



Middle Tennessee State University Board of Trustees

Quarterly Board Meeting
June 5, 2017

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Pledge of Allegiance



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Roll Call





Middle Tennessee State University Board of Trustees Chairman's Welcome and Opening Remarks





Middle Tennessee State University Board of Trustees President's Opening Comments





Middle Tennessee State University Board of Trustees Approval of the Minutes from April 10, 2017 Regular Session Board Meeting



Middle Tennessee State University Board of Trustees Academic Affairs, Student Life and Athletics Committee Report





Middle Tennessee State University Board of Trustees Audit and Compliance Committee Report





Middle Tennessee State University Board of Trustees Finance and Personnel Committee Report



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President's Report



The Quest for Student Success: Board of Trustees Update

Rick Sluder

Vice Provost for Student Success &
Dean of University College

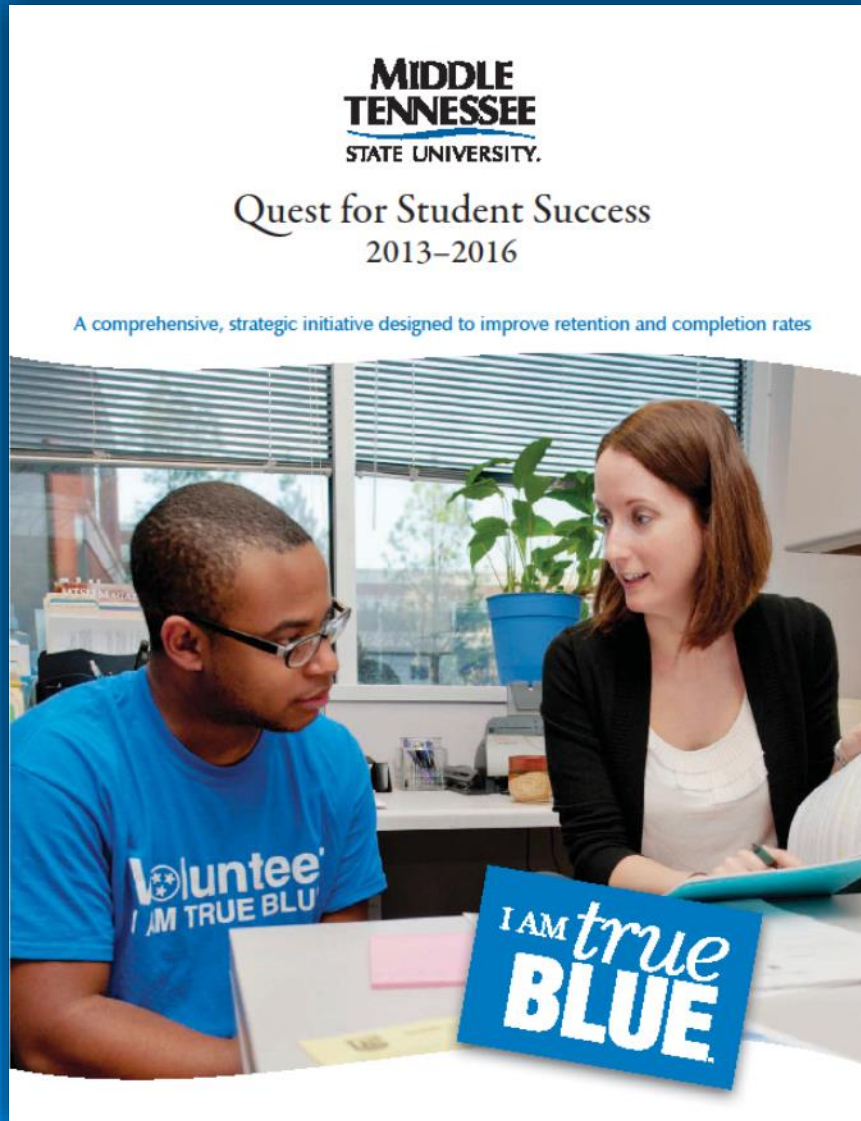
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MTSU: The Context

- 22,050 students
- Average ACT 22.5
- 50% of students are Pell-eligible
- 50% are first generation
- The campus ... is amazing and beautiful
 - \$800 mil in construction in past 10 years
 - Campus culture of support

MTSU's Foundational Guide



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Undercurrent for our work ...

