

WHERE OPPORTUNITY MEETS INNOVATION

A Student-Centered Vision for New Jersey Higher Education



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A STUDENT-CENTERED VISION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

BUILDING A COMPREHENSIVE COLLEGE-GOING PIPELINE FOR AN EQUITABLE COVID-19 RECOVERY

NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF HIGHER EDUCATION

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INTRODUCTION: JESSIE STEIGER *LEGISLATIVE LIAISON*



- Steiger oversees legislative affairs for OSHE while also supporting policy development and implementation enhancing student success and outcomes for all students in New Jersey.
- Before joining OSHE, her previous work focused on postsecondary access and transitions for first generation, low-income students.
- Steiger received her BS and MA from Penn State. She will be pursuing her PhD this Fall with Teachers College as a PEAR fellow.

INTRODUCTION:

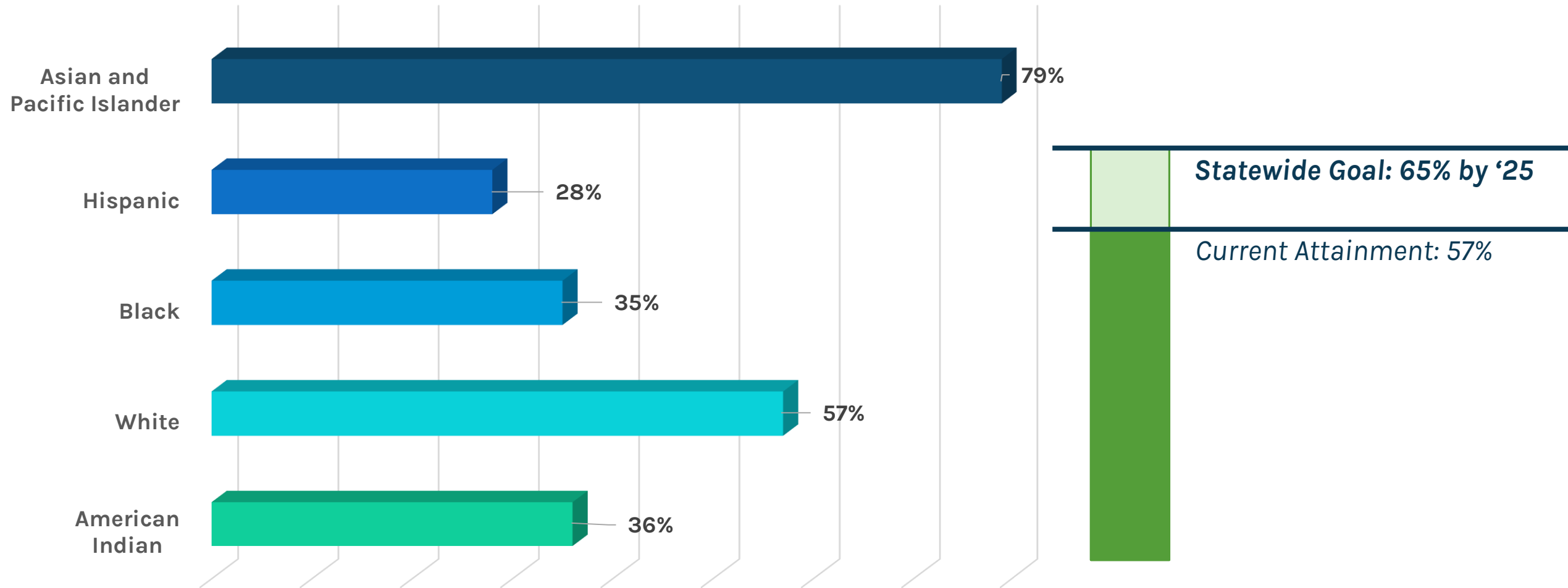
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- Govindarajan helps advance key college affordability policy initiatives and assists the Secretary of Higher Education in coordinating special projects, while providing support in various administrative, communications, and policy functions.
- Graduated from The College of New Jersey with a B.A. in English and minors in Public Health and Russian Studies.

NEW JERSEY'S ATTAINMENT GOALS



COVID-19 STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE

KEY FINDINGS



70% rated current level of stress/anxiety as higher/much higher than last year at this time.



37% lost a job as a result of the pandemic (35% had a family member who lost a job).



72% struggled to pay tuition and fees over the last year.

NEW JERSEY STATE PLAN FOR HIGHER EDUCATION



Early College Exposure



College Affordability



Student Success



Safe & Inclusive Learning Environments



Research, Innovation, and Talent

SECRETARY'S VISION FOR NEW JERSEY HIGHER EDUCATION



To accelerate upward mobility for all New Jerseyans, especially those from underrepresented backgrounds, through equitable pathways to postsecondary and career success.

ACCESS: NEW JERSEY COLLEGE PROMISE



ACCESS: K-12 TO HIGHER EDUCATION

DUAL ENROLLMENT STUDY COMMISSION



Facilitated in partnership with NJ Dept. of Education to support and expand dual enrollment opportunities for students

COLLEGE READINESS NOW (CRN)



Supports collaboratively-designed projects between NJ's 18 community colleges and 100+ area high schools to get more students college ready before graduating high school

GAINING EARLY AWARENESS & READINESS FOR UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS (GEAR UP)



Assists low-income students with pursuing postsecondary education through summer programs, tutoring, mentoring, counseling, test preparation, information about financial aid, and access to college visits

DISCUSSION: COLLEGE ACCESS

- ❖ How does your state or education agencies prioritize or incorporate “access” into larger initiatives / programs?
- ❖ What are some of the key tenants of these college access initiatives your state has implemented?
- ❖ Are there special populations your state prioritizes?
- ❖ How well do your "on-ramp" initiatives feed into the education-workforce ecosystem?

PERSISTENCE: EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY FUND (EOF)



New Jersey's **Educational Opportunity Fund** plays a central role in increasing the diversity of students participating in postsecondary education and is **one of the nation's premier comprehensive support programs**

**PERSISTENCE:
CAREER
ACCELERATOR
INTERNSHIP
GRANT
PROGRAM**



100 NJ Employers

recruiting and hiring 300+ undergraduate interns from NJ institutions



44 NJ Institutions of Higher Education

facilitating innovative connections between students and NJ employers

**RE-
ENGAGEMENT:
“SOME COLLEGE,
NO DEGREE”**

**1
million**

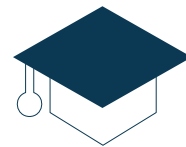
Estimated number of New Jersey residents who earned some college credit but did not obtain a degree.



Identify prospective students



Offer personalized reenrollment supports



Reduce time to degree

DISCUSSION: PERSISTENCE & RE- ENGAGEMENT

- ❖ What is the impact of the pandemic on the types and modalities of wraparound supports in your state?
- ❖ How have you seen wraparound supports being adapted to meet the changing needs of your current student population?

WHY THIS WORKS FOR NEW JERSEY



LOCAL COMMUNITIES



ANCHOR INSTITUTIONS



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