Choose Ohio First (COF) & Pipeline Initiatives
Scope and Impact

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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