- Data informed
- Strategic
- Alignment, coherence, focus
- A “one university” learner-centered model

Student Success Vision Statement

MTSU seeks to become a national thought and practice leader in student success. This endeavor will require joint efforts of the student, faculty and broader campus community and the integration of our student-centered support services and data-informed best practices. The goal is to facilitate degree completion, cultivating students who are committed to critical inquiry and life-long learning in a changing global society.

Primary Strategic Initiatives

1. Advising enhancements
2. Course redesign
3. Learner support
4. Communication plans and performance metrics



Advising enhancements ... sounds so simple!

- Hire of 47 additional advisors
- EAB SSC Campus
- “Old school” (reactive) advising
- “New school” (proactive) advising

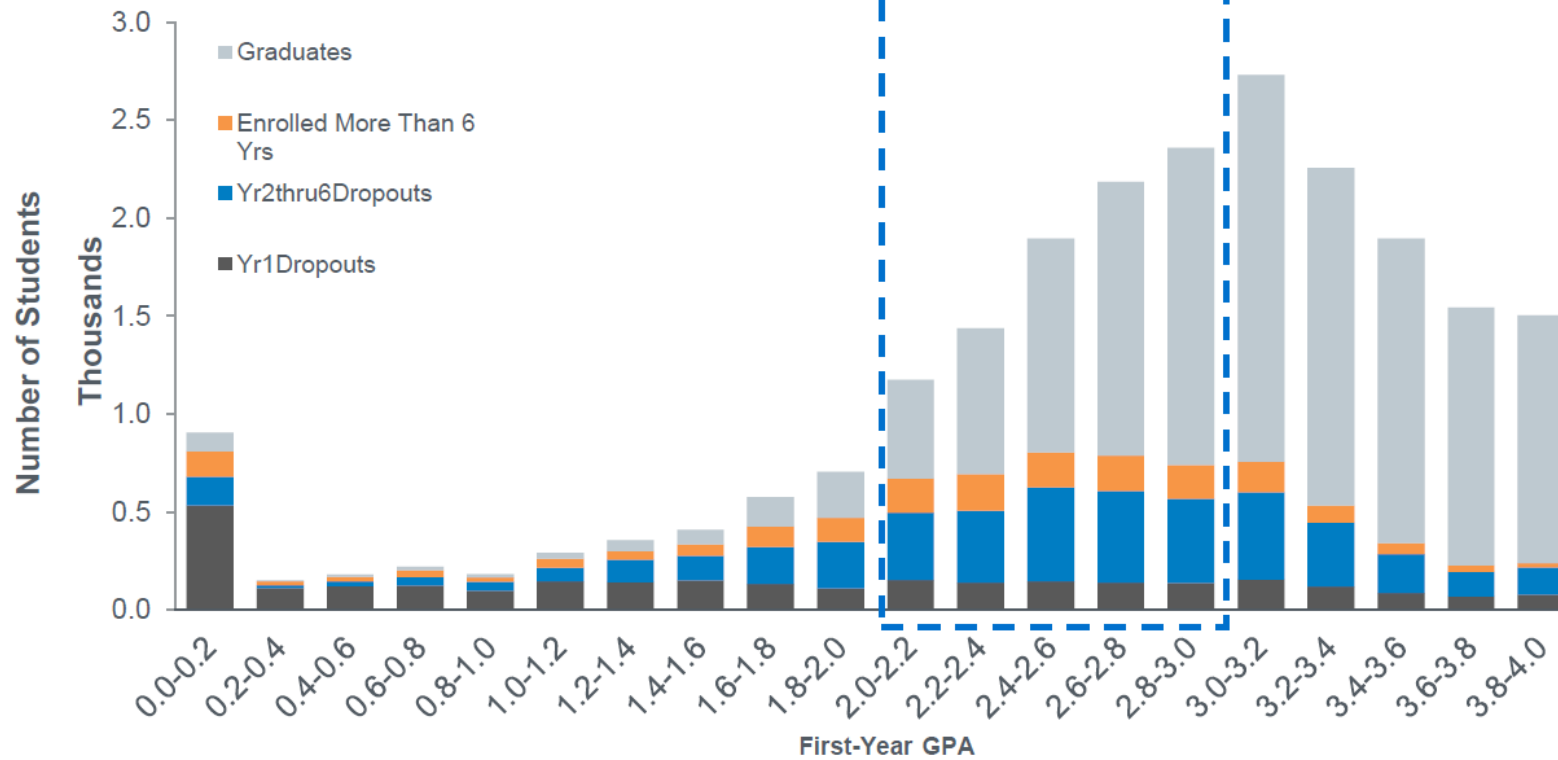
Reviewing the Murky Middle at MTSU



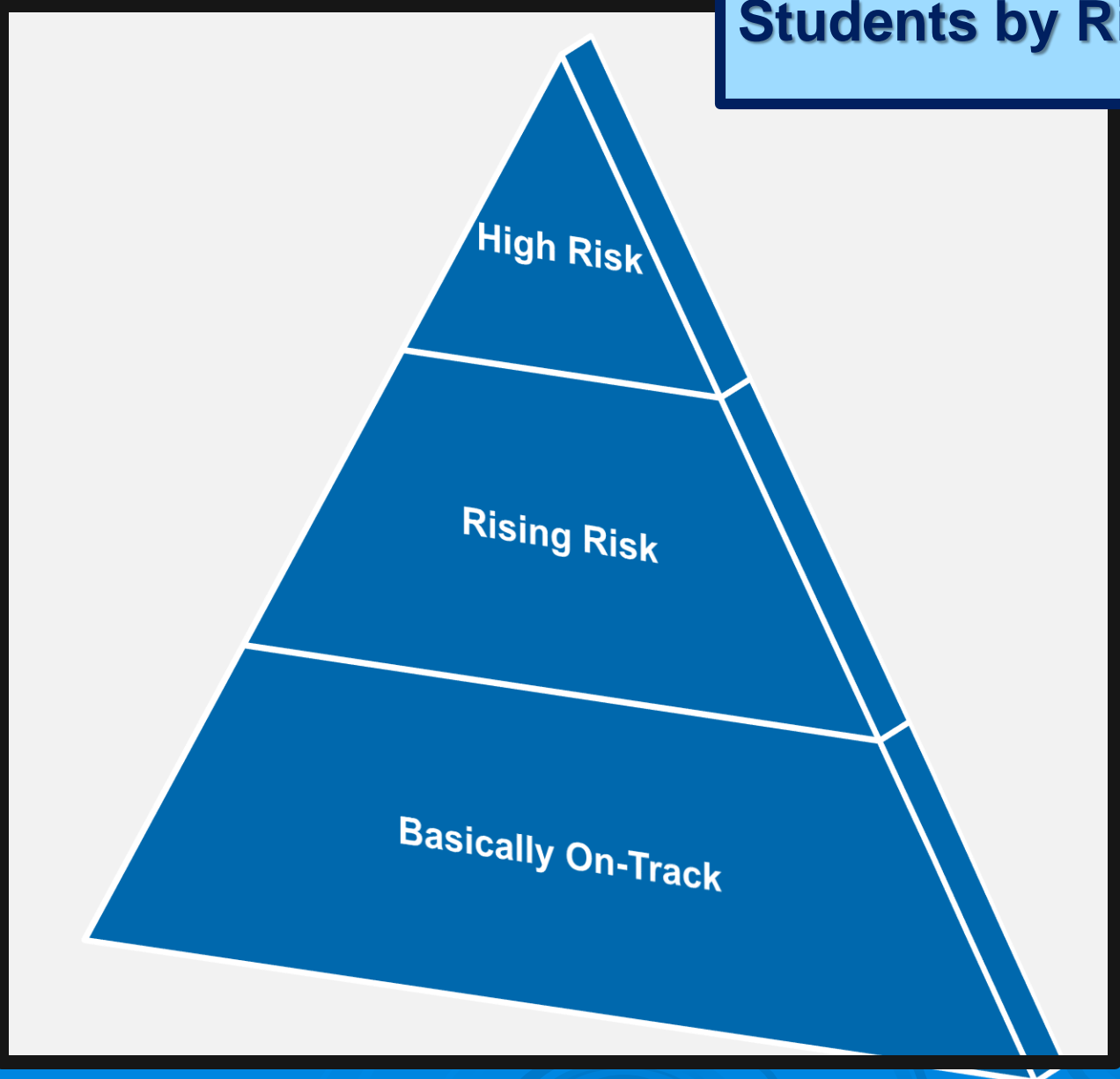
Histogram of All Students by First-Year GPA

