



# Lessons Learned: Key Takeaways from the SHEEO | ASAP College Completion Coalition Learning Community

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# SESSION OUTLINE

## Greeting & Gathering

Sakshee Chawla, SHEEO

## Background & Project Overview

Katie Giardello, CUNY ASAP|ACE National Replication Collaborative

## State Team Perspectives

Vance T. Stephens, New Jersey Office of the Secretary of Higher Education (OSHE)

Patrick Crane, North Carolina Community College System

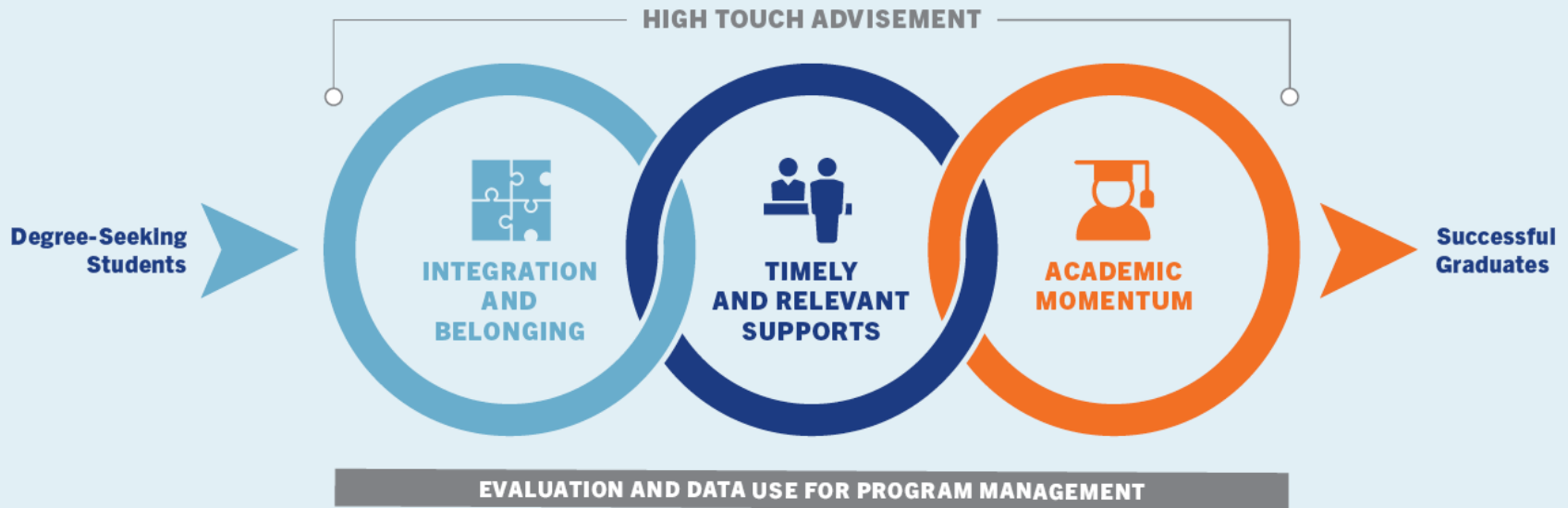
Sarah Szurpicki, Office of Sixty by 30, MI Dept of Lifelong Education, Advancement, & Potential (MiLEAP)

## Panel Discussion (all)



# CUNY ASAP BACKGROUND – THE COMPREHENSIVE ASAP MODEL

## COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM COMPONENTS



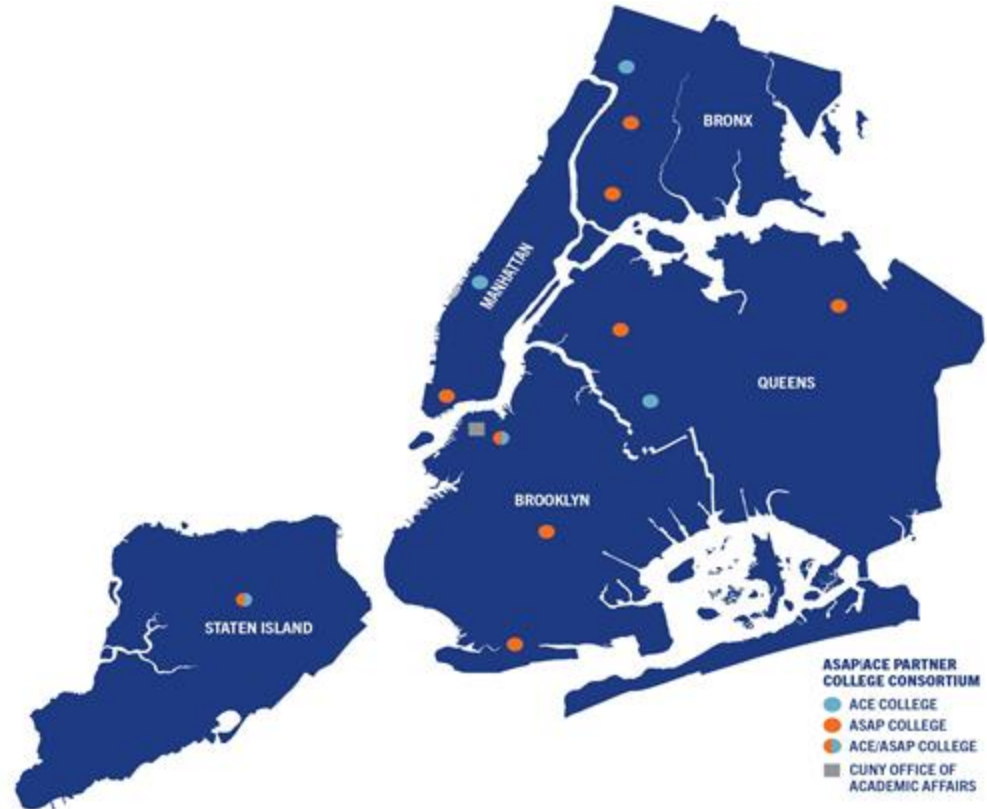
# CUNY SYSTEM ASAP | ACE CONSORTIA STRUCTURE

