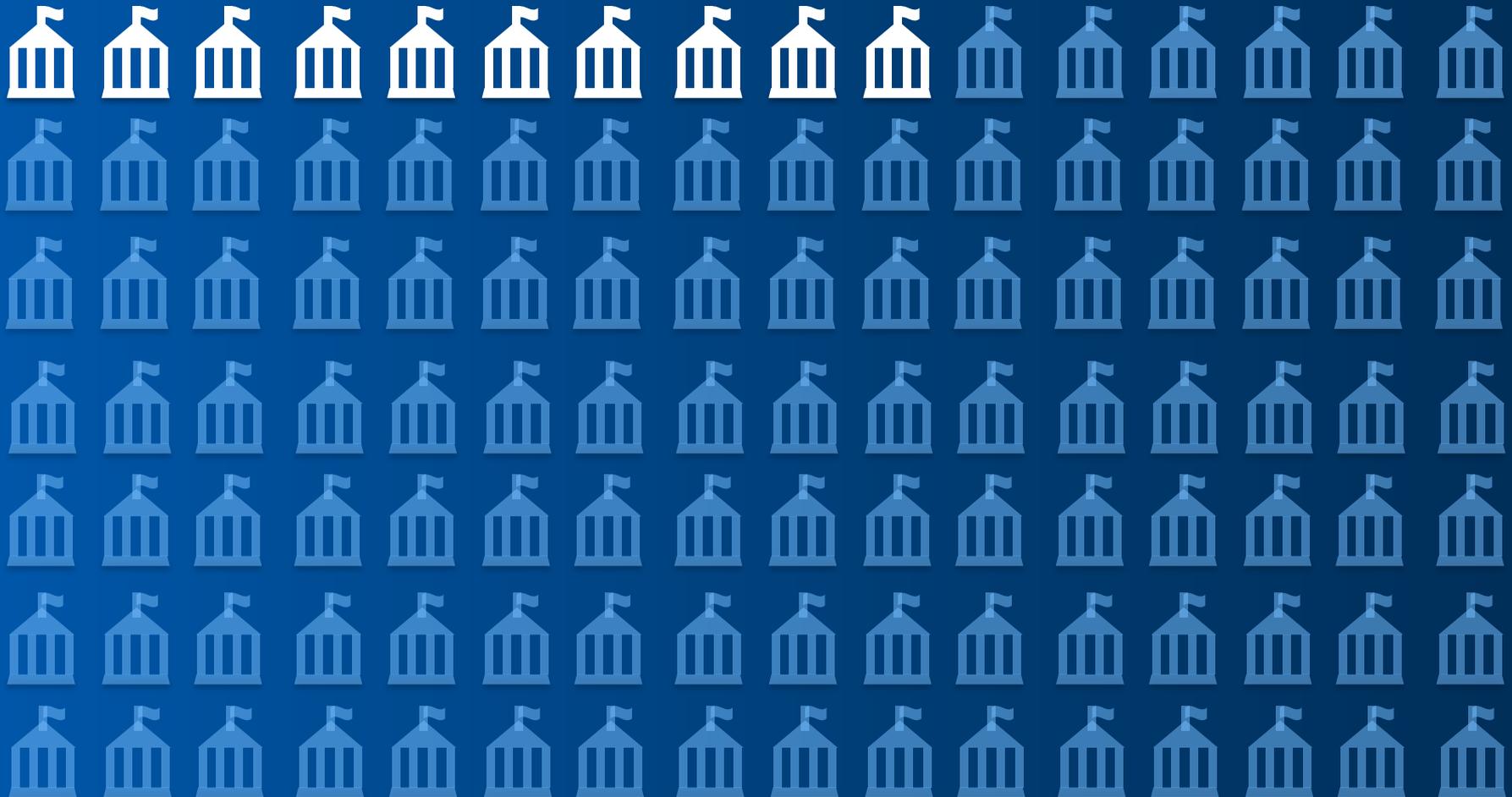
# The Alliance

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# 50 of 580+

public four-year institutions









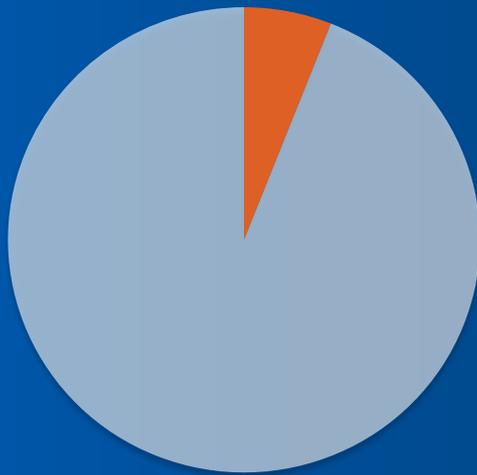
Four-Year

**MYTH**

# On-Time Graduation Rates

(Colorado Full-Time Students)

2-Year  
Associate

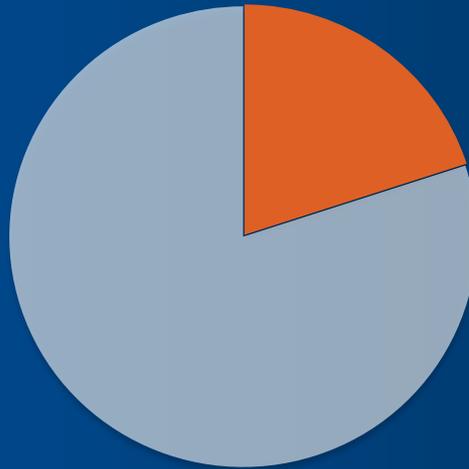


**6%**

ON TIME

Fall 2010 Cohort

4-Year  
Bachelor's Other

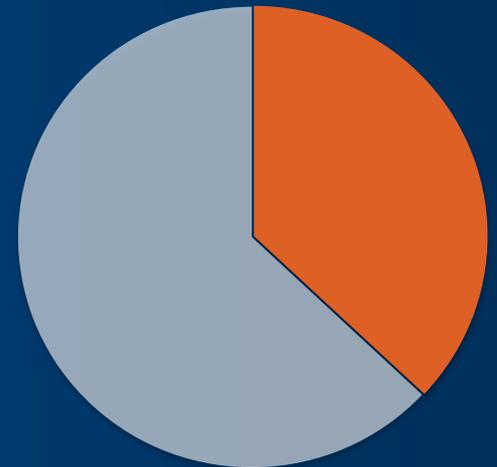


**20%**

ON TIME

Fall 2008 Cohort

4-Year  
Bachelor's Very  
High Research



**37%**

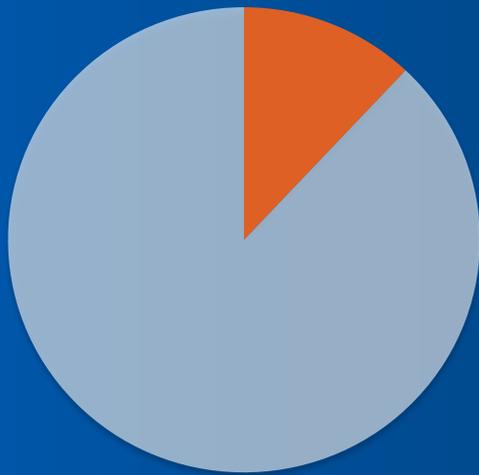
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Fall 2008 Cohort

# 150% Graduation Rates

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2-Year  
Associate

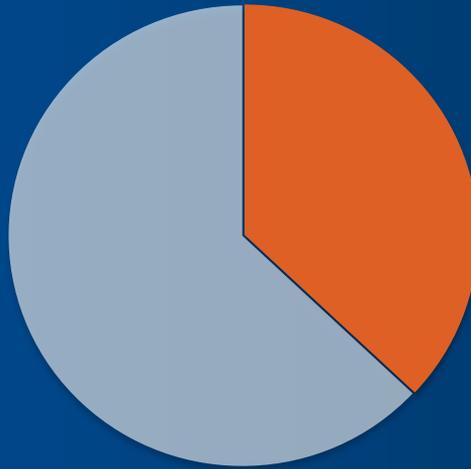


**12%**

**3 YEARS**

Fall 2010 Cohort

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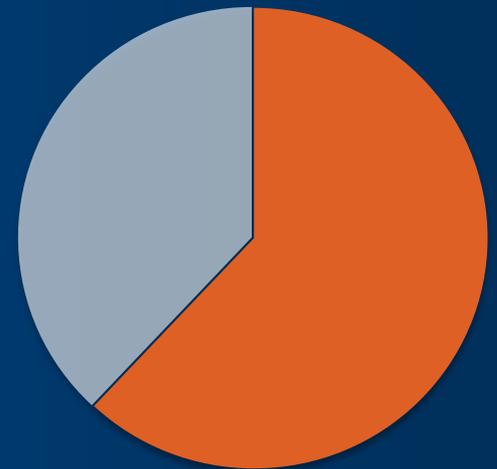


**37%**

**6 YEARS**

Fall 2008 Cohort

4-Year  
Bachelor's Very  
High Research



**62%**

**6 YEARS**

Fall 2008 Cohort

# Time to Degree

(Colorado Full-Time Students)

2-Year  
Associate

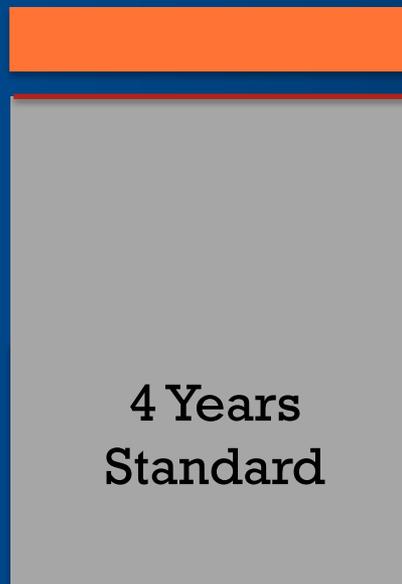
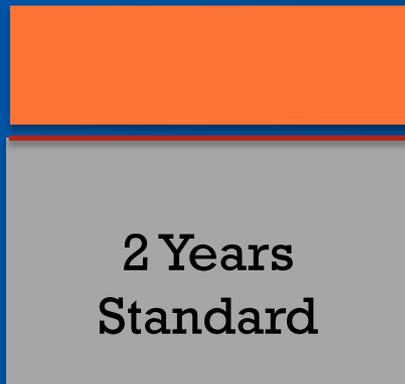
4-Year  
Bachelor's Other

4-Year  
Bachelor's Very  
High Research

2.9

4.5

4.0



Students Graduating in 2011-12

# Credits to Degree

(Colorado Full-Time Students)

