

Impacting #CollegeCompletionASAP Through Systems-Scaled ASAP | ACE Replication



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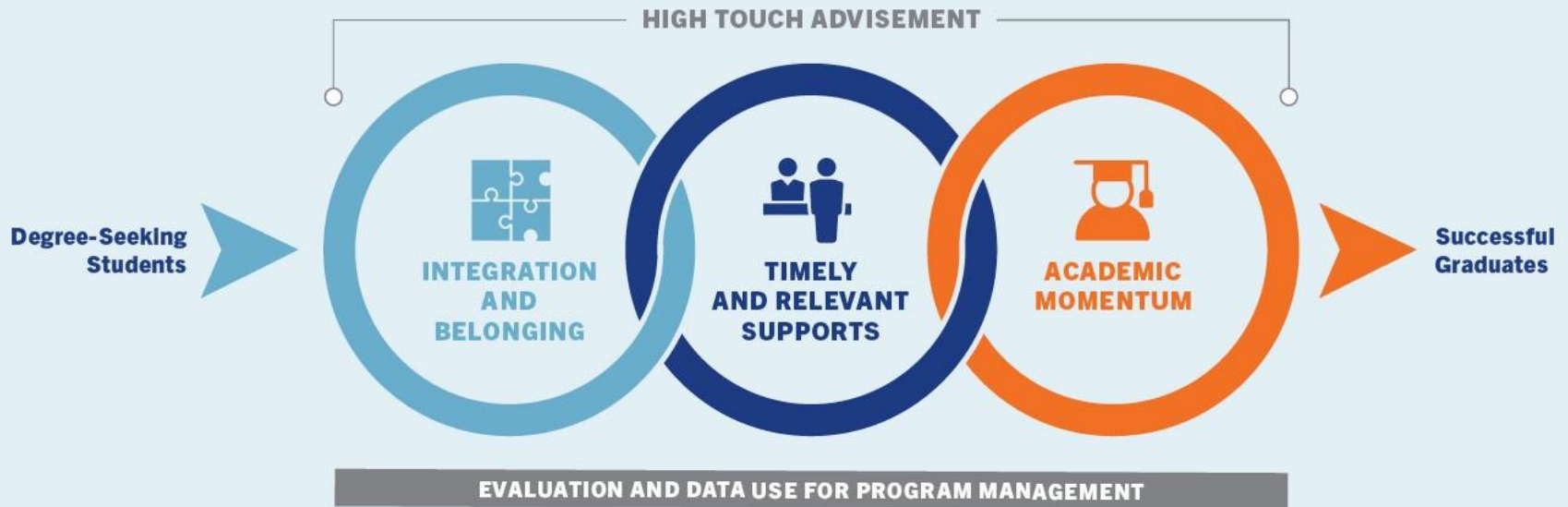
Session Outline

Welcome & Introductions
CUNY ASAP | ACE Overview
CA PSP Replication
UNC TrACE Replication
Q&A/Discussion



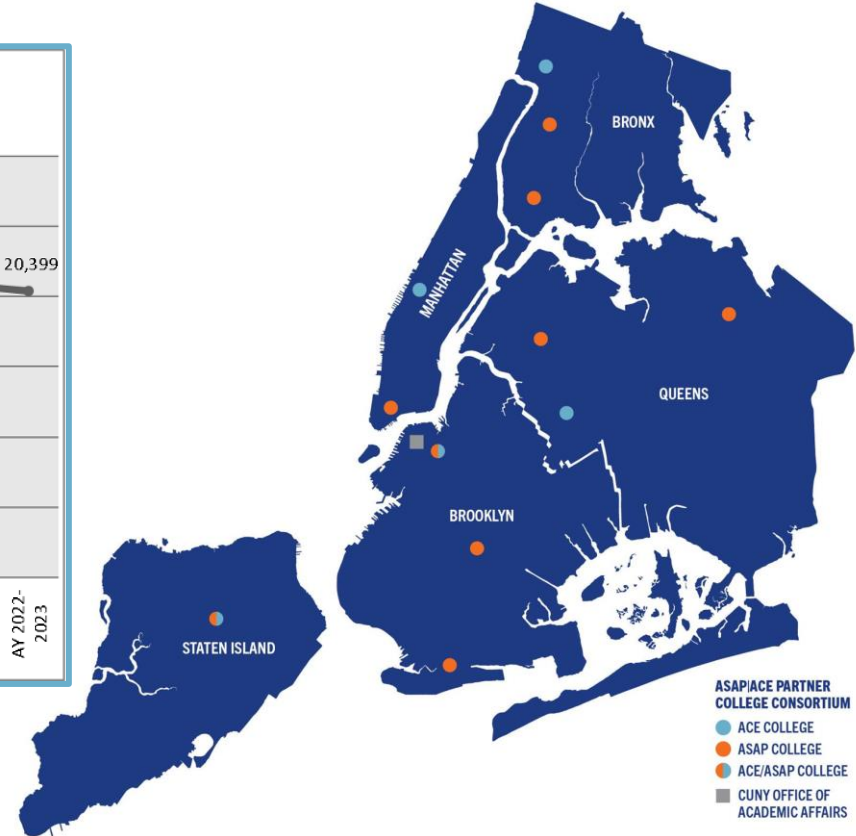
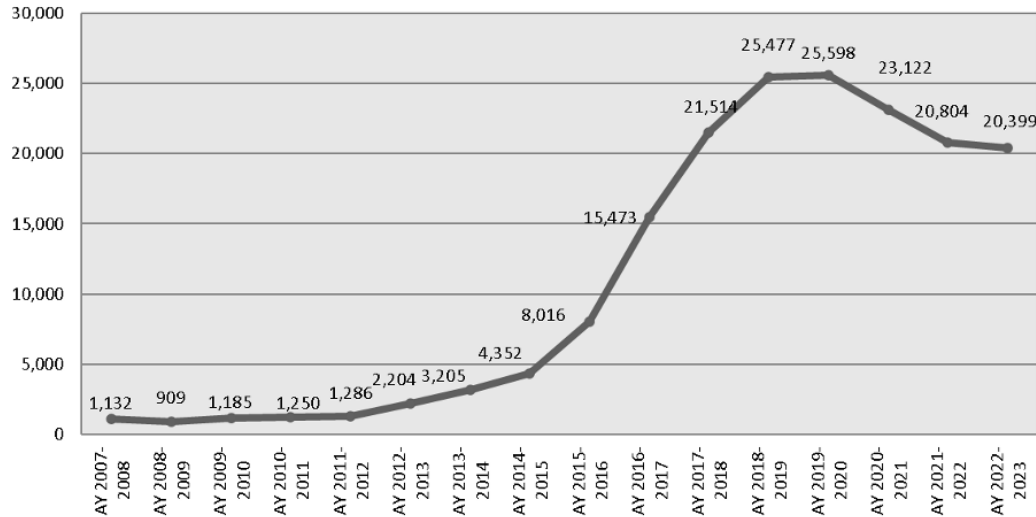
Accelerated Study in Associates Program (ASAP) Model

COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM COMPONENTS

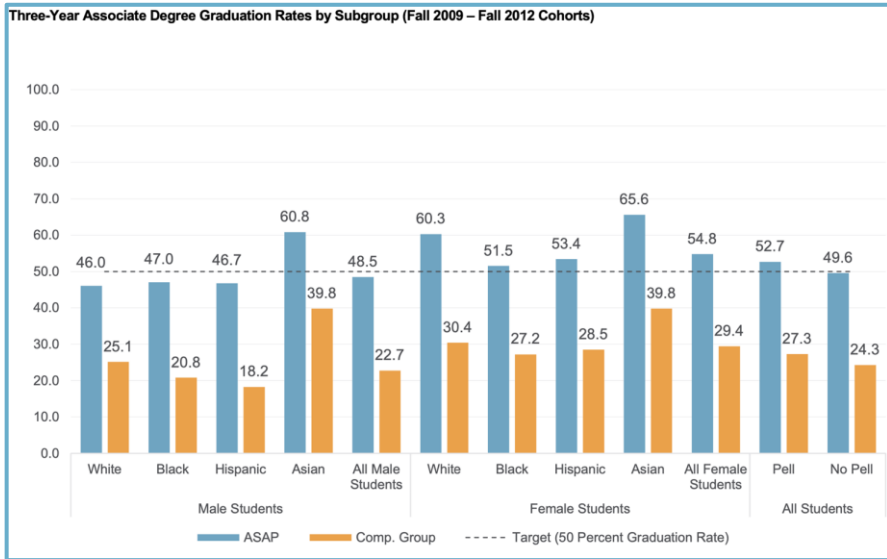


CUNY System Scaling of ASAP | ACE

ASAP Enrollment by Academic Year: All Cohorts
AY 2007-2008 to AY 2022-2023




OVER A DECADE OF EVIDENCE PROVES THE MODEL WORKS




- CUNY data shows the most recent average 3-yr completion rate across 10 ASAP cohorts is **49.9%** - double the rate of a matched statistical comparison group.
- Subgroup analysis shows that ASAP may **narrow existing graduation gaps for Black and Hispanic males** and that *all* subgroups of students benefit from the program.
- Cost-benefit studies found ASAP **cost-effective with social and economic return-on-investment (ROI)**.
- These results have held up in **multiple replication studies**.

ASAP | ACE National Replication Collaborative at CUNY


Benefits Offered Through the CUNY ASAP National Replication Collaborative




Long-term access to a national network of colleges committed to student success and increasing graduation rates.




High-touch, customized technical assistance led by a dedicated replication team to support the implementation of the award-winning, evidence-based ASAP model.




Opportunities for regular engagement with the CUNY ASAP community.



Professional development and ongoing support for key replication program staff.



Guidance designing a comprehensive evaluation approach and a robust data management system.

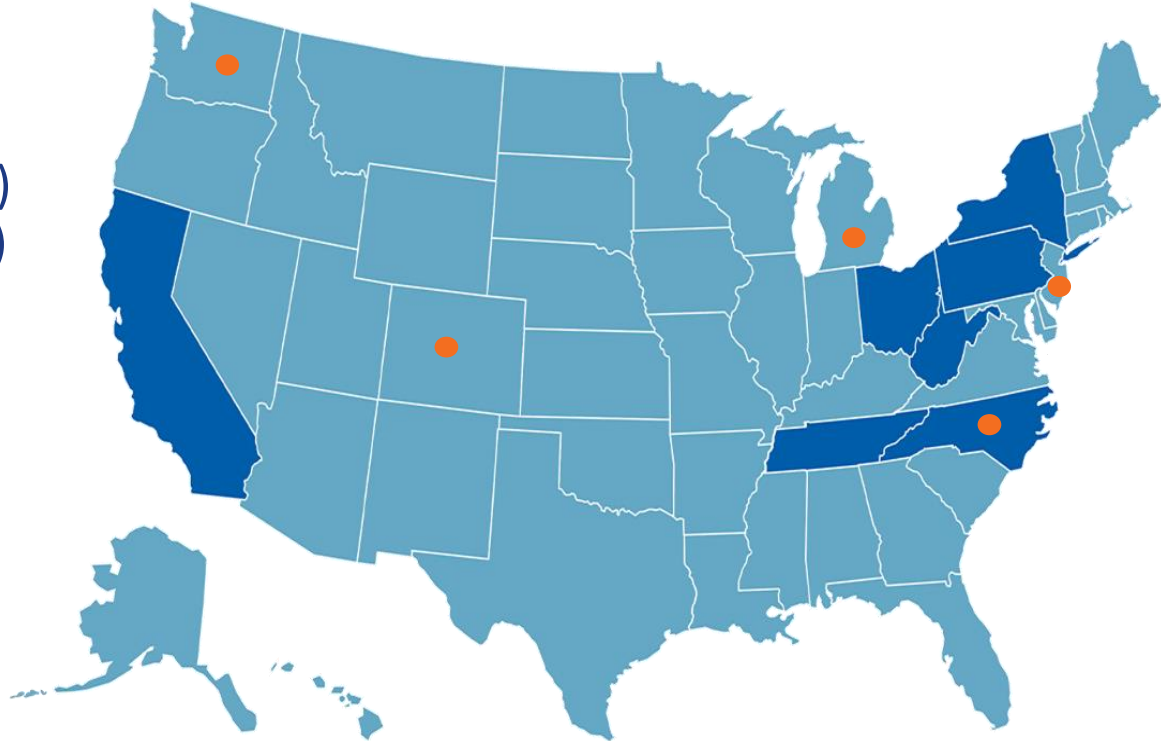


Unlimited access to a comprehensive archive of electronic materials to support the replication process.