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"Murky Middle" Presents Large Opportunity



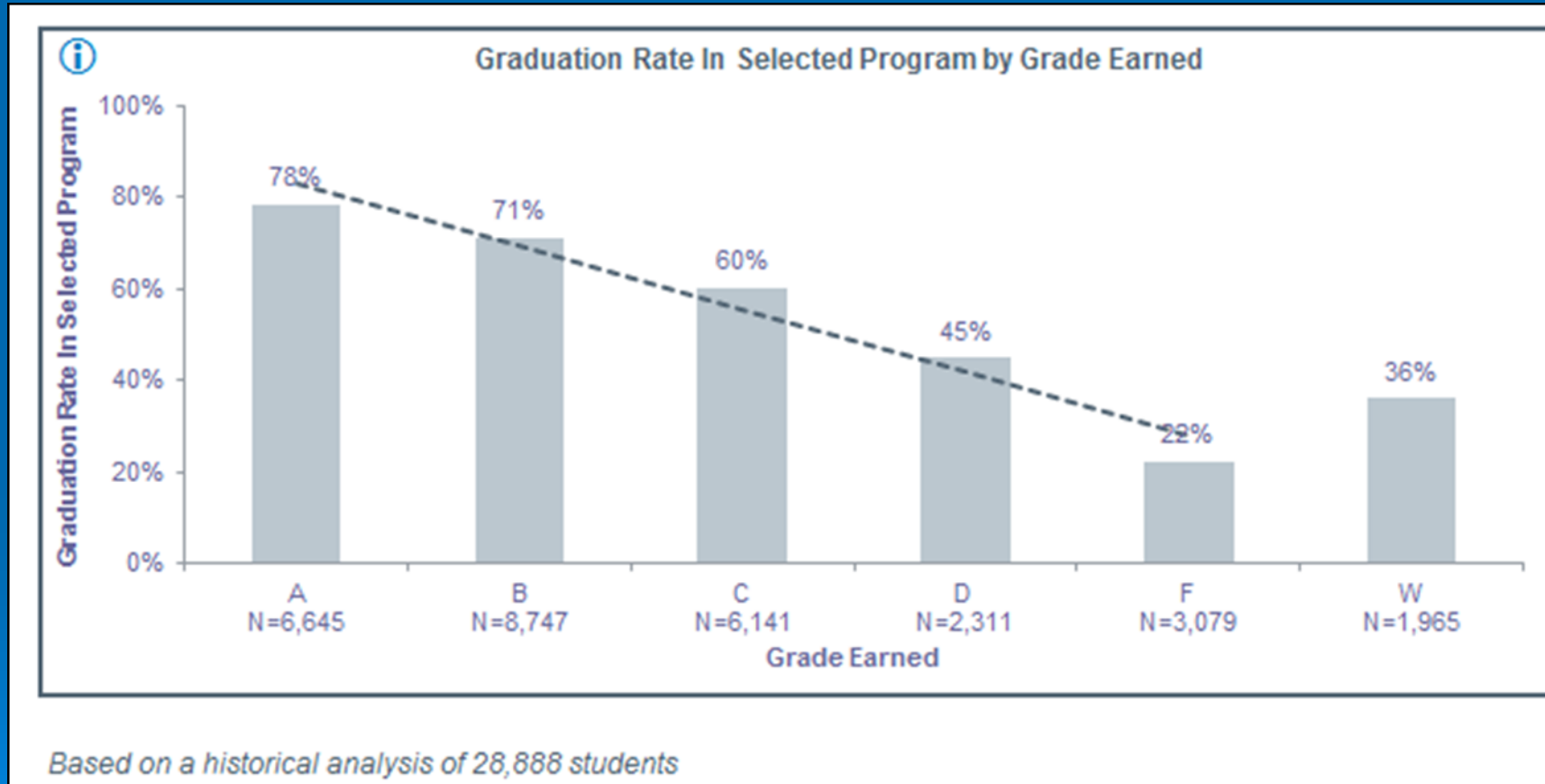
Students by Risk and Need



Course Redesign

*As of fall 2016, 27 courses have
“officially” been redesigned!*

MTSU's Most Predictive Course: HIST 2020



The Power of Powerful Instruction

Enrollment in MTSU's Top 12 Predictor Courses: Fall 2014		