2-Year  
Associate

4-Year  
Bachelor's Other

4-Year  
Bachelor's Very  
High Research

**79**

**135**

**135**

60 Credits

120 Credits

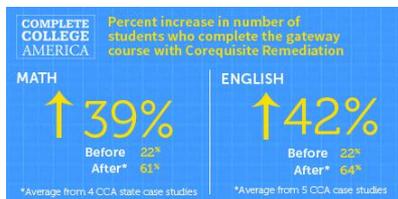
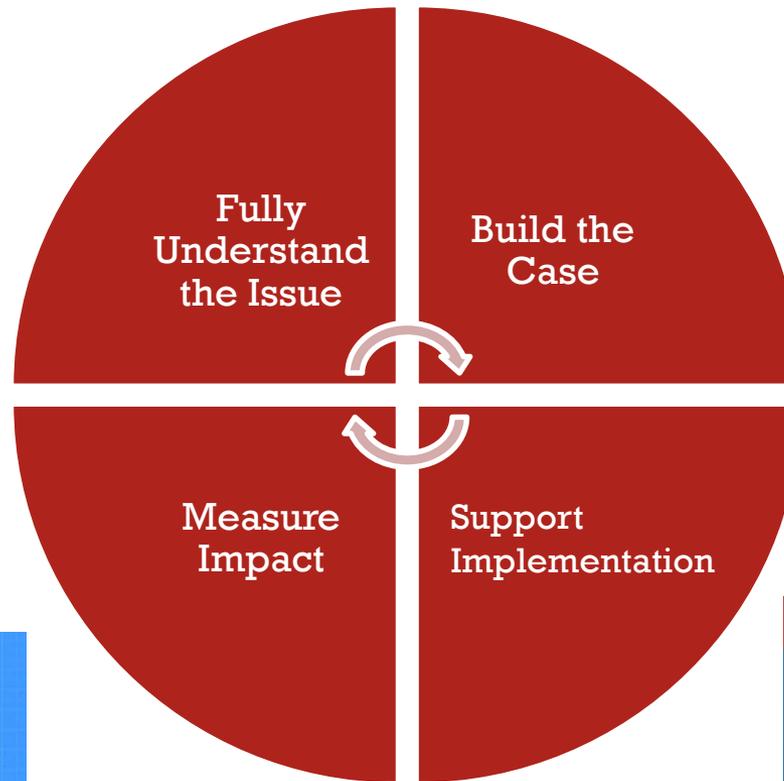
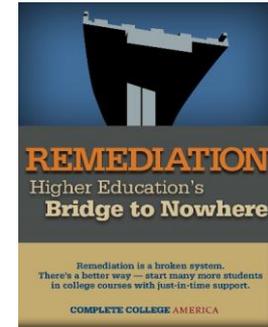
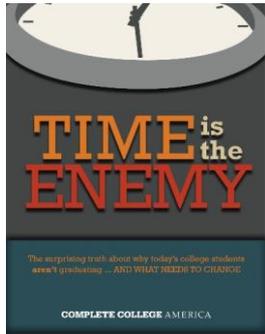
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Students Graduating in 2011-12

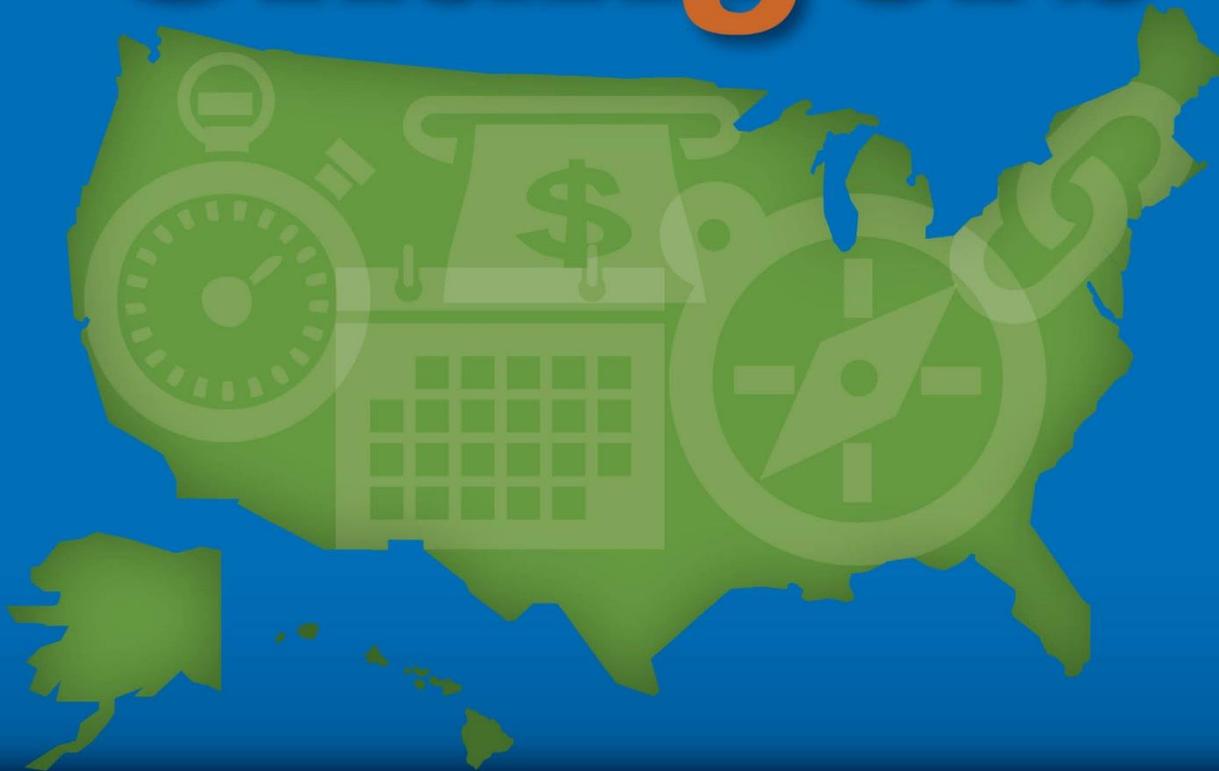
# Using Data to Grow and Measure Impact

# Impact of Our Metrics on Our Work

## The CCA WAY



# The Game Changers



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**1. #15ToFinish**



**2. GPS Direct**



**3. Corequisite Remediation**



**4. Math Pathways**

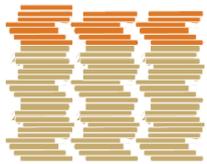


**5. Structured Schedules /  
A Better Deal**

# The BIG Issues



- Uniformed major decisions
- Taking too much time



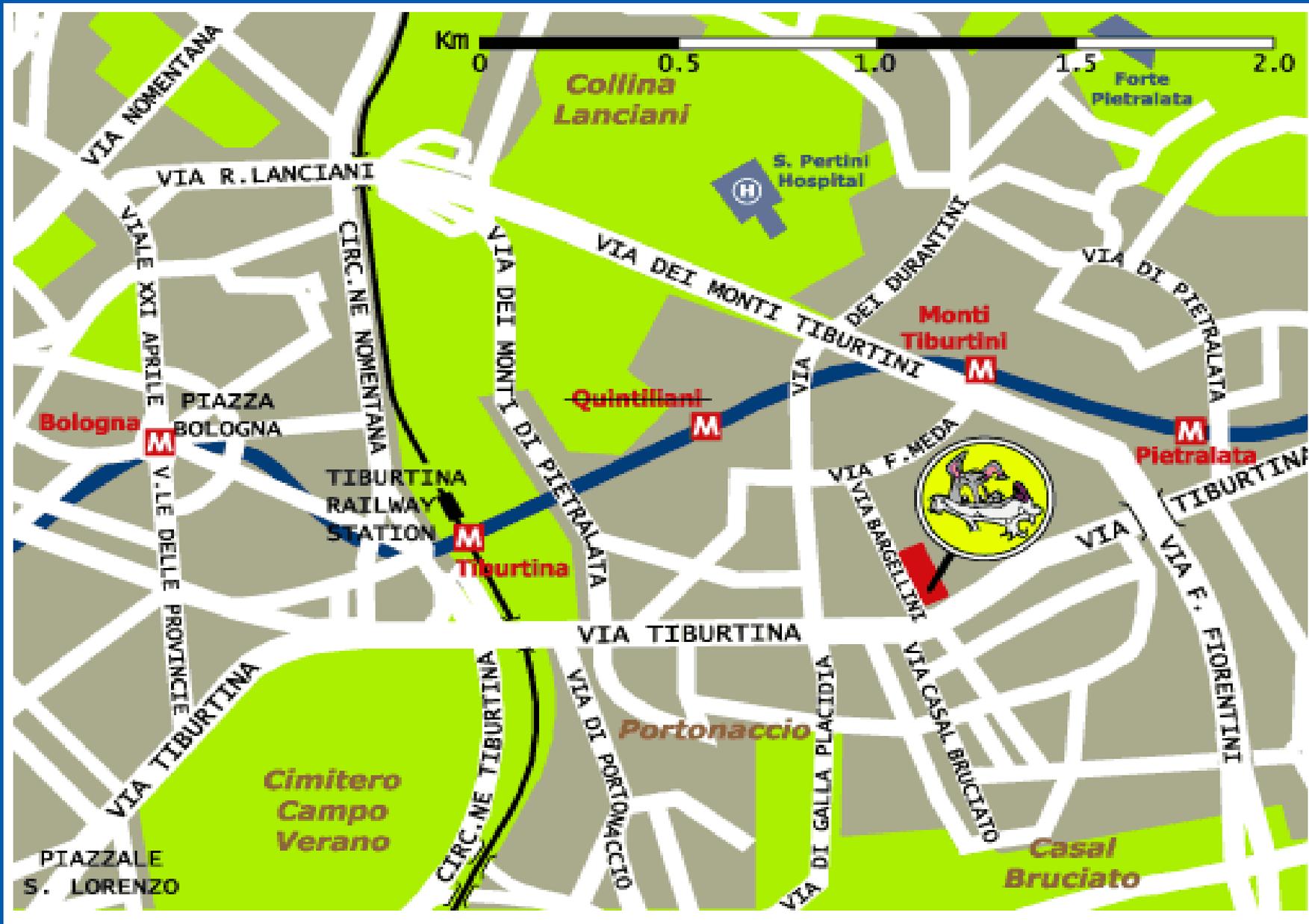
- Inability to access required courses
- Difficulty with registration