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Current Replication Collaborative Partners

- ★ CA (6 campuses)
- ★ NY
 - CUNY (13 campuses)
 - SUNY (1+ campuses)
- ★ NC (3 campuses)
- ★ OH (3 campuses)
- ★ PA (1 campus)
- ★ TN (1 campus)
- ★ WV (2 campuses)



NATIONAL SCALING HAS POTENTIAL FOR HIGH-IMPACT CHANGE

BLOG Published September 10, 2021 · 5 minute read

What if CUNY ASAP Was Replicated from Coast to Coast?



July 06, 2023

Scaling the 'Secret Sauce' for Completion Rates

New efforts are underway to expand ASAP, the support program, amid evidence that it works

By [Sara Weissman](#)



GETTING TO GRADUATION



Community student exp tuition hoping to boost graduation rates

May 9, 2023 6:25 PM EDT

OPINION

OPINION: A New York model helps community college students reach their goals

Country should follow CUNY's example

OPINION > CONGRESS BLOG

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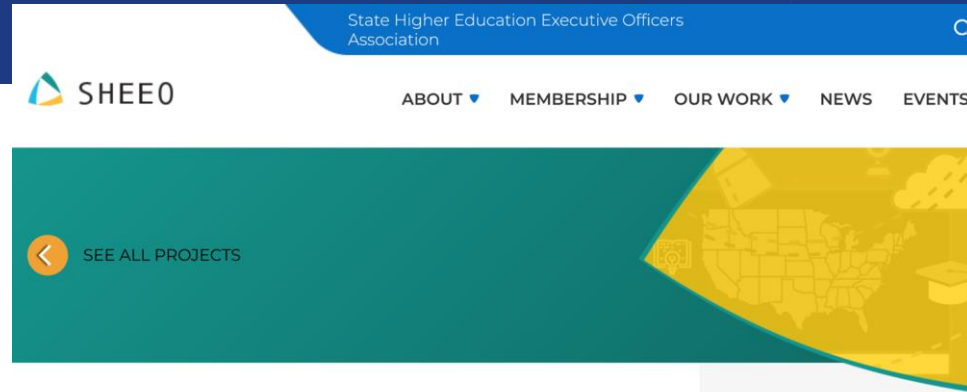
There's a proven fix for an urgent education problem — Congress should embrace it

BY KELLY MCMANUS AND SHRUTIKA SABARWAL, OPINION CONTRIBUTORS - 06/03/23 7:00 PM ET



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SHEEO is partnering with the City University of New York's (CUNY) Accelerated Study in Associate Programs (ASAP) Accelerate, Complete, and Engage (ACE) National Replication Collaborative. SHEEO will partner with CUNY ASAP to establish and launch a new learning community among state higher education leaders to replicate the CUNY ASAP|ACE model at scale to increase college completion rates within their community college sectors. Five states will be selected for \$50,000 planning grants to facilitate their participation in the inaugural learning community.

CUNY ASAP|ACE Program

ACCELERATED STUDY IN ASSOCIATE PROGRAMS (ASAP)

VIEW BACKGROUND VIDEO

ASAP|ACE REPLICATION

SHEEO and the ASAP|ACE National Replication Collaborative at CUNY are partnering to establish and launch a focused learning community among state higher education leaders committed to replicating the CUNY ASAP model at scale to increase community college completion rates.

A key objective of this project is to address racial equity gaps (especially for Black and Latinx students) through strategic statewide scaling of the ASAP model.





Click below to learn more!

- [Scaling the secret sauce for completion rates](#)
- [OPINION: A New York model helps community college students reach their goals](#)
- [What if CUNY ASAP was replicated from coast to coast?](#)
- [There's a proven fix for an urgent education problem – Congress should embrace it](#)
- [PBS NewsHour Special](#)
- www.cuny.edu/asapreplication
- <https://sheeo.org/project/asapcommunity/>
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SHEEO Conference, August 2023