## CUNY ASAP | ACE Partner Colleges

- Recruitment
- Local program management
- Direct services to students
- Monitoring student progress
- Campus relationships + integration

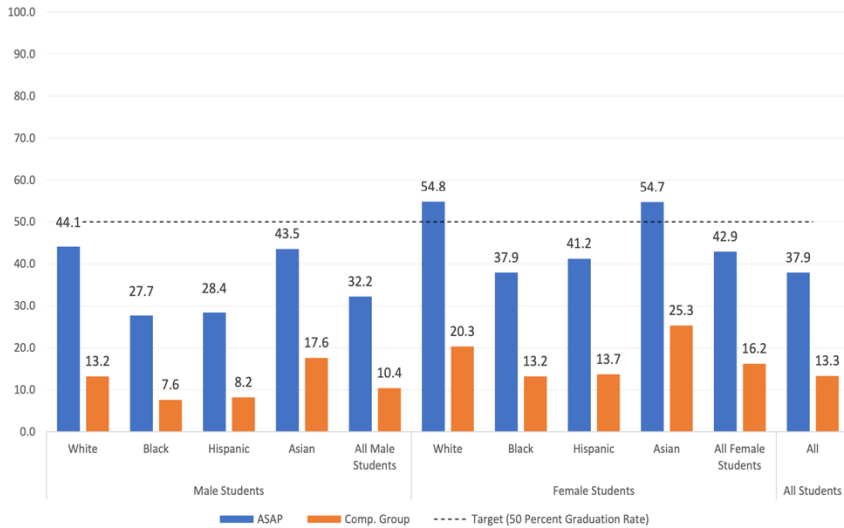
## CUNY Office of Academic Affairs

- Evaluation + Data Management
- Outreach + MarComm
- Program Administration + Policy Setting
- Professional Development
- Student Financial Resources



# OVER A DECADE OF EVIDENCE PROVES THE MODEL'S EFFICACY

Three-Year Associate Degree Graduation Rates of ASAP and Comparison Group<sup>1</sup> First-Time Full-Time Freshmen  
by Subgroup (Fall 2017 – Fall 2020 Cohorts) - PRELIMINARY DATA  
February 26, 2024