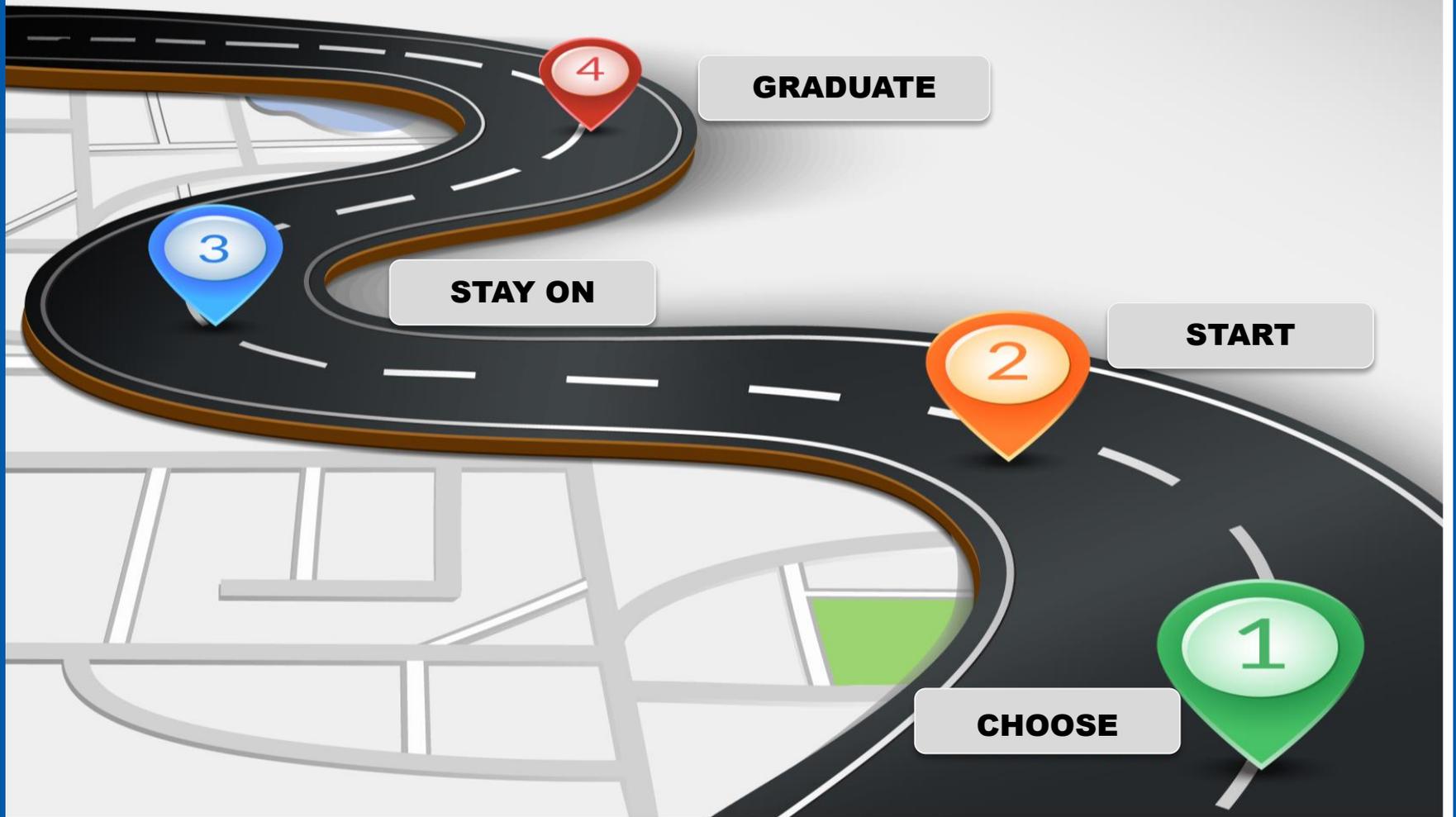
- Excess credits
- Not enough guardrails to prevent poor choices



- Spending too much money
- Not graduating

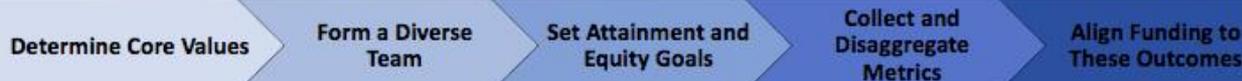


# GPS Direct



# Optimal Complete College Sequence

## ESTABLISH THE CONDITIONS to catalyze change



## RESTRUCTURE SYSTEMS to improve outcomes and narrow gaps

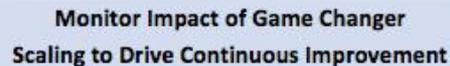
ADVISORS



FACULTY



## DEPLOY TARGETED INTERVENTIONS to permanently close gaps



Scale A Better Deal



**GAME CHANGER**

**15 To Finish**

**#15ToFinish**

15<sup>to</sup> FINISH



2+2

THINK

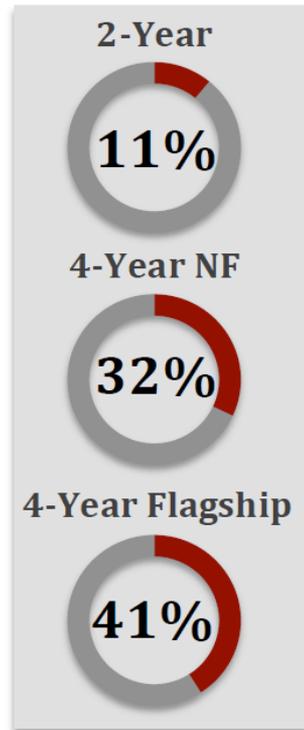
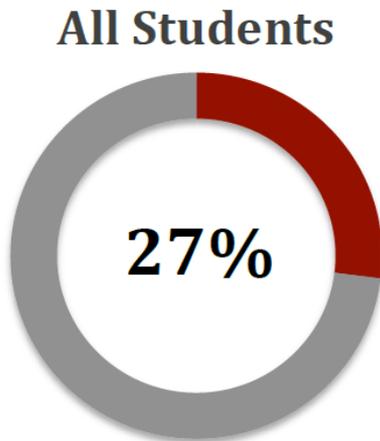
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EDUCATE • INNOVATE

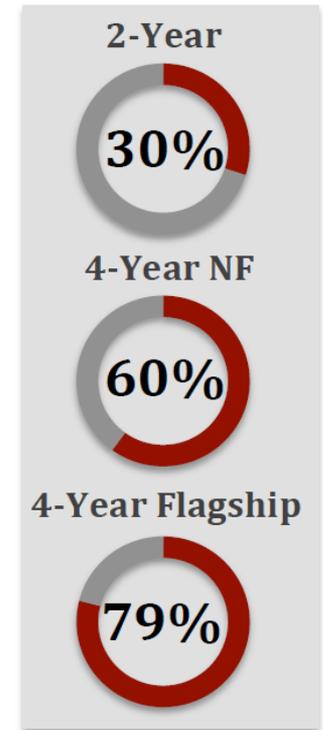
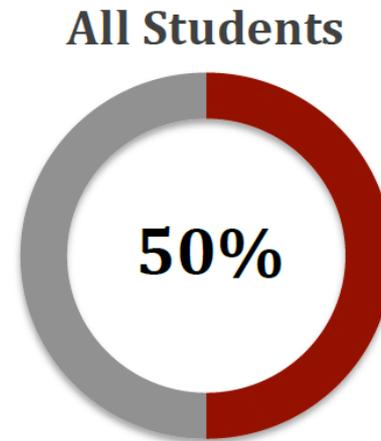


## Half of American college students need just one more course per semester to be on track for on-time graduation.

Percent of Students  
Completing 30 Credits Per Year  
(*On-Time* Students)

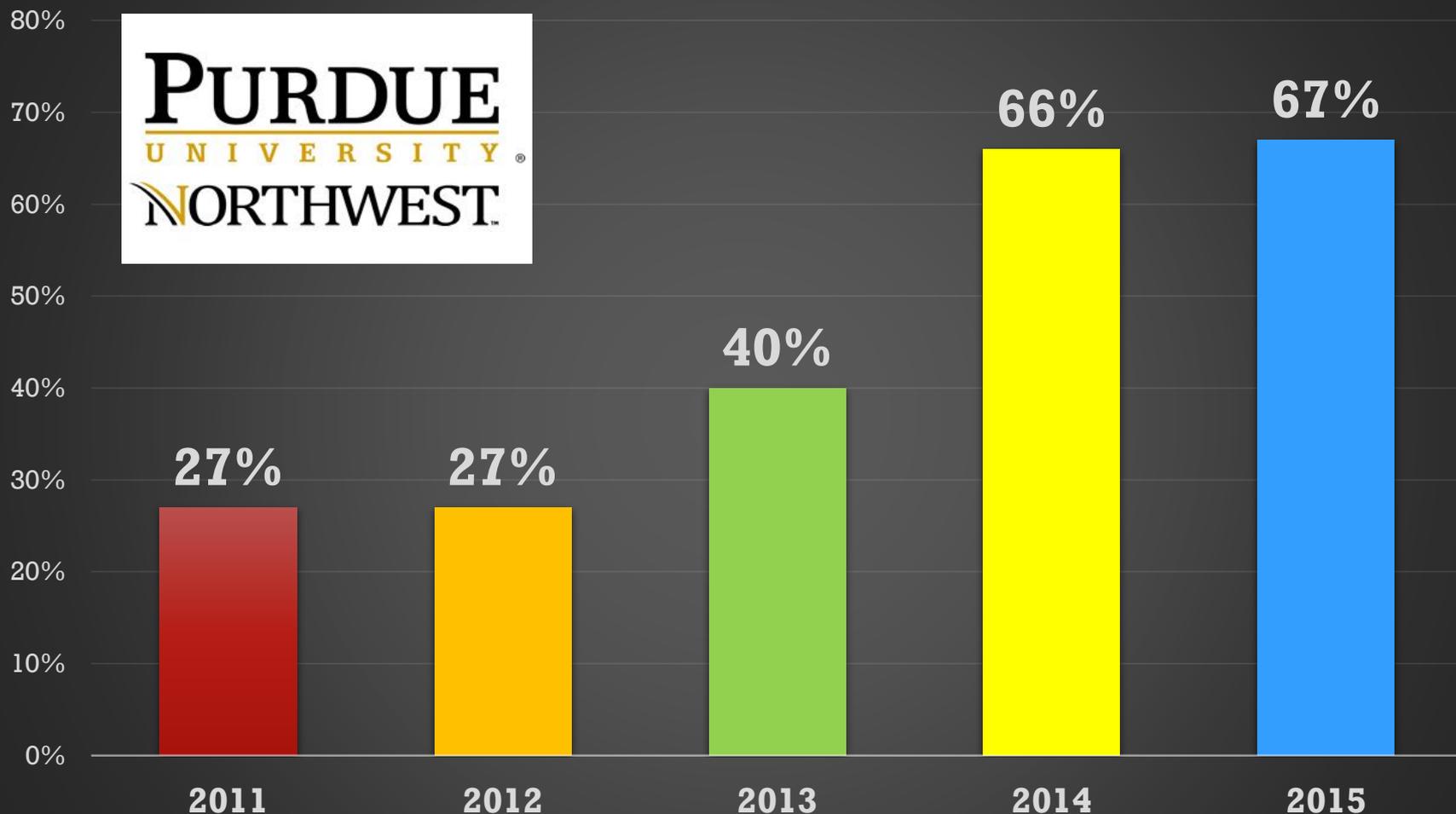


Percent of Students  
Completing 24 Credits Per Year  
(Full-Time but Not *On-Time*)