Promise Scholars Program

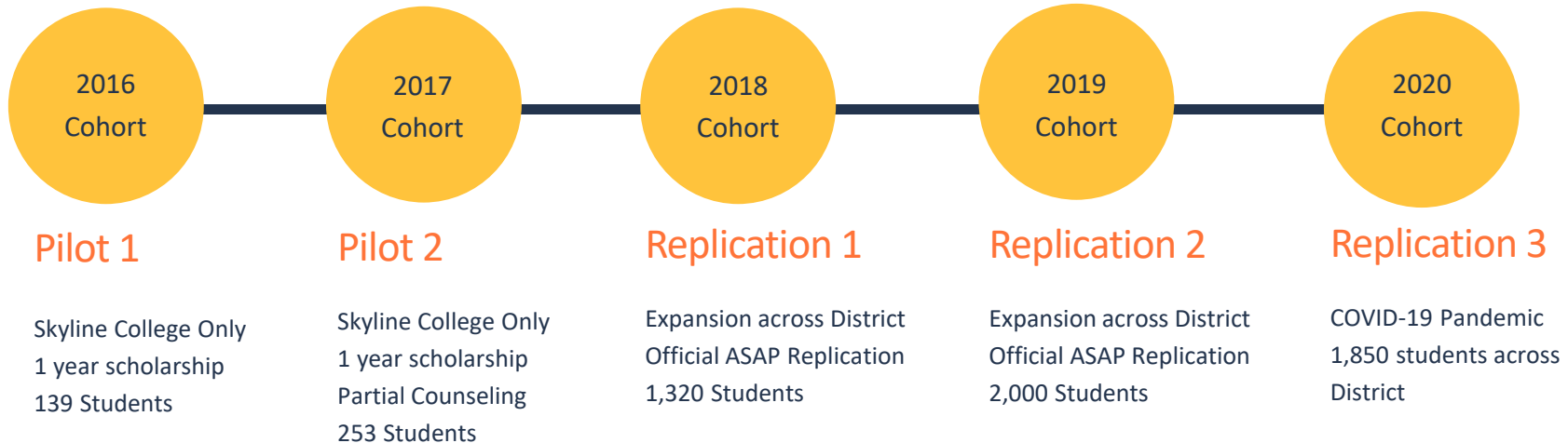
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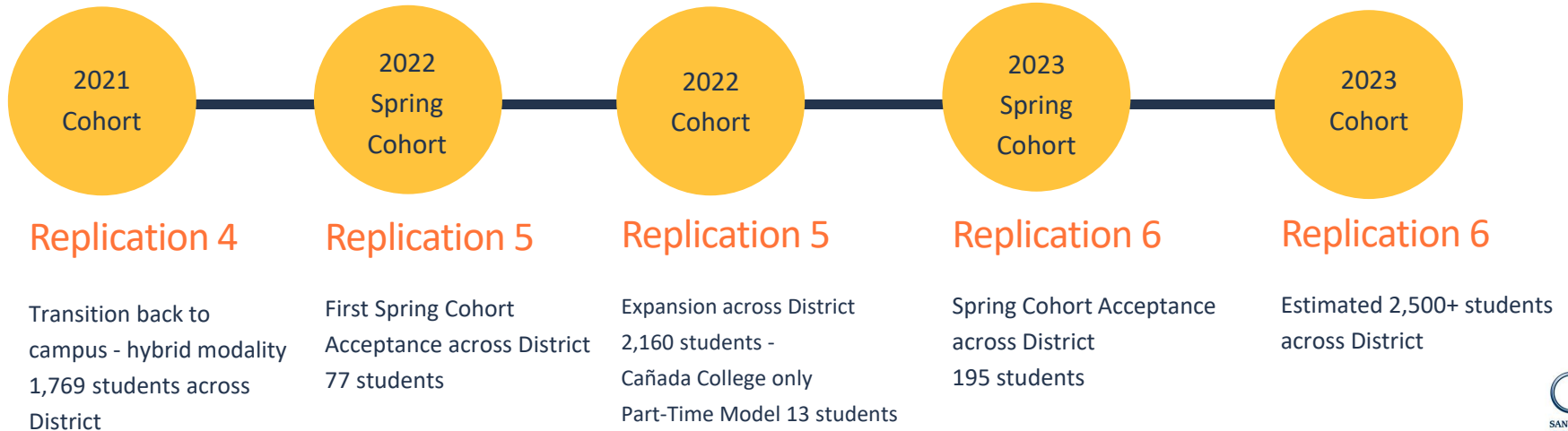
SMCCCD Promise Scholars Expansion

From Pilot to Full Replication



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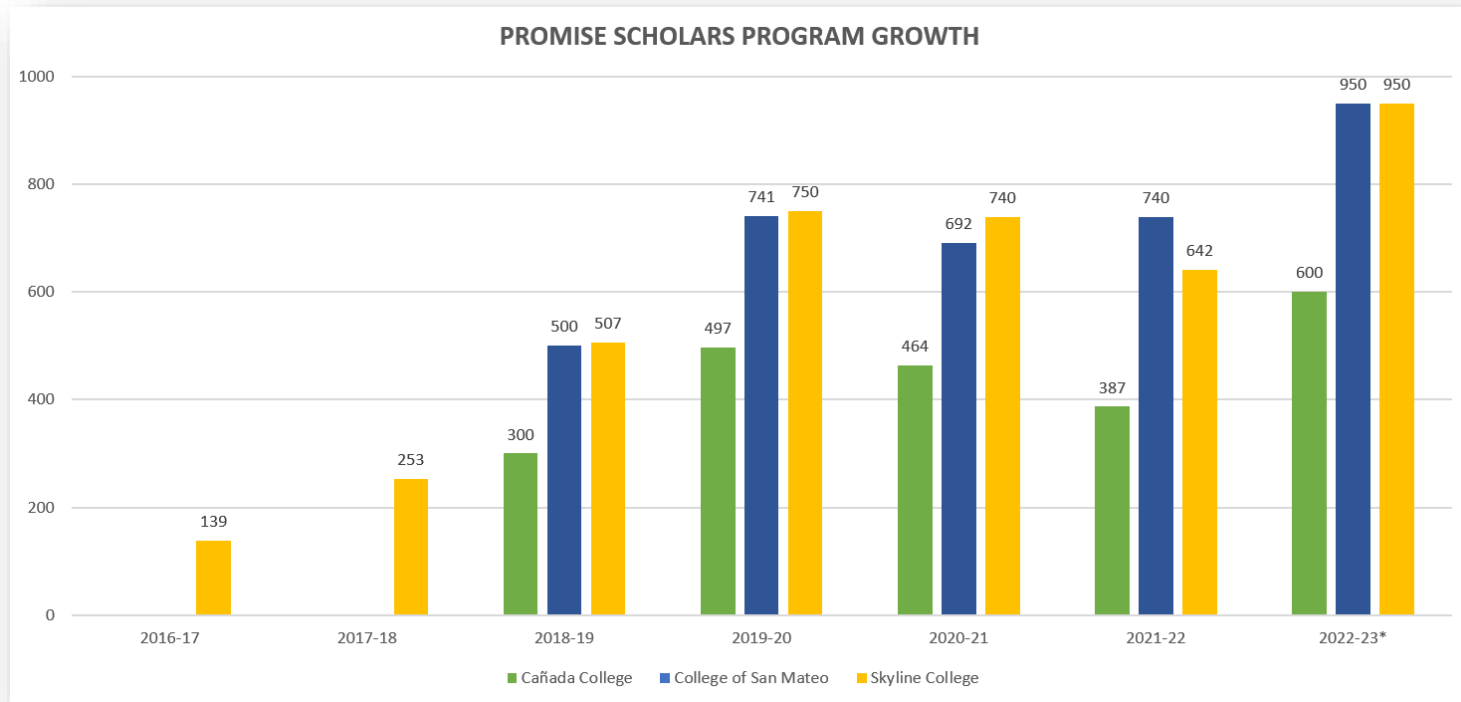
Technical Assistance