Predictor Rank	Course	Enrollment
1	HIST 2020	1,623
2	ENGL 1020	1,231
3	HIST 2010	1,464
4	PSY 1410	1,331
5	ENGL 1010	2,150
6	COMM 2200	1,830
7	ENGL 2030	1,265
8	MUS 1030	1,183
9	MATH 1710	1,477
10	THEA 1030	888
11	UNIV 1010	1,222
12	BIO 1030	642
	<i>Total</i>	<i>16,306</i>

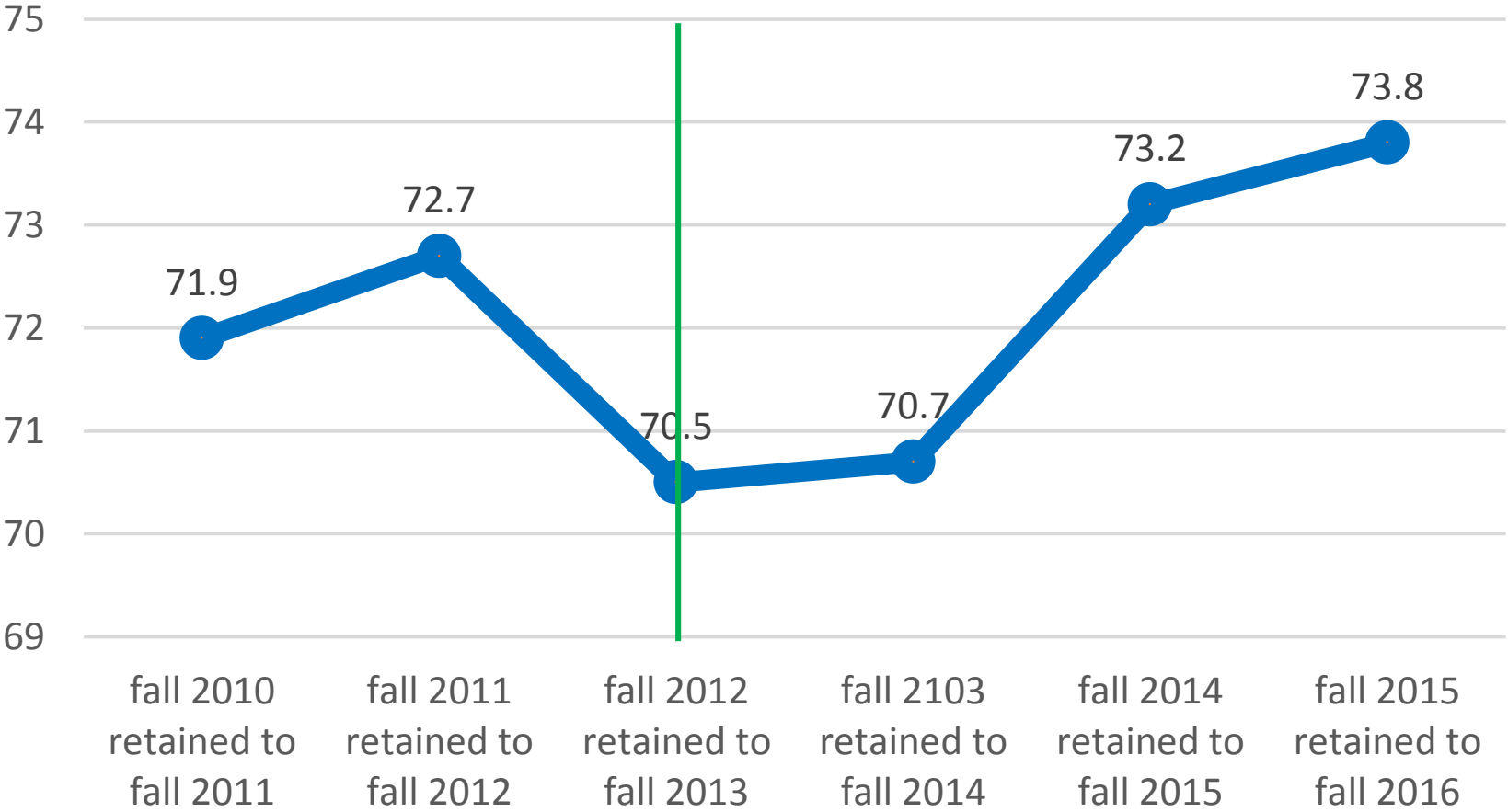
Using data to inform strategies to get students to the finish line

