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Choose Ohio First**

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Choose Ohio First (COF) & Pipeline Initiatives

Scope and Impact



**The
University
of Akron**

Pillars of our Program

- 1. Intrusive/Holistic Support**
 - Beyond Academics
- 2. Academic/Social Programming**
 - University Connectivity
- 3. 1st year Initiatives**
 - College Readiness
 - Preparation for Success
- 4. Premier Program for State**
 - Continuous Process of Improvement

Programming/Process

- **Recruitment: Root to Fruit**
 - Full Day Visits High Schools
 - UA Visit Days
 - Community Programs
- **On Boarding**
 - “Jumpstart” Orientations (Overnight)
- **COF and Collegiate Success (CS) Summer Bridge**
 - 8-Week Math Intensive
 - College Readiness
- **COF Living Learning Community**
 - Akron Experience Class
- **Sociocultural Events**
 - Building Community
 - Campus Involvement

Programming/Process Continued

- **1-on-1 Support**
 - Retention Staff
 - Individual Success Plan/Goal Setting
 - Progress Checks - (Grade Reports)
 - Tutor/Mentors
 - Weekly Check-In (Freshmen)
 - In-Depth Tutoring & Supplemental Instruction
- **Supplemental Instruction**
 - Group Model
 - Review Sessions
 - Skills Sessions
 - 12 Hour Access

Programming/Process Continued

- **Program and Case Load Reviews**
 - Grades
 - Participation
 - State Report –Guided Memo
 - Individual Plan of Action for Scholars Under 3.0 Cum GPA
 - Status Updates
- **Established Partnerships**
 - College of Engineering
 - Tutoring-AE Courses
 - Pipeline Schools
 - STEM High School & Akron Early College
 - McKinley High School
 - Midview High School
 - Others
 - Community Colleges
 - Tri-C
 - Stark State

Data

- **Continued Growth Since 2008**
 - Anticipated Over 700+ Scholars (Fall 2019 All Programs)
- **COF - Retention Rate 92%**
- **CS Pilot– Retention Rate 69%**
 - Declined Services – 50%
- **Graduation/GPAs**
 - Over 1,000 Graduates
 - Graduation Rate - 72%
 - Average GPA 3.2
 - Average ACT 24

Data Continued

- **Demographic Profile (COF)**
 - Minority – 26%
 - Women – 44%
 - 1st-Gen/Pell – 56%
 - Non-Traditional – 7%
 - Engineering Majors– 62%
 - Biology, Pre-Med, Nursing Majors– 18%
 - Non-STEMM – 6%

Data Continued

- **Consecutive Years of Exemplary Status from ODHE**
 - Over \$13 Million Awarded Since 2008
- **Summer Bridge**
 - Overall Average GPA 3.4
 - Average Math GPA 3.3
- **Over 6,000 Office Visits in a Semester**
- **1000+ Applicants for COF Yearly**

Impact

- **CS**
 - Akron Guarantee
 - AE Course
- **Partnerships and Collaborations**
 - College of Engineering
 - Summer Bridge
 - Living Learning Community (Fall 19)
 - Tutoring Support
- **Proactive Onboarding of 1st Year Students**

Expand Scope

- **Expansion of COF Footprint on Campus**
 - Cohort of Underrepresented Student Scholarship
 - Develop New Living Learning Community and Add AE Course
 - Academic Improvement and Motivation Plan (AIM)
 - Additional Support for Scholars Underperforming
- **P3: Personal Professional Progress (Workforce Development)**
- **I PROMISE Tutoring Support**
- **Partnerships with Community Colleges**
 - Support for 2+2 programs

Questions