	<b>ONE EXTRA YEAR, PUBLIC COLLEGE</b>	<b>ONE EXTRA YEAR, PRIVATE COLLEGE</b>	<b>TWO EXTRA YEARS, PUBLIC COLLEGE</b>	<b>TWO EXTRA YEARS, PRIVATE COLLEGE</b>
<b>Tuition and loans</b>	\$18,598	\$26,815	\$37,456	\$53,760
<b>Opportunity costs</b>	\$128,429	\$128,429	\$245,253	\$245,253
<b>Total cost for not graduating in four years</b>	<b>\$147,026</b>	<b>\$155,244</b>	<b>\$282,691</b>	<b>\$298,995</b>

# **% First-Time, Full-Time Students Enrolled in 15+ Credit Hours (1<sup>st</sup> semester)**

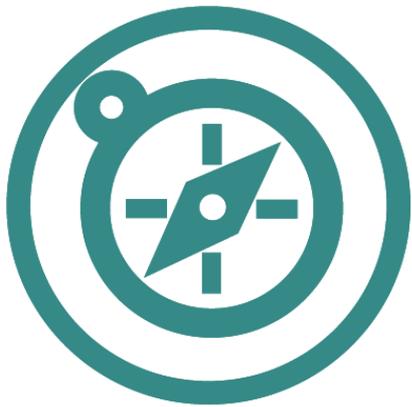


RACK  
UP



**15**  
CRISP & DELICIOUS  
TO GRAB ON THE  
#15TOPMASH





**GAME CHANGER**

**GPS: Direct**

**#GPSDirect**



**DO  
THIS**

## GPS Direct: Essential Components



**1. Purpose First: Informed Choice & Meta-Majors**



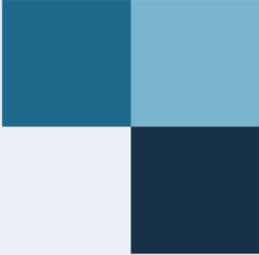
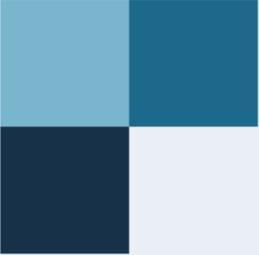
**2. Momentum Degree Maps w/ Critical Path Courses & Aligned Math**



**3. Default “One-Click” Registration**



**4. Proactive Advising**



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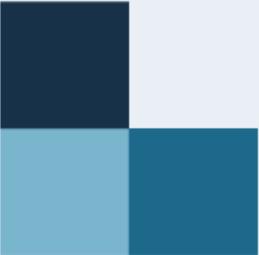
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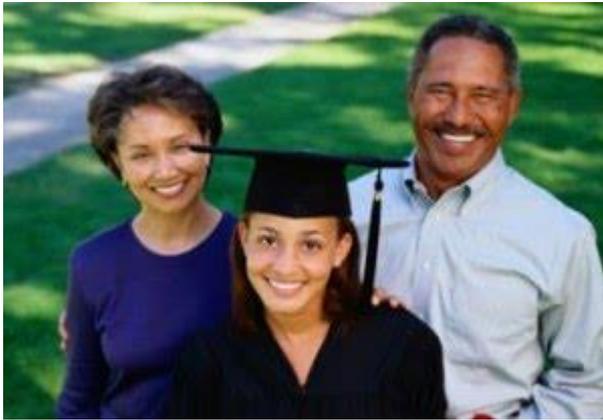
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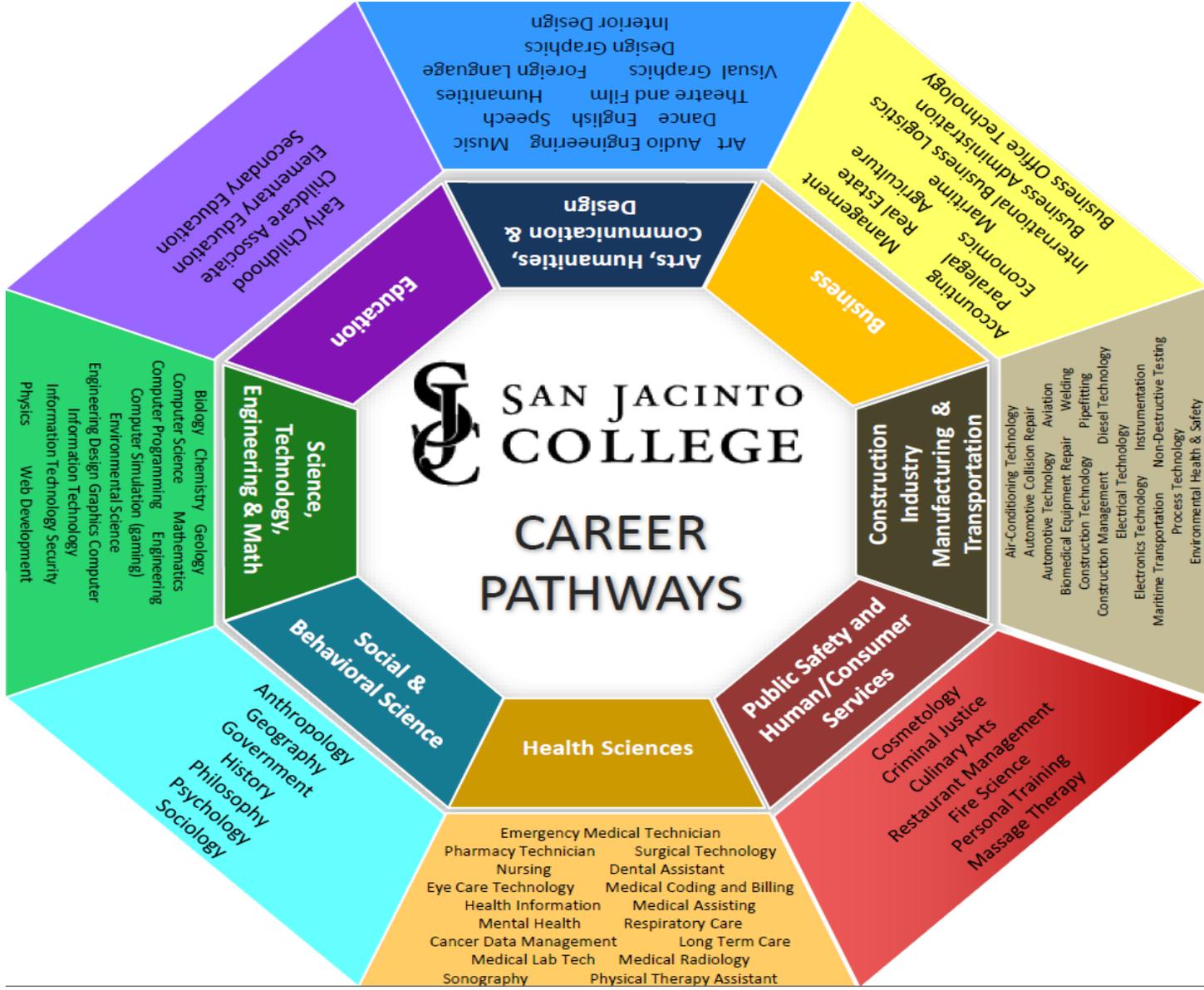
# How Are Students Choosing Majors?



that  
sounds  
cool!







# ***STUDENT MOMENTUM***



*In the first year of enrollment students who . . .*

- Earn 30 Credits in First Year
- Complete Math and English Gateway Courses
- Enter a Program of Study
- Complete 9 Program Credits

*. . . Are far more likely to graduate.*

# Default Degree Maps

## STEM META MAJOR

### FIRST-YEAR CORE

TERM 1	TERM 2
 English 101   English 101+  <b>3</b> credits	 English 102   English 102+  <b>3</b> credits
 Pre-calc 101   Pre-calc 101+  <b>3</b>	 Calculus 101   Calculus 101+  <b>3</b>
Biology, Chemistry, or Physics Core w/lab <b>4</b>	 Bio, Chem, or Physics Core w/lab <b>4</b>
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Student Success Seminar <b>1</b>	STEM or Engineering Options Seminar <b>1</b>
<b>CREDITS 15</b>	<b>CREDITS 15</b>

 Milestone course  
required in this term

 Gateway course with  
corequisite support



# HOUSTON | GPS



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UNIVERSITY of  
**HOUSTON**

 SAN JACINTO  
COLLEGE  
*Your Goals. Your College.*

 *Wharton County  
Junior College*

**COMPLETE  
COLLEGE  
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University of Houston  
DOWNTOWN

  
**HCC**  
HOUSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

 LONE STAR  
COLLEGE  
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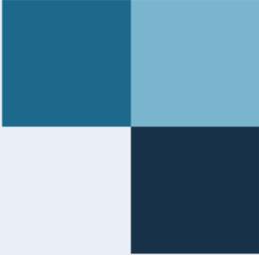
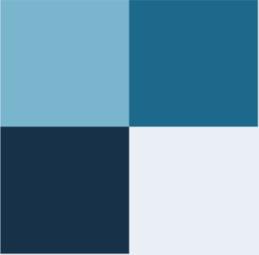
  