Collaboration with
CUNY ASAP



Program Growth

By campus



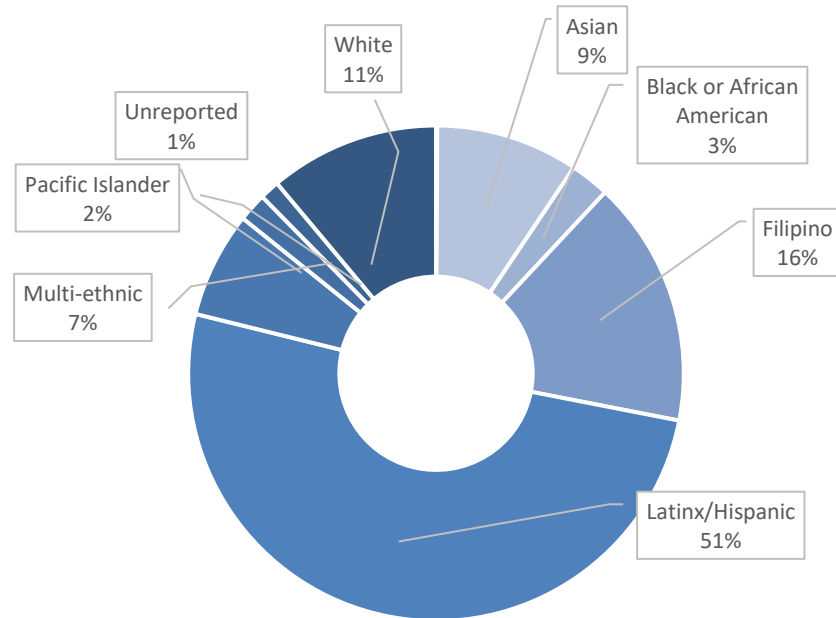
Student Demographics

Districtwide

Fall 2022 - All Cohorts

2,160	Current Promise Scholars
66%	First Generation College Students
67%	Low Income (CCPG Eligible)

Promise Scholars Program Ethnicity (All Cohorts)



Eligibility & Program Benefits

Focus Population: Degree, certificate, transfer-seeking, first-time students who can commit to full-time study.

Priority consideration for low-income, first generation, and homeless/foster youth students.

Program Benefits [Up to Three Years of Support]

Financial Support

- Fee waivers
- Book Vouchers
- Monthly Transportation Incentives

Academic Support

- Promise Scholars Summer Institute
- Priority registration
- Cohort-specific courses in key GE areas
- Required tutoring
- Early alert system

Counseling Support

- Maximum Student-to-Counselor ratio of 150:1
- Tiered support counseling model
- Career and professional development support
- Group counseling sessions and collaborative events



Program Expectations & Goals

The Promise Scholars Program (PSP) is a completion program and focuses on providing supports that will keep students on track to complete their educational goals within 2-3 years.

Expectations of Students in the Program Include:

- Maintain 12+ units every semester; emphasis on 15 units or more and/or enrolling in summer semesters.
- Complete Financial Aid Applications every year
- Maintain a GPA at or above 2.0
- Participate in all program elements (counseling, workshops, tutoring, etc.) every semester

The program seeks to double (or more) graduation rates for participating students in comparison with other FTFS students at the college. Current benchmarks are:

2-yr Grad Rate: 25%

3-yr Grad Rate: 50%





A Focus on Impact and Outcomes

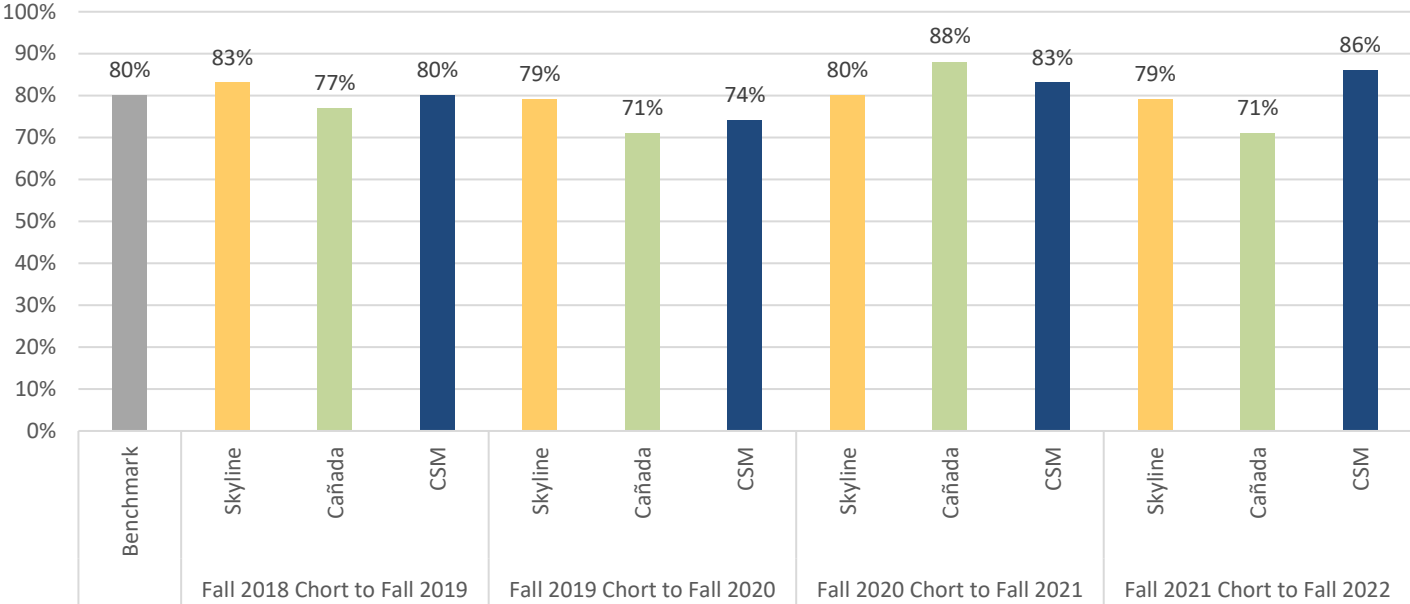


Benchmarks

Fall to Fall

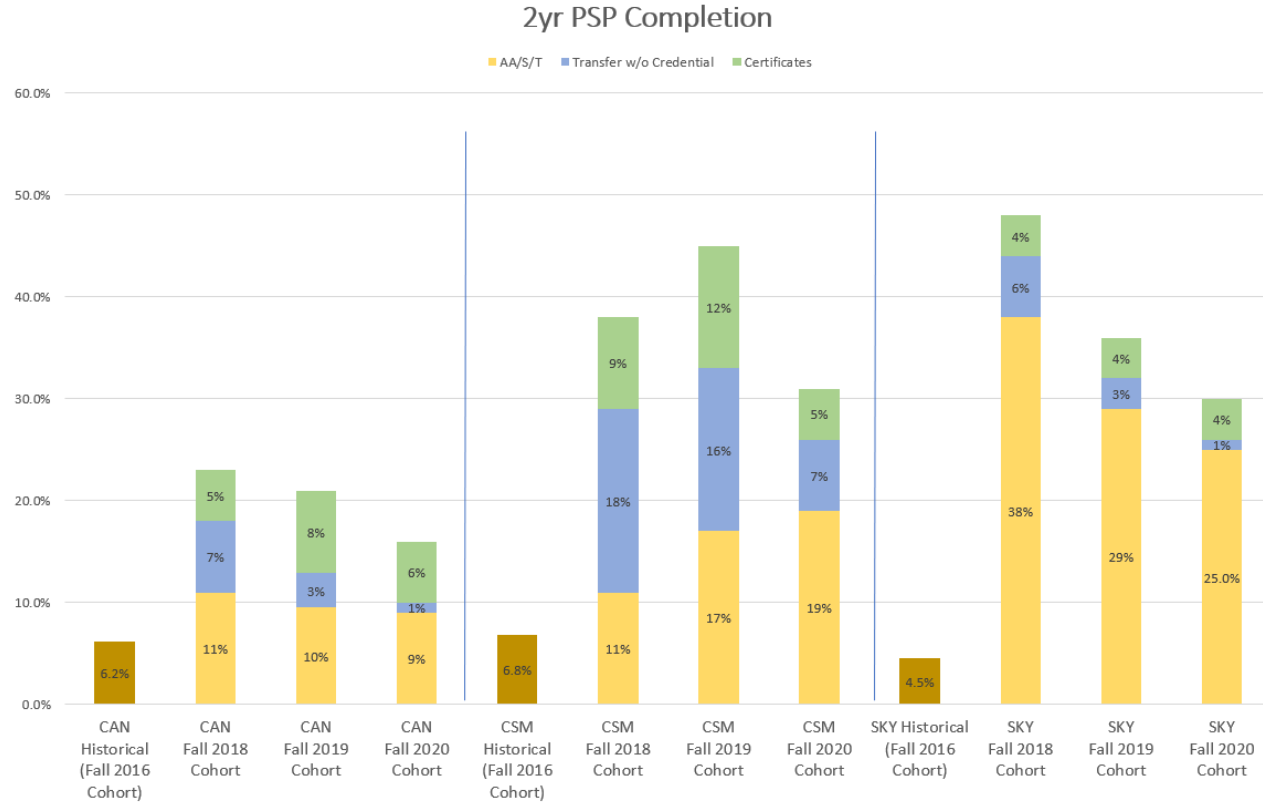
Persistence Rates

Fall to Fall Persistence - Year 1 to Year 2



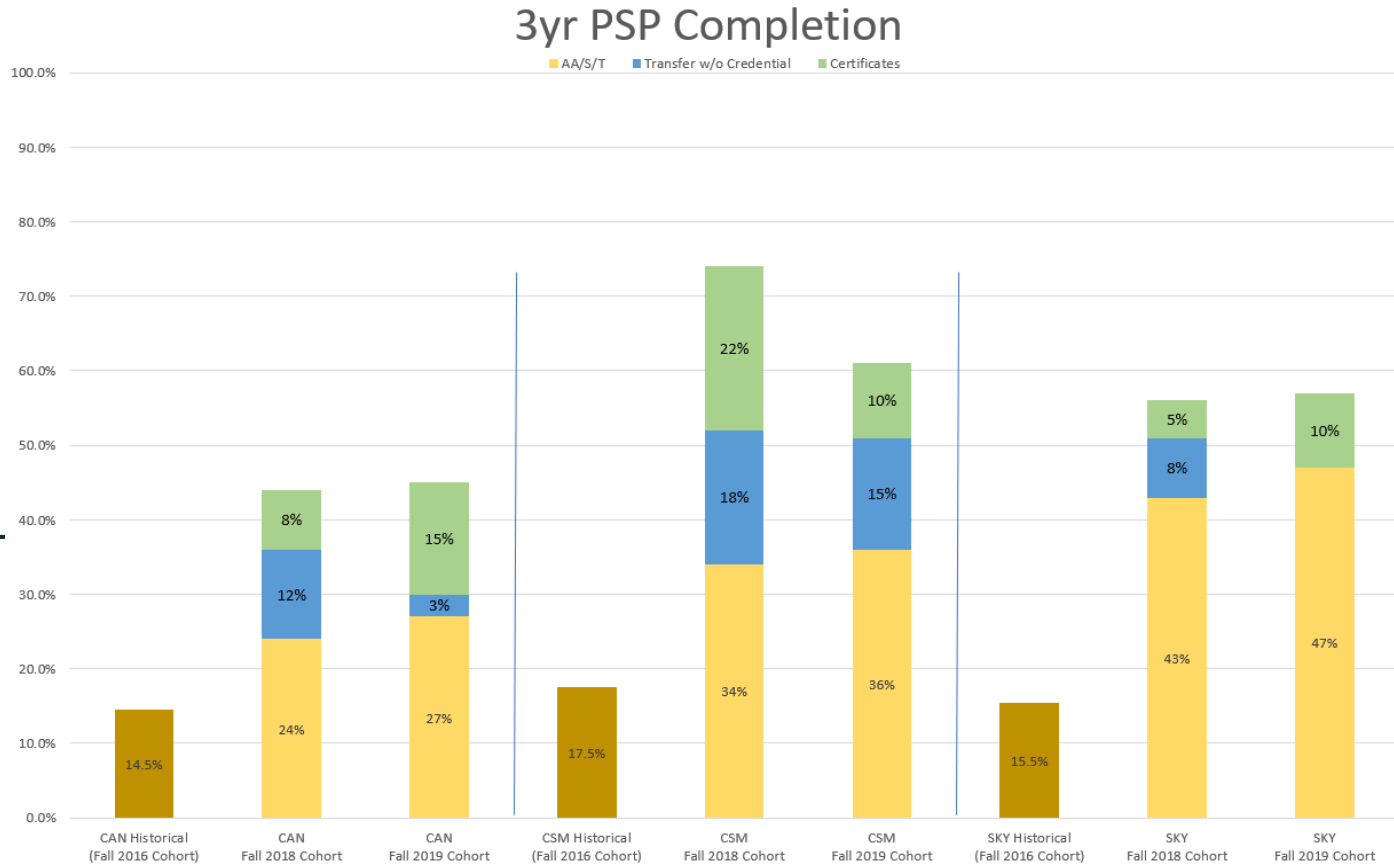
Early Successes

2-yr PSP Completion Rates



Early Successes

3-yr PSP Completion Rates



Continued Development

- Program Cross-Collaboration Support
- Skyline College
 - 110 Promise/TRiO Students
 - 80% of TRiO students are in Promise
 - 80 Promise/EOPS Students
 - 75% of EOPS students are in Promise



Program Evolution 2022-23

- Program engagement offered virtual and in-person
- Monthly incentives – food grocery e-gift cards & transportation cards available
- Cañada College rolls out Part-Time Model



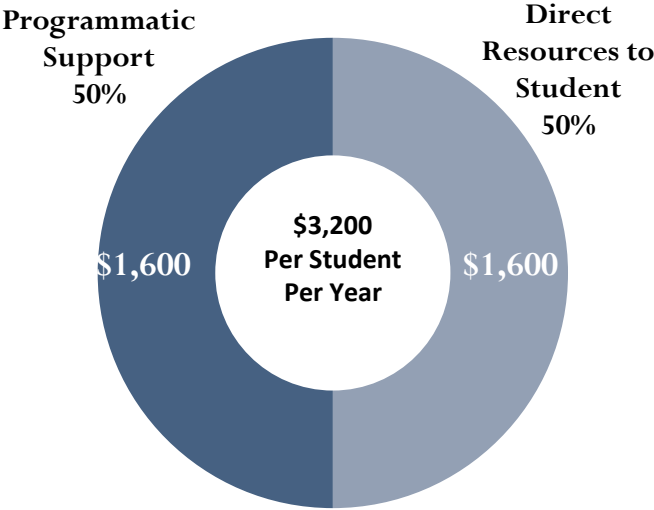
Initial Funding Model

Sustainability

- Funding for Direct Aid to students
- Potential budget cuts from CCCCCO