- The building blocks:
 - Persistence (term-over-term)
 - Retention (year-over-year)
 - Progression

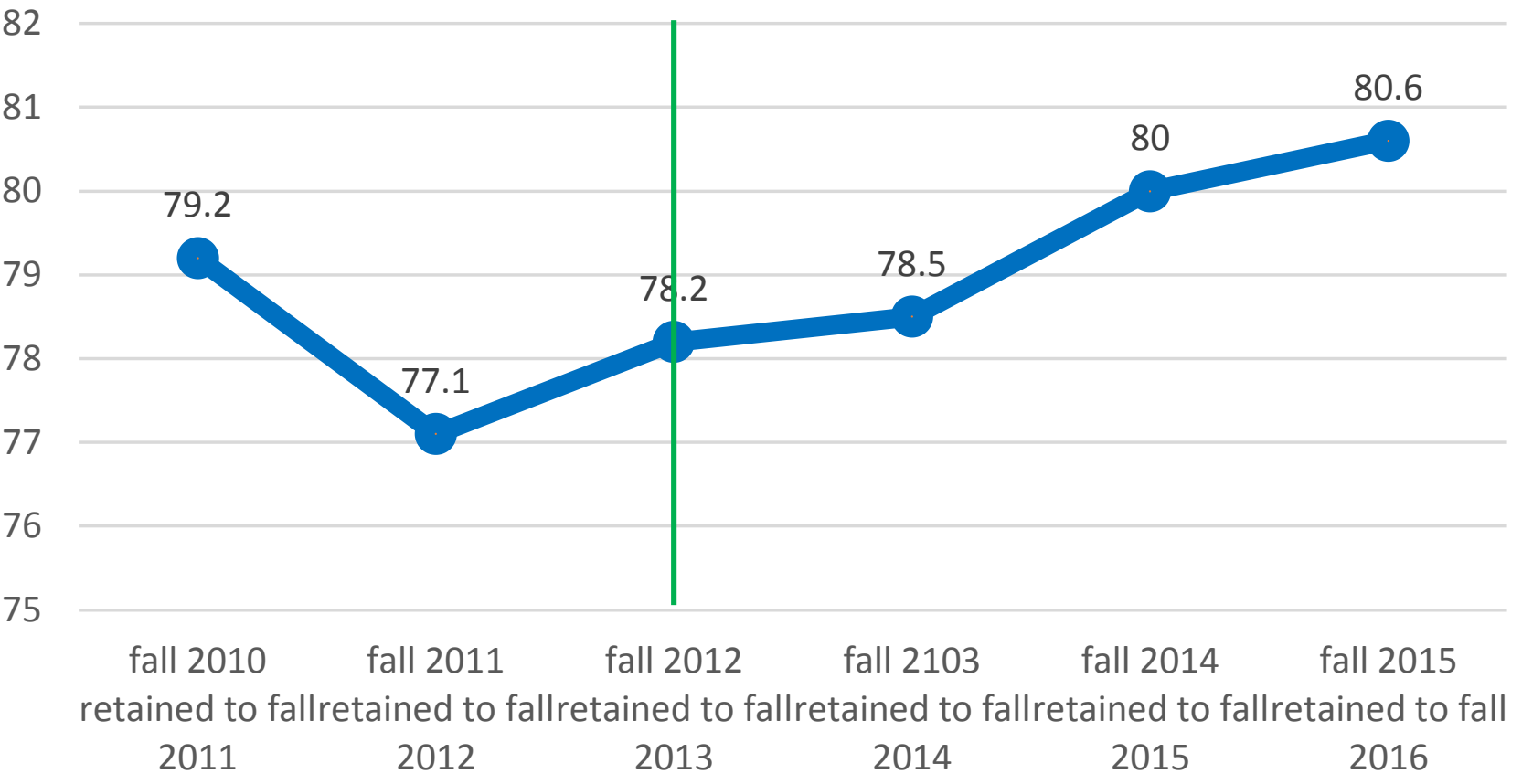