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**Math Pathways**

**#MathPathways**



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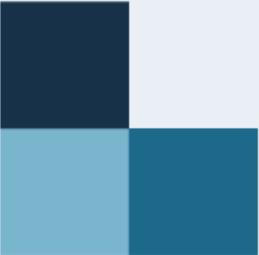
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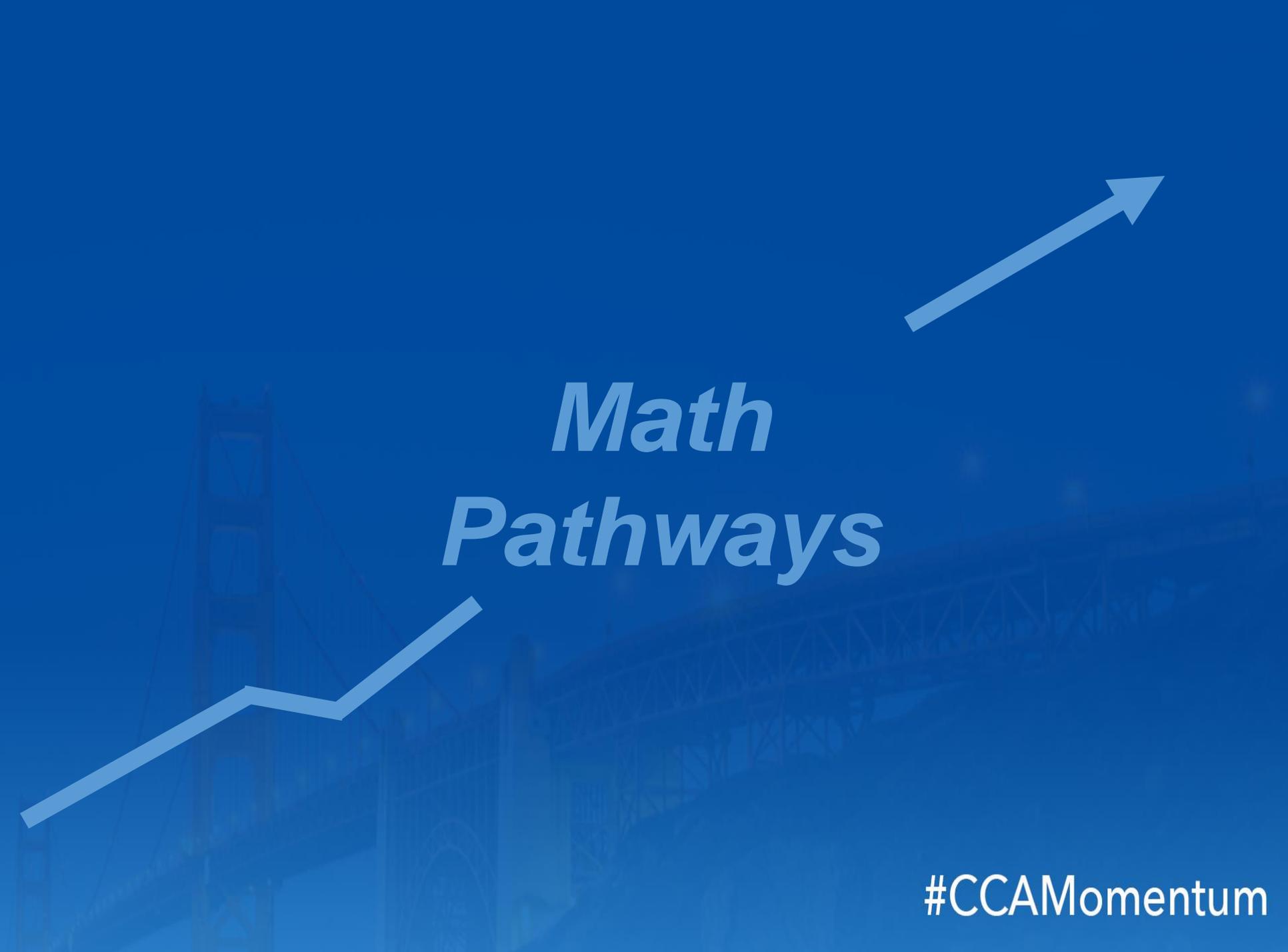
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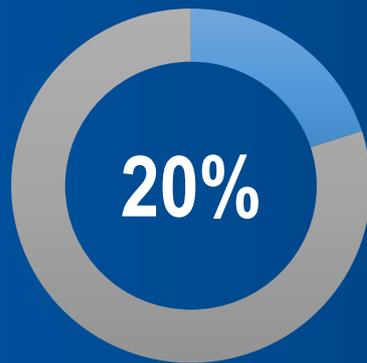


*Math  
Pathways*

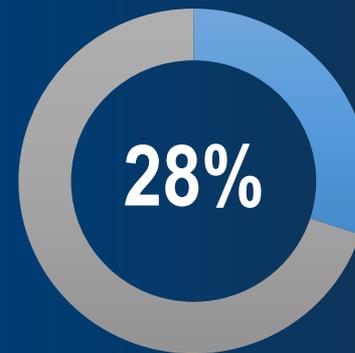
#CCAMomentum

# Very Few Community College Students Complete Gateway Math

One Year



Two Years



## A COMMON VISION

*college algebra courses serve two distinct student populations: the overwhelming majority for whom it is a terminal course ..., and the relatively small minority for whom it is a gateway to further math. Neither group is well-served by the traditional ... college algebra course.*

Karen Saxe

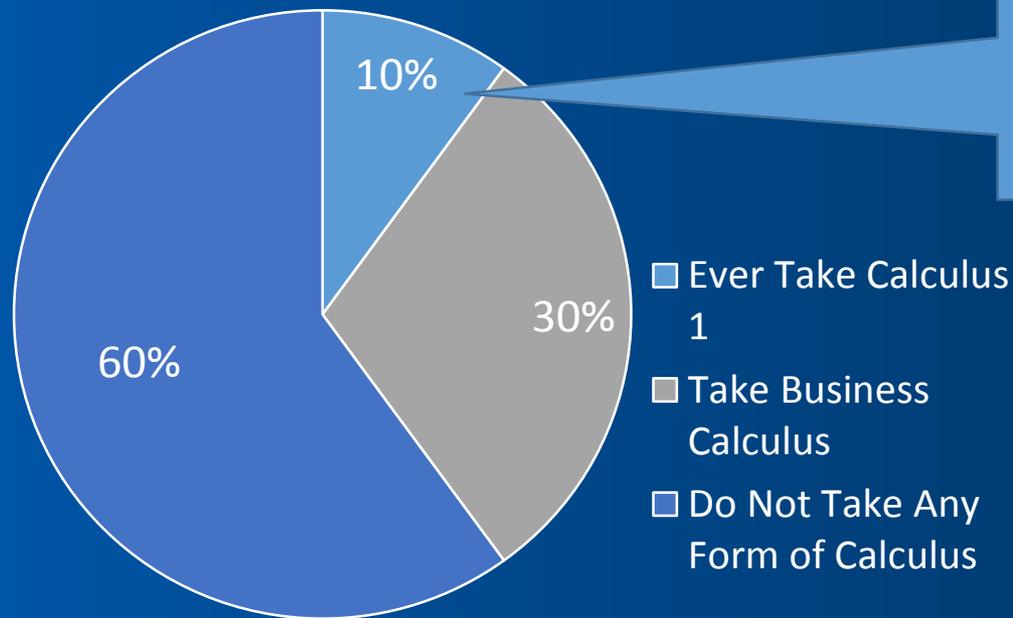
Linda Braddy

Foreword by William "Brit" Kirwan



# Few in College Algebra, Enroll in Calculus

## Students Who Take College Algebra

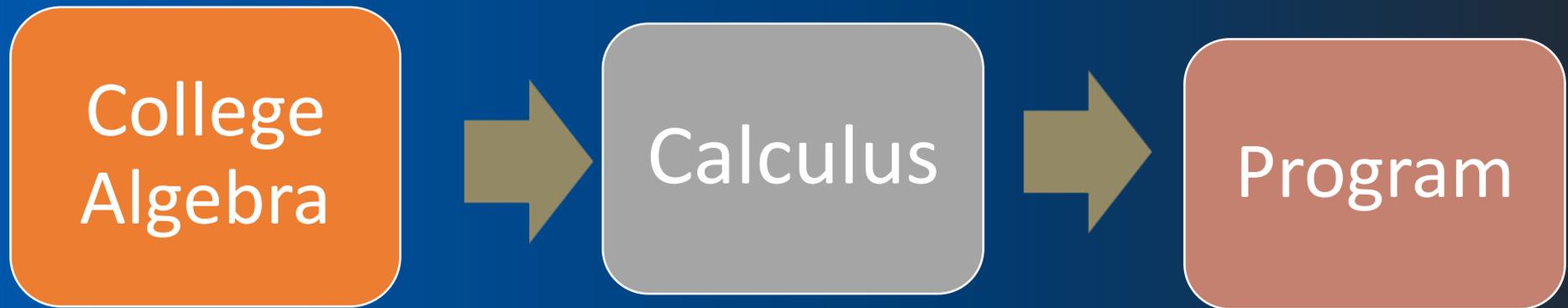


Virtually no students who pass college algebra ever start Calculus III, which is a key course for STEM majors.

Dunbar, S. 2005. *Enrollment flow to and from courses below calculus*. In *A Fresh State for Collegiate mathematics: Rethinking the Courses below calculus*, N.B. Hastings et al. (Eds.). Washington DC: MAA Notes, Mathematical Association of America.

# College Algebra's Purpose Is Preparation for Programs Requiring Calculus

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## A COMMON VISION

for Undergraduate

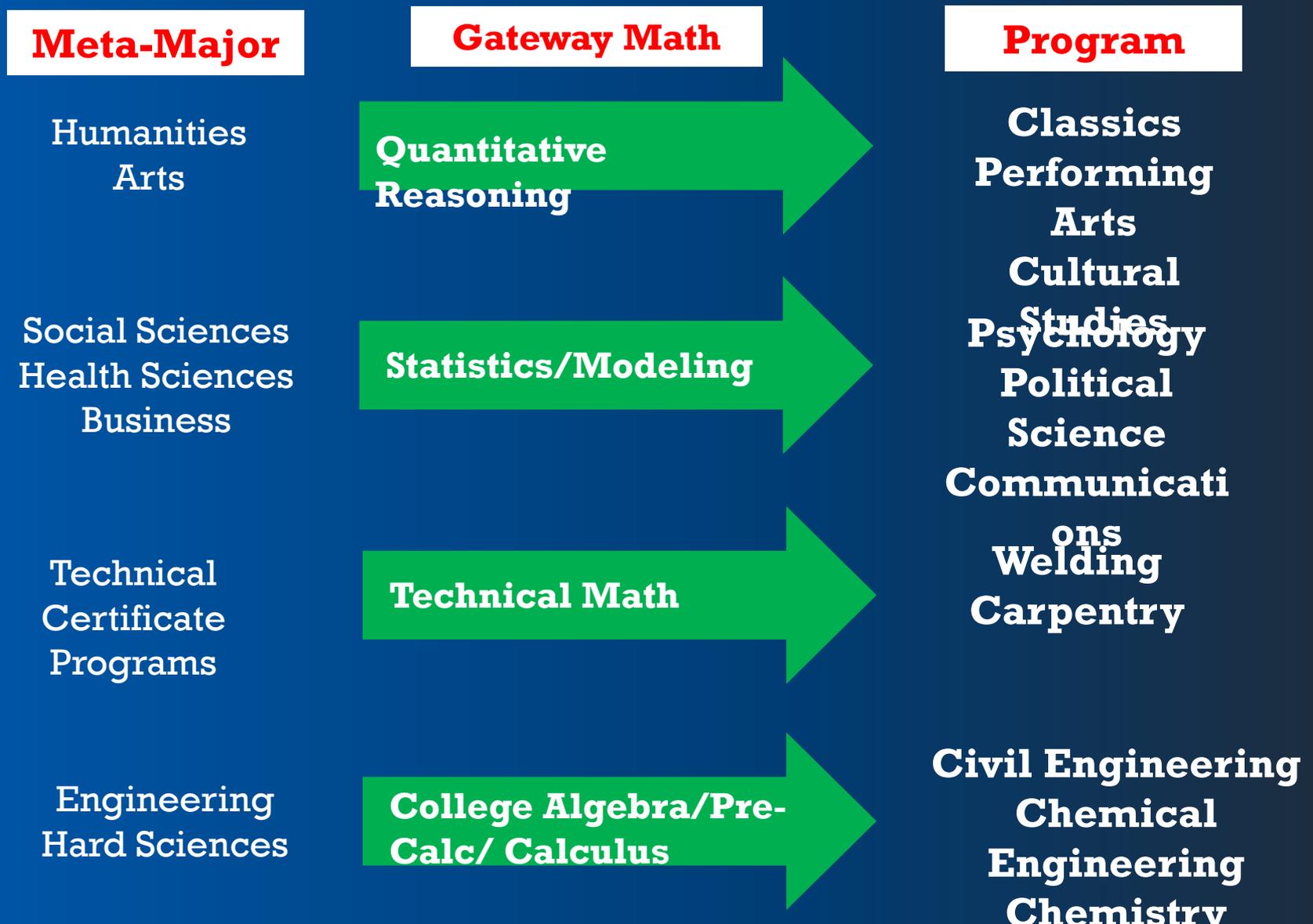
*The mathematical sciences community must begin to think in terms of a broader range of entry-level courses and pathways into and through curricula for all students,*