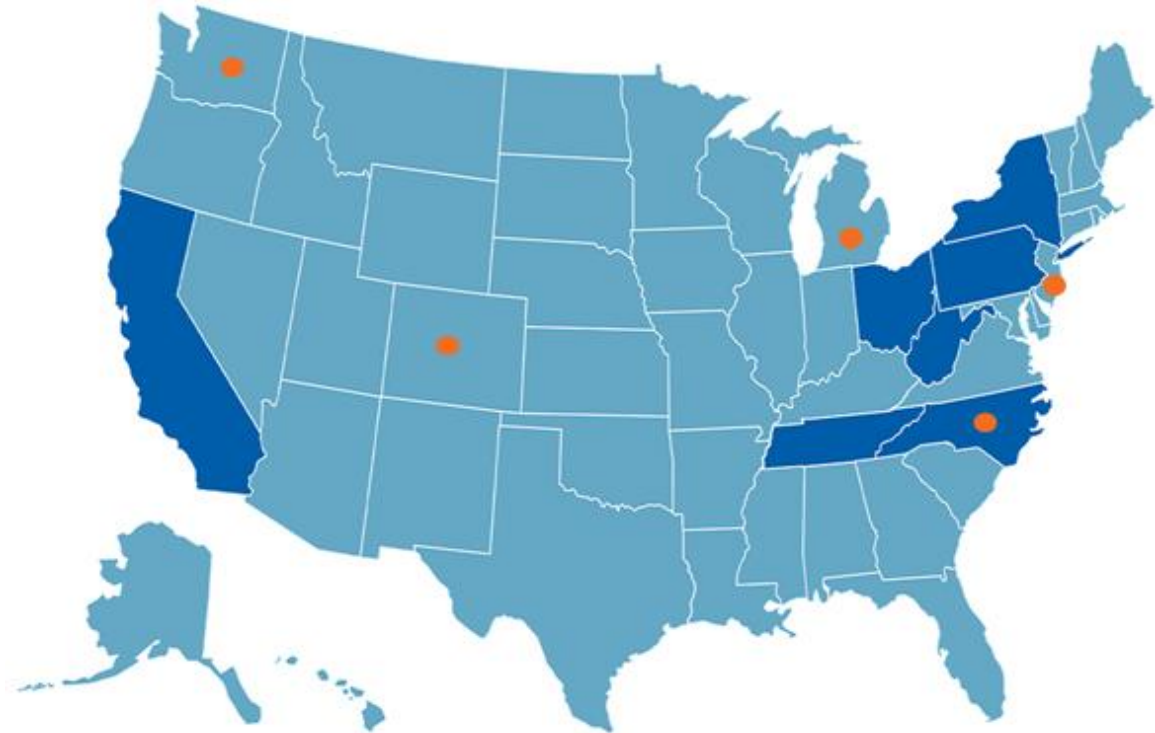


<sup>1</sup> Comparison group consists of CUNY first-time full-time freshmen enrolled in a degree bearing program pursuing an associate degree and not enrolled in ASAP or College Discovery.

- CUNY data shows the most recent average 3-yr completion rate across 10 ASAP cohorts is **49.1%** - 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 contexts**.

# SCALING THE ASAP | ACE IMPACT THRU THE CUNY ASAP | ACE NATIONAL REPLICATION COLLABORATIVE

- ★ CA (7 campuses)
- ★ NY
  - CUNY (13 campuses)
  - SUNY (25 campuses)
- ★ NC (3 campuses)
- ★ OH (3 campuses)
- ★ PA (1 campus)
- ★ TN (1 campus)
- ★ WV (2 campuses)





# SHEEO | ASAP COLLEGE COMPLETION COALITION LEARNING COMMUNITY PROJECT MILESTONES

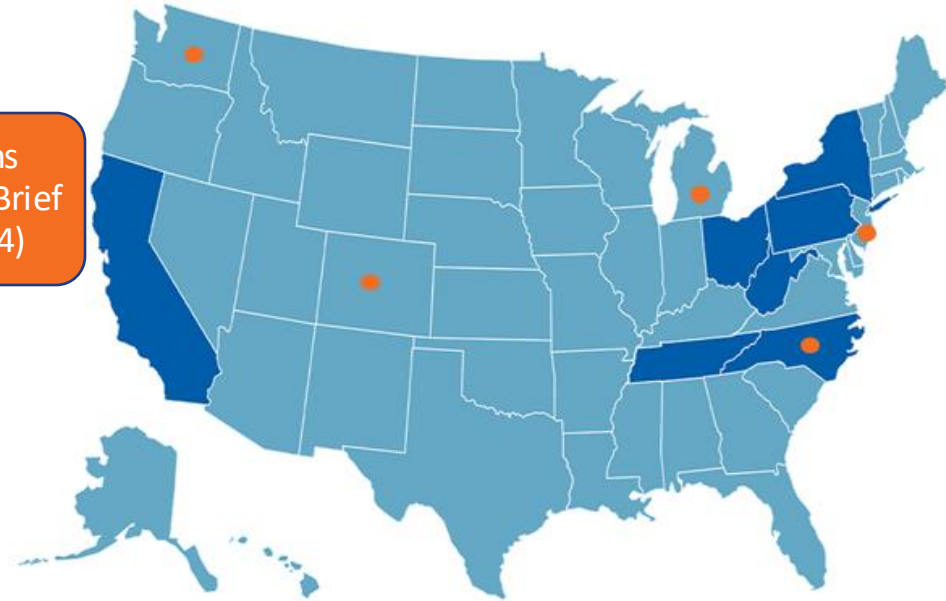
*A key objective of this work is to address racial equity gaps through strategic statewide scaling of the ASAP model.*

RFP Selection  
(Summer '23)

NYC  
Convening  
(Fall '23)

State Team  
Consultation  
(ongoing)

Lessons  
Learned Brief  
(Fall '24)



# SHEEO | ASAP COLLEGE COMPLETION COALITION LEARNING COMMUNITY PROGRESS REPORT

5 state teams are deeply considering strategic, sustainable state scaling of the ASAP model

- Next steps:
  - Funder support
  - College engagement
- Final project reports due Summer 2024

Possible new opportunities to explore –

- Rural replication cohort
- Complementary efforts related to other state policy initiatives (e.g. state grants, targeted workforce needs)
- Special populations: adult reconnecting students, transfer students, workforce certificate seekers





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