- Program staffing to support 150:1 caseload

Source	Amount
Enterprise Funds	\$400,000
Foundation	\$400,000
Housing Fund	\$300,000
State & One-Time Resources	\$750,000
State AB19 Funds	\$1,450,000
2022-23 Budgeted Total	\$3,200,000

PSP COST PER STUDENT



Let's hear from our Student

Major: Criminal Justice | Career Goal: Crime Scene Investigation

Goal: Associates Degree in Criminal Justice and transfer to San Jose State University

- Community College experience through Dual Enrollment
- May 2021 Graduated from Hillsdale High School
- First-year at College of San Mateo – Fall 2021
- On-campus job: Promise Scholar Student Assistant
- Struggles as a first-generation student



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Thank You!

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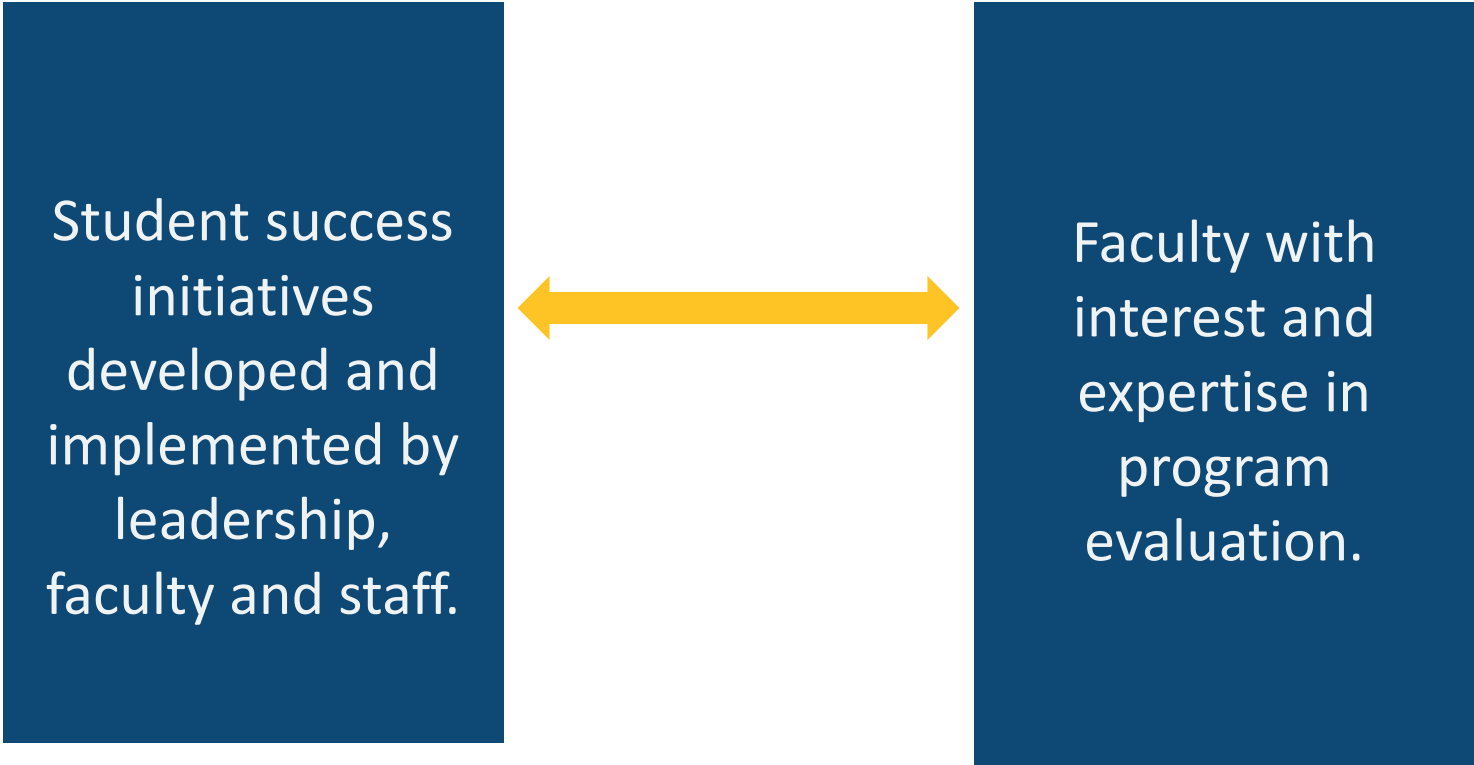
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UNC SYSTEM TrACE INITIATIVE