FT Freshmen Retention Rate



PT/FT New Transfer Retention Rate

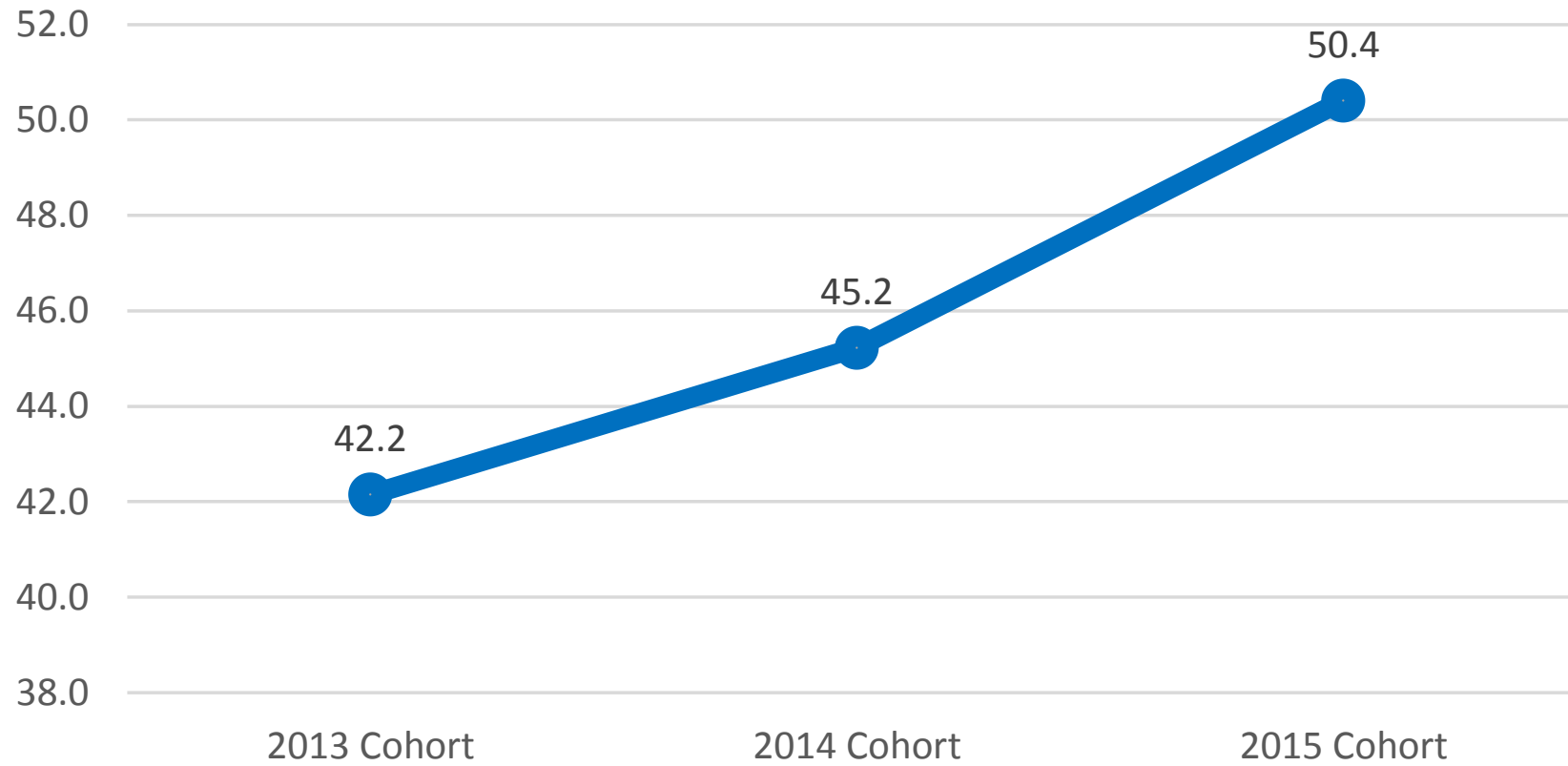


FT/PT Sophomore Retention Rate