Karen Saxe  
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# Math Is Aligned to Majors



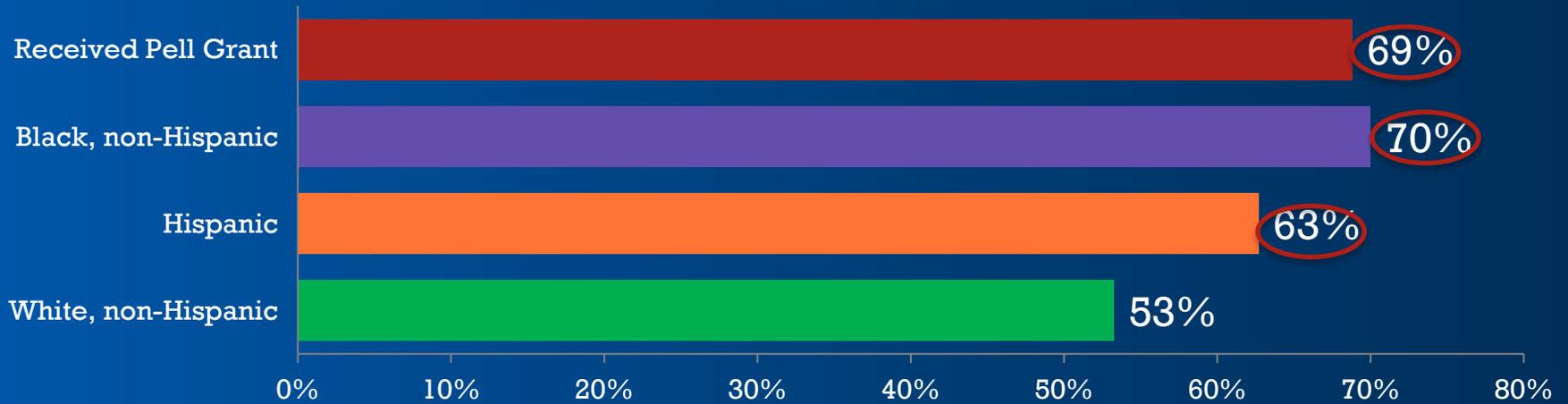


*Corequisite  
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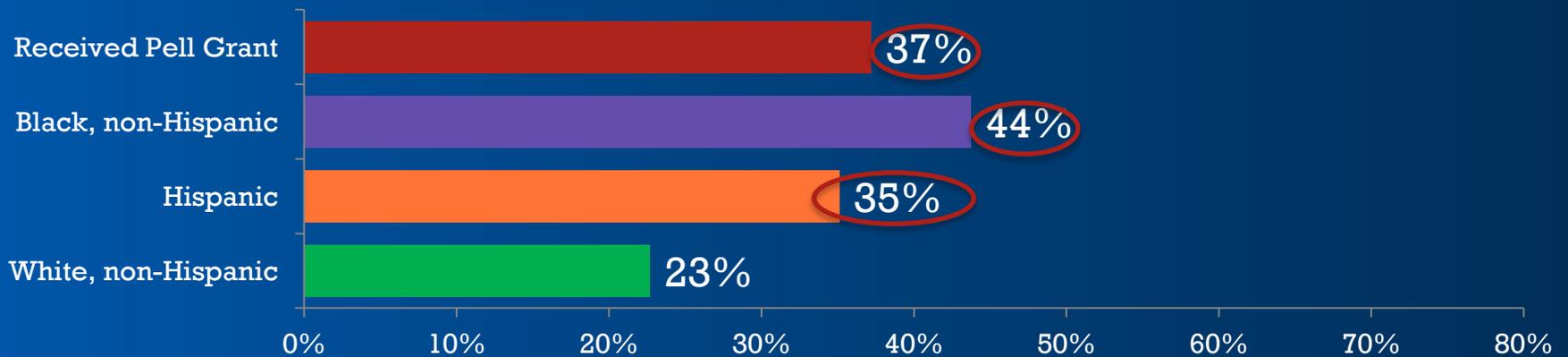
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# African Americans, Hispanics and Pell Students are Over Represented

## 2-year Students

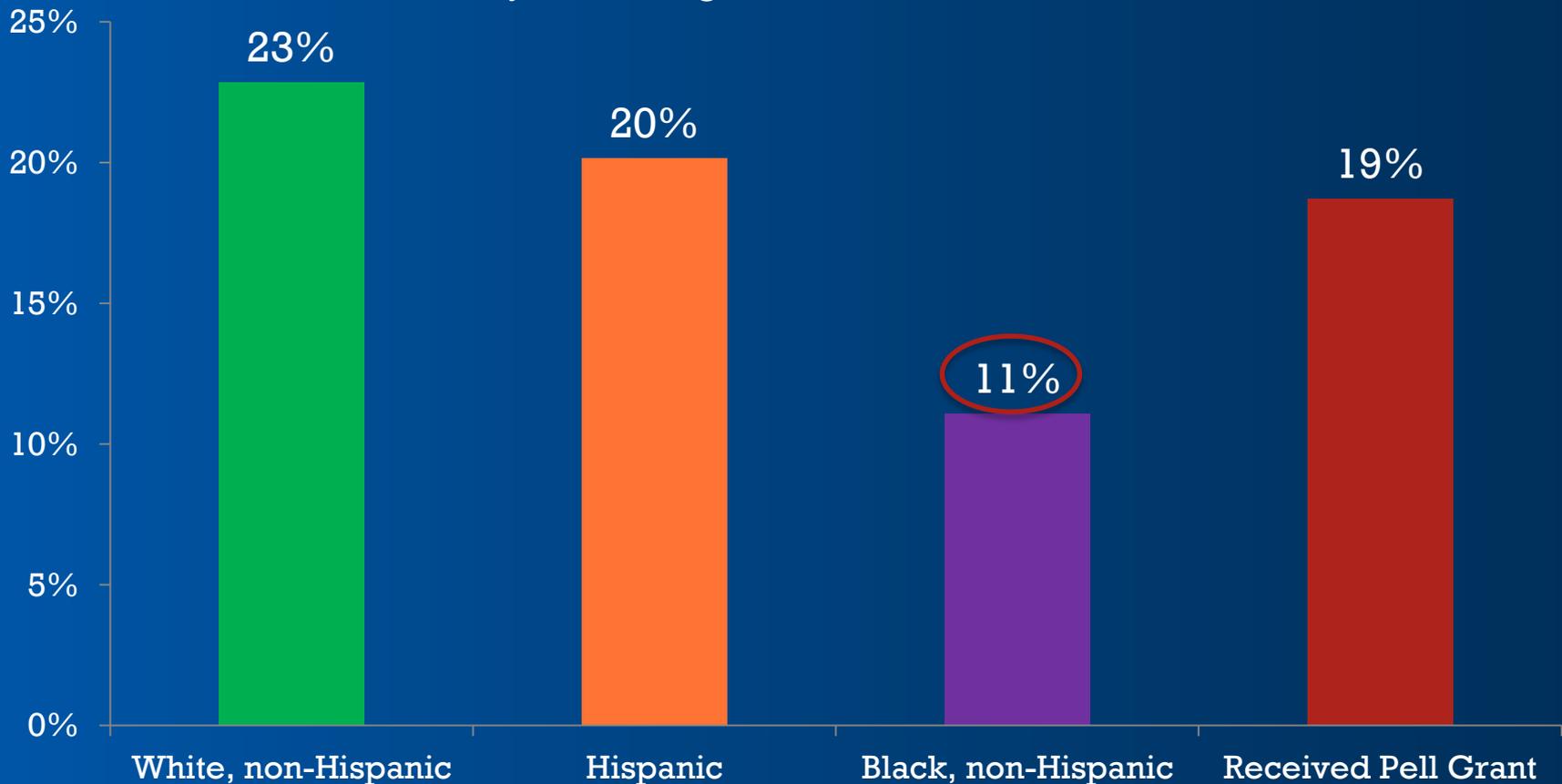


## 4-year Non-Flagship Students



# The System Does Not Work, Particularly for African Americans

Gateway Course Completion in 2 years  
2-year college remedial students



# Corequisite Support the First Big Challenge to Building Guided Pathways

Preliminary findings from one large California District



# Few Graduate or Transfer

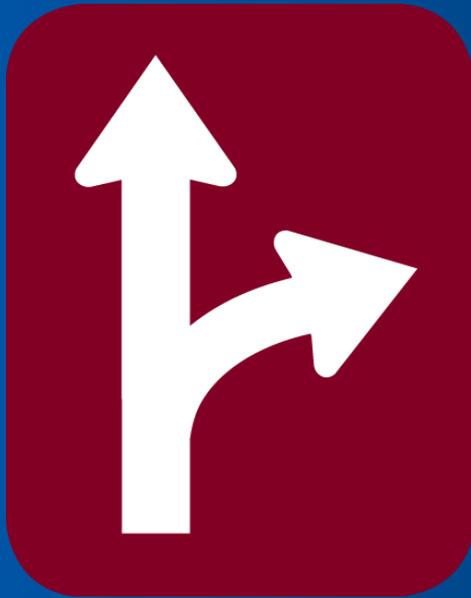
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Of 2-year students enrolled in remediation:

- 11% graduate in 3 years
- 18% transfer to 4-year institution (with or without a degree) in 4 years

# Remediation

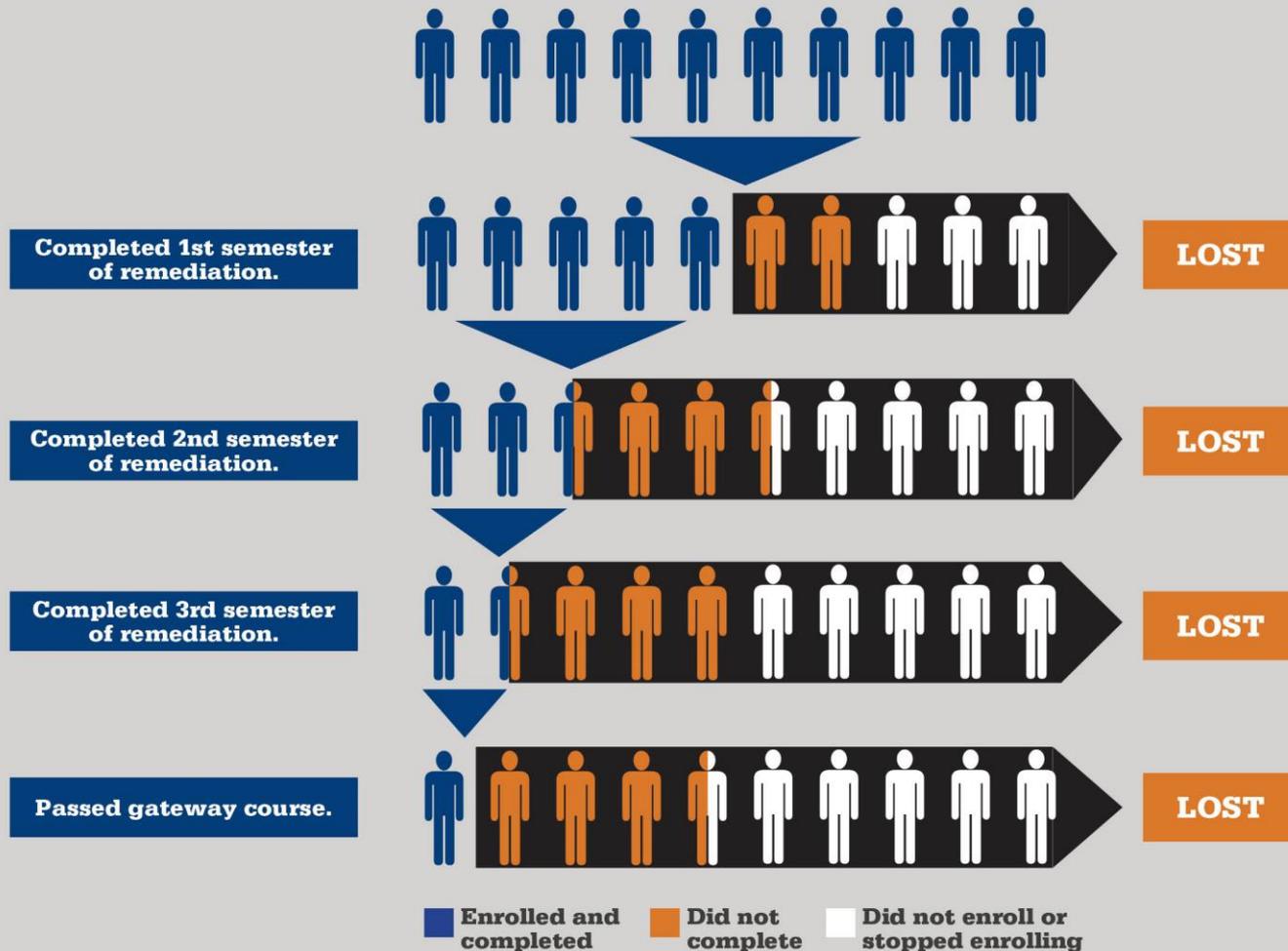
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**Student attrition is  
at the heart of the  
matter...**

# Remediation: The effect of attrition.

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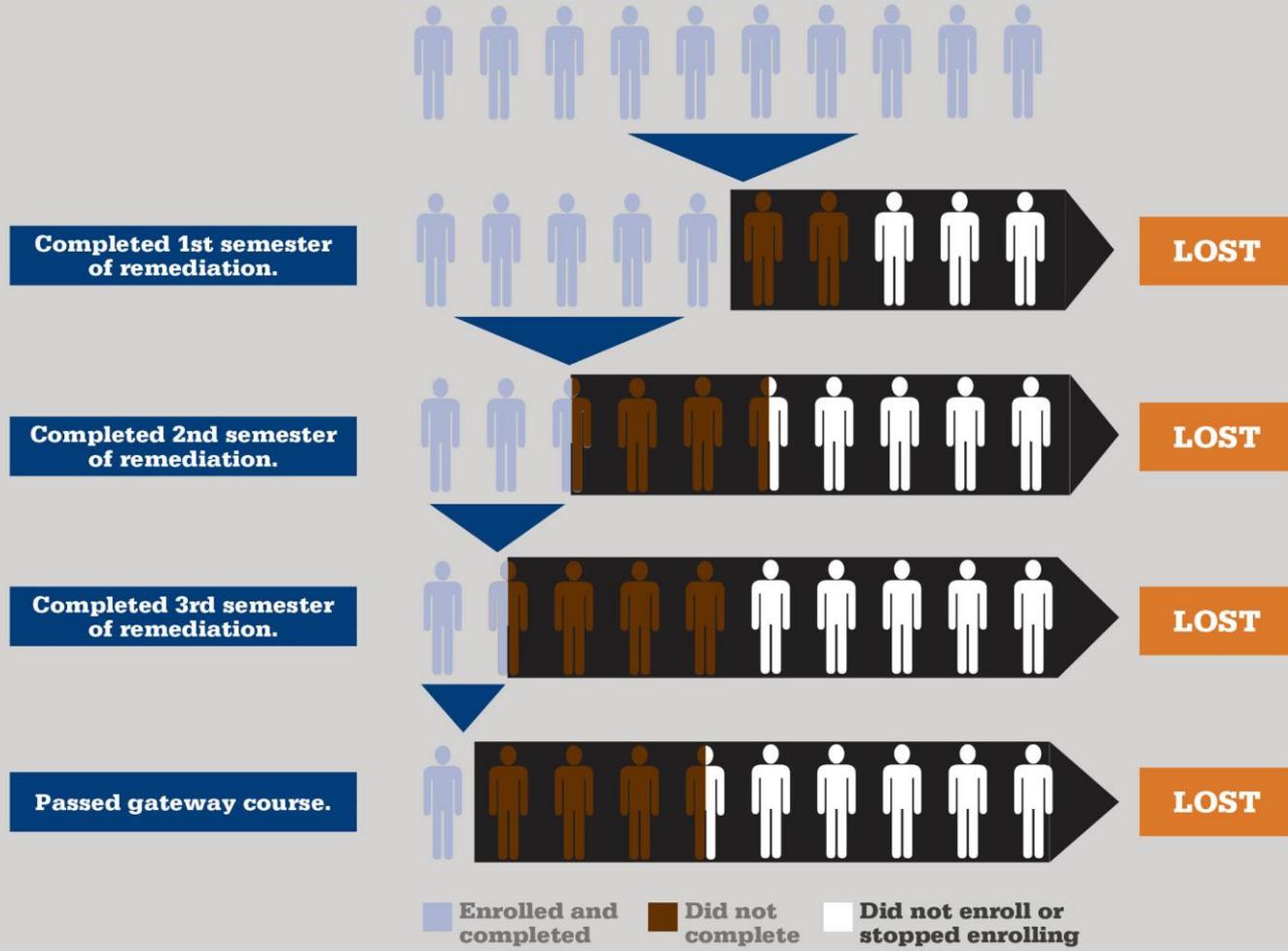


**KNOW THIS**

**The remediation system is broken. More students quit than fail.**

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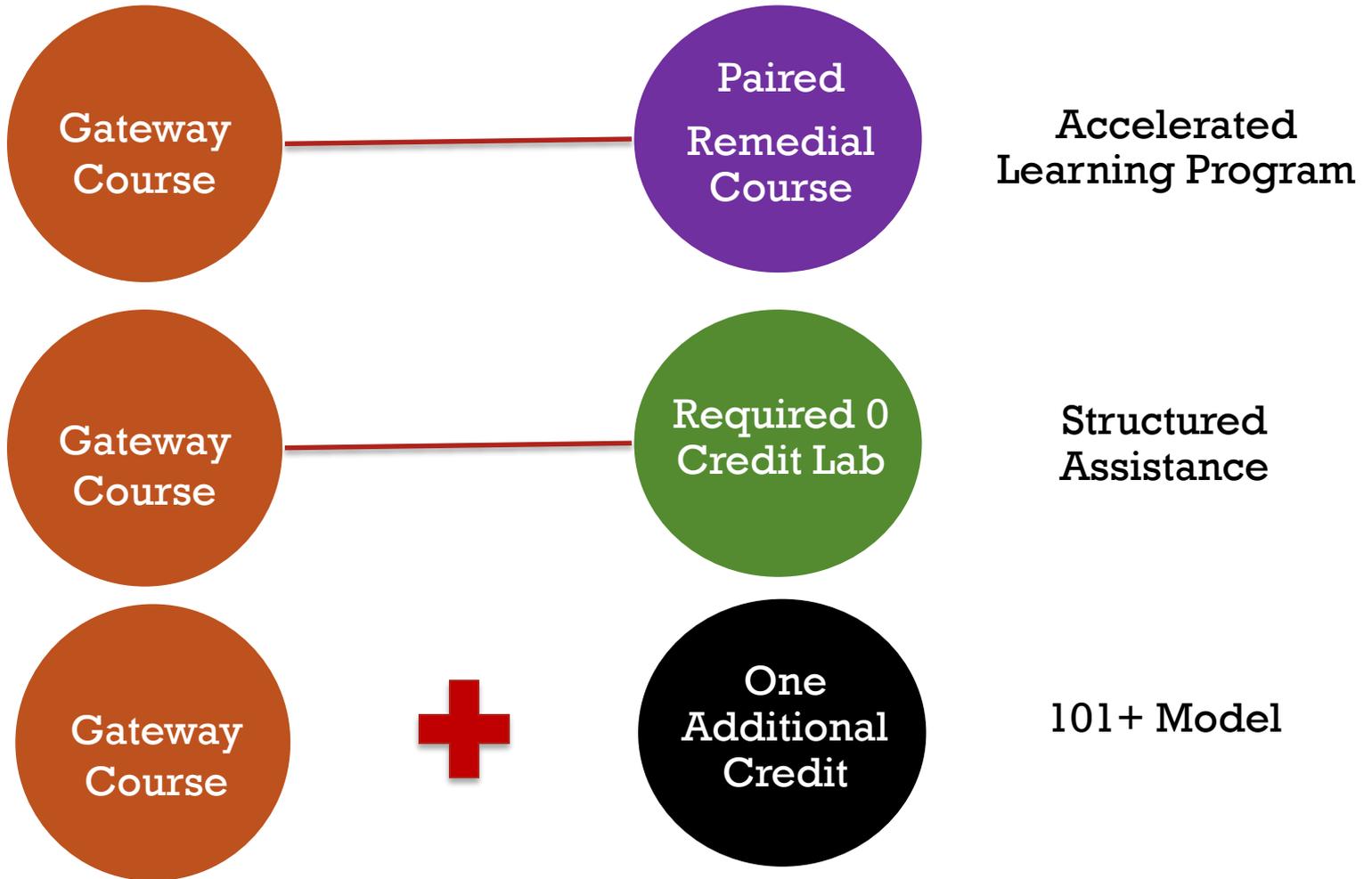
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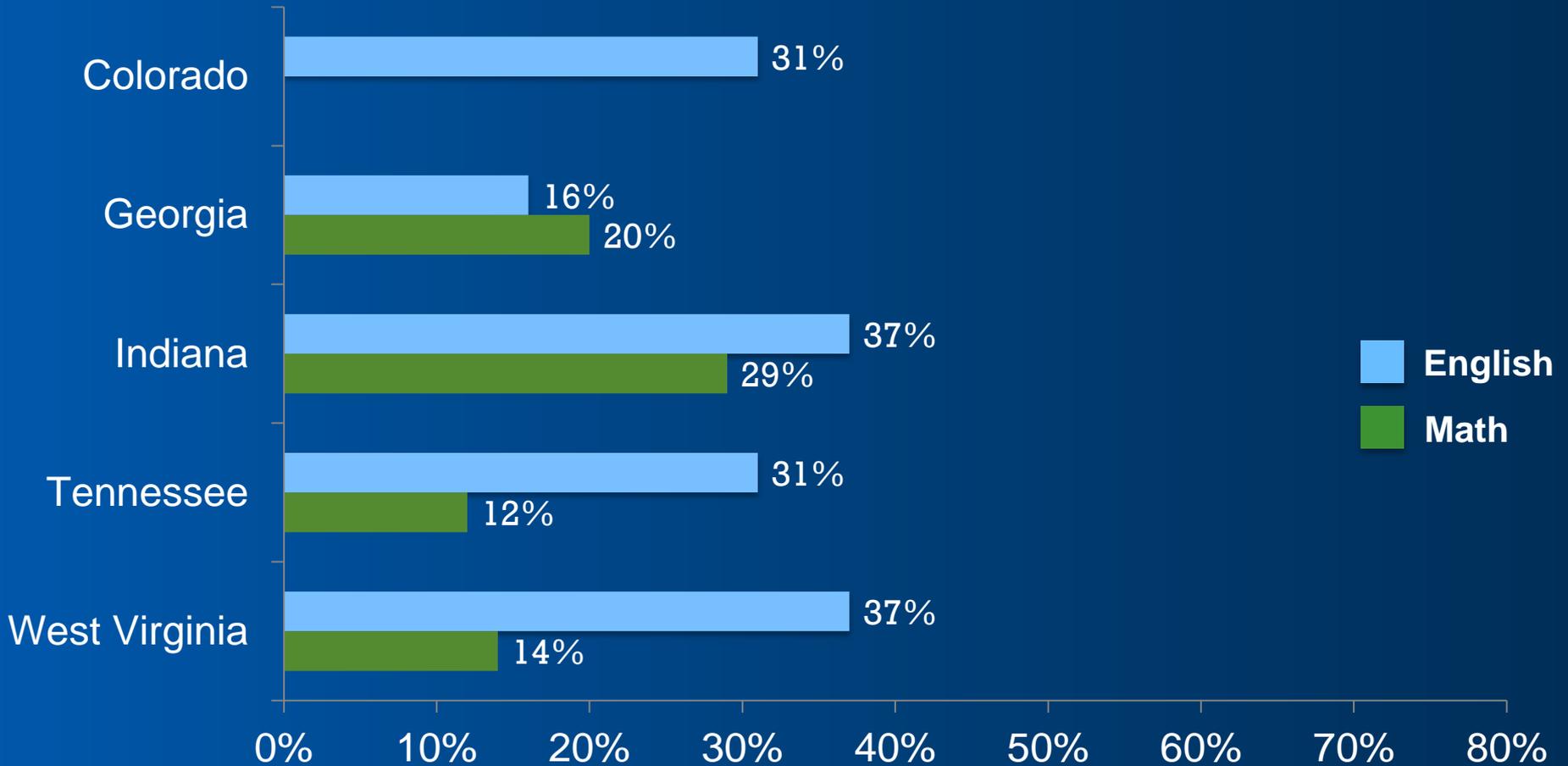
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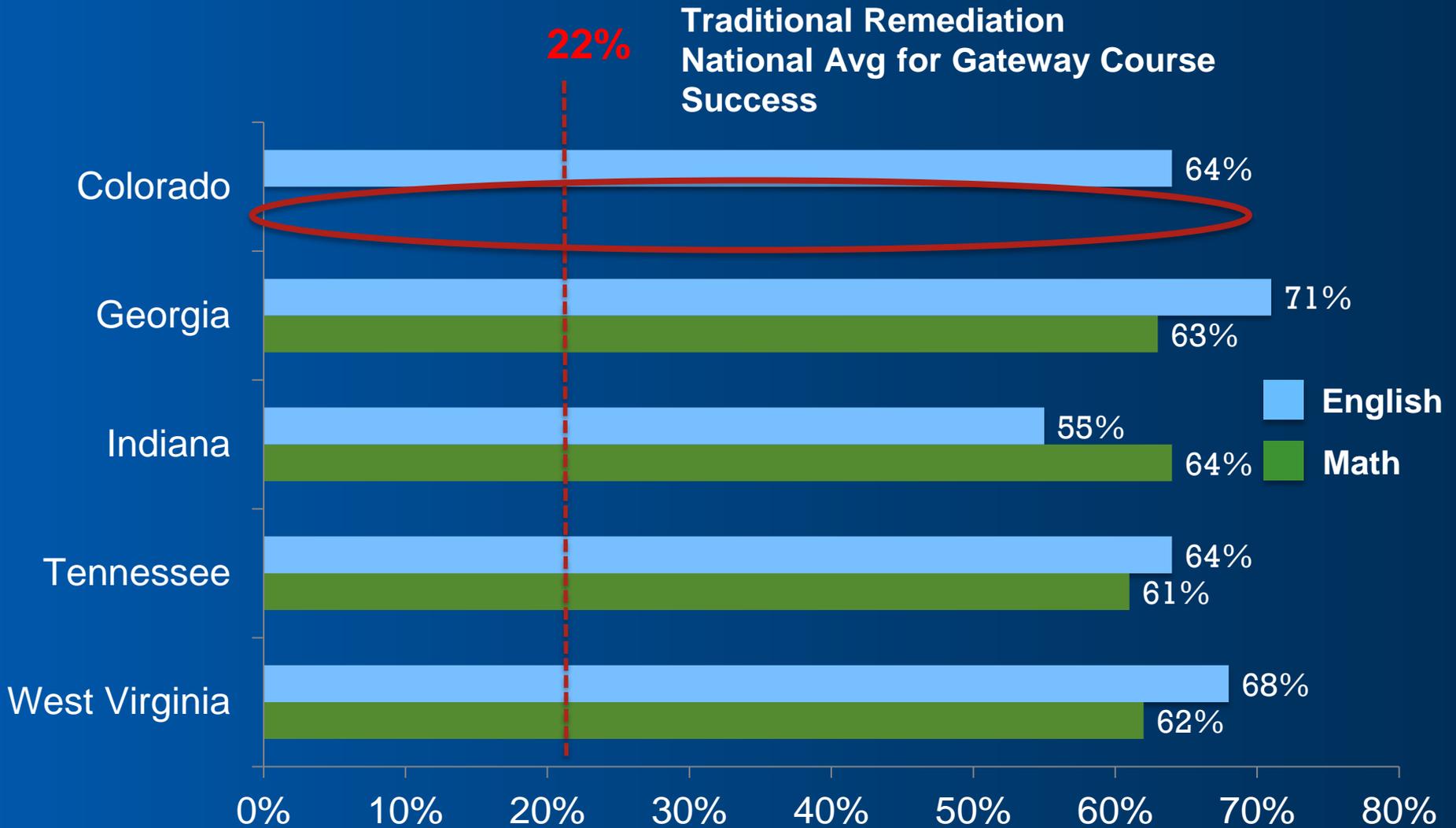
# Multiple Corequisite Models



# Traditional Remediation Results



# One Semester Scaled Results



# The Colorado Challenge

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- Fully implement math pathways
  - Fully align content in each pathway
  - Ensure transfer and applicability
  - Develop advising protocols into math pathways
- Scale math corequisites
  - Set a date on calendar for implementing and scaling corequisite math
  - Develop corequisite math models for each math pathway.
- Align math pathways and corequisites to GPS



**GAME CHANGER**

**Structured Schedules  
/ A Better Deal**

**#StructuredSchedules**

# Today's Students

- **70%** are **non-traditional**.
- **70% commute** to campus.
- **40% work 30 hours** a week.
- **25% work full time and attend college full time.**
- **20%** have **children**.



# ☑ GAME CHANGER

## Structured Schedules



**Block schedules of classes**



**Cohorts of students**



**Students choose programs or majors, not courses**



**Attendance required**

# Baltimore City Community College

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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Where there is structure, there are significant results.

TENNESSEE COLLEGES OF APPLIED TECHNOLOGY

**75%** avg. on-time graduate rate

TENNESSEE COMMUNITY COLLEGES

**14%** avg. on-time graduate rate

# GPS DIRECT: MOMENTUM

- **Meta-Majors**
- **Academic Maps**
- **Math Pathways**
- **15-To-Finish**

- **Structured Schedules**
- **Corequisite Remediation**
- **Default Registration**

**Create Path**

**Choose Path**

**Start Path**

**Stay On Path / Graduate**

- **Purpose First (Onboarding)**
- **Meta-Majors**
- **15-To-Finish**

- **Critical Path Courses**
- **Proactive Advising**

**TECHNOLOGY | DATA METRICS**

# THE CCA WAY

The Game Changers and Scaling Standards

Corequisite  
Remediation

Math  
Pathways

GPS Direct  
Purpose First

A Better Deal

The Alliance  
15 to Finish

HIGHLY-STRUCTURED IMPLEMENTATION DESIGN

EQUITY: RACE, INCOME, AGE

METRICS AND EVIDENCE

POLICY

COMMUNICATIONS