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Bridging the Divide Between Practice and Research



Student Success Innovation Lab

Leverage the System platform to engage in systematic research and development on student success:

- 1. *Fund*** evidence-based, low-cost interventions with proximate, measurable impact;
- 2. *Evaluate*** funded projects via third-party researchers *from within UNC System* to rigorously assess effectiveness/cost-effectiveness;
- 3. *Share*** the results across the System, accumulate knowledge about “what works,” and advocate for resources to take promising ideas to greater scale.

TrACE Eligibility

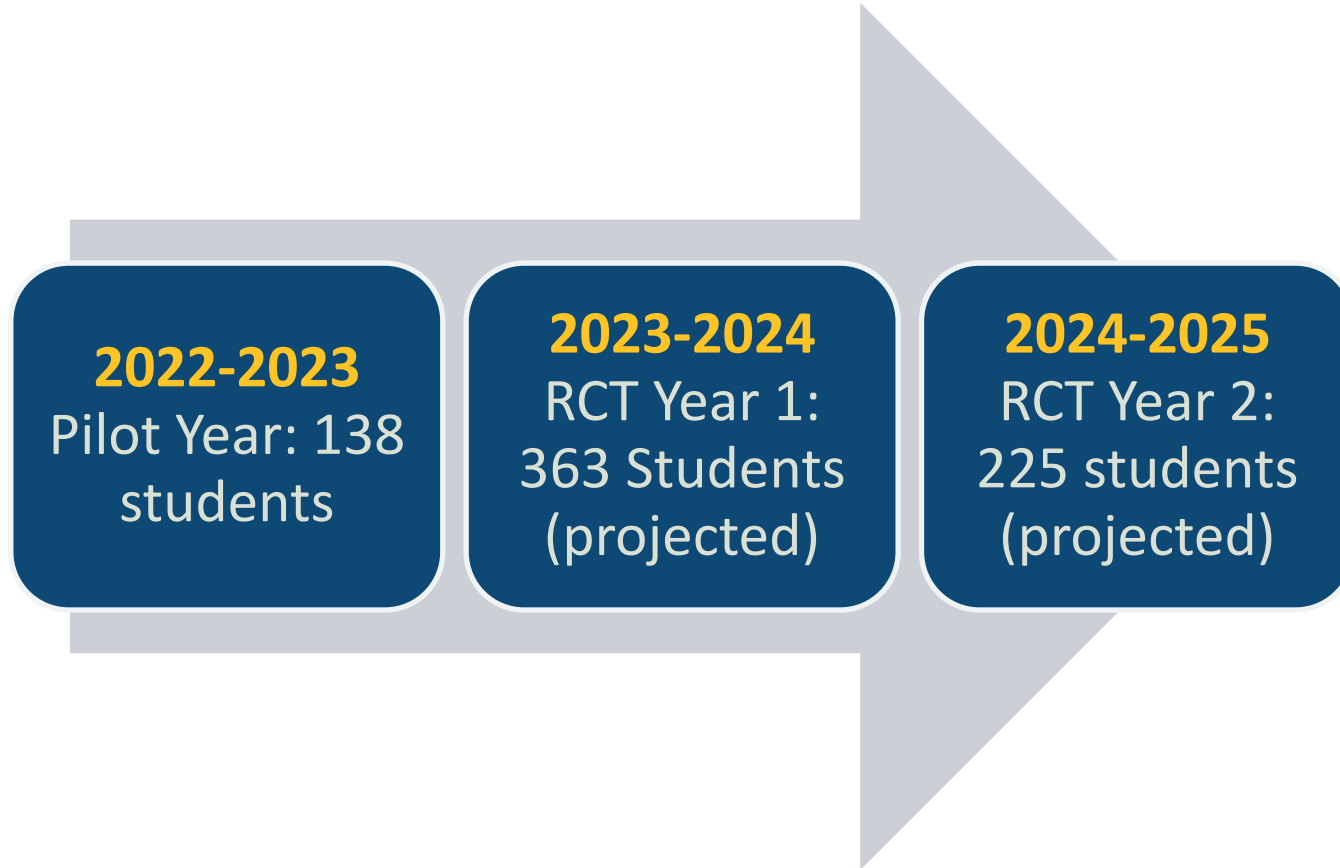
The UNC System's Transfer, Accelerate, Engage (TrACE) initiative focuses on transfer students who are:

- North Carolina residents
- transferring from a North Carolina community college
- have completed an associate's degree or 60 hours prior to transfer
- commit to enrolling full-time

TrACE Institutions



Timeline



Preliminary Pilot Year Findings

- ***Financial Incentives Got Students in the Door, but Advisement “Wins”*** – Most TrACE students noted that while financial supports piqued their interest to apply, it was the personalized advising that had greatest impact on their success.
- ***TrACE Helped Students Adjust to Their Institution*** – Students unequivocally believed TrACE helped them transition from their smaller community college to a large university. Many noted regular advising and program requirements helped them keep on track to earning a degree and trying new things on campus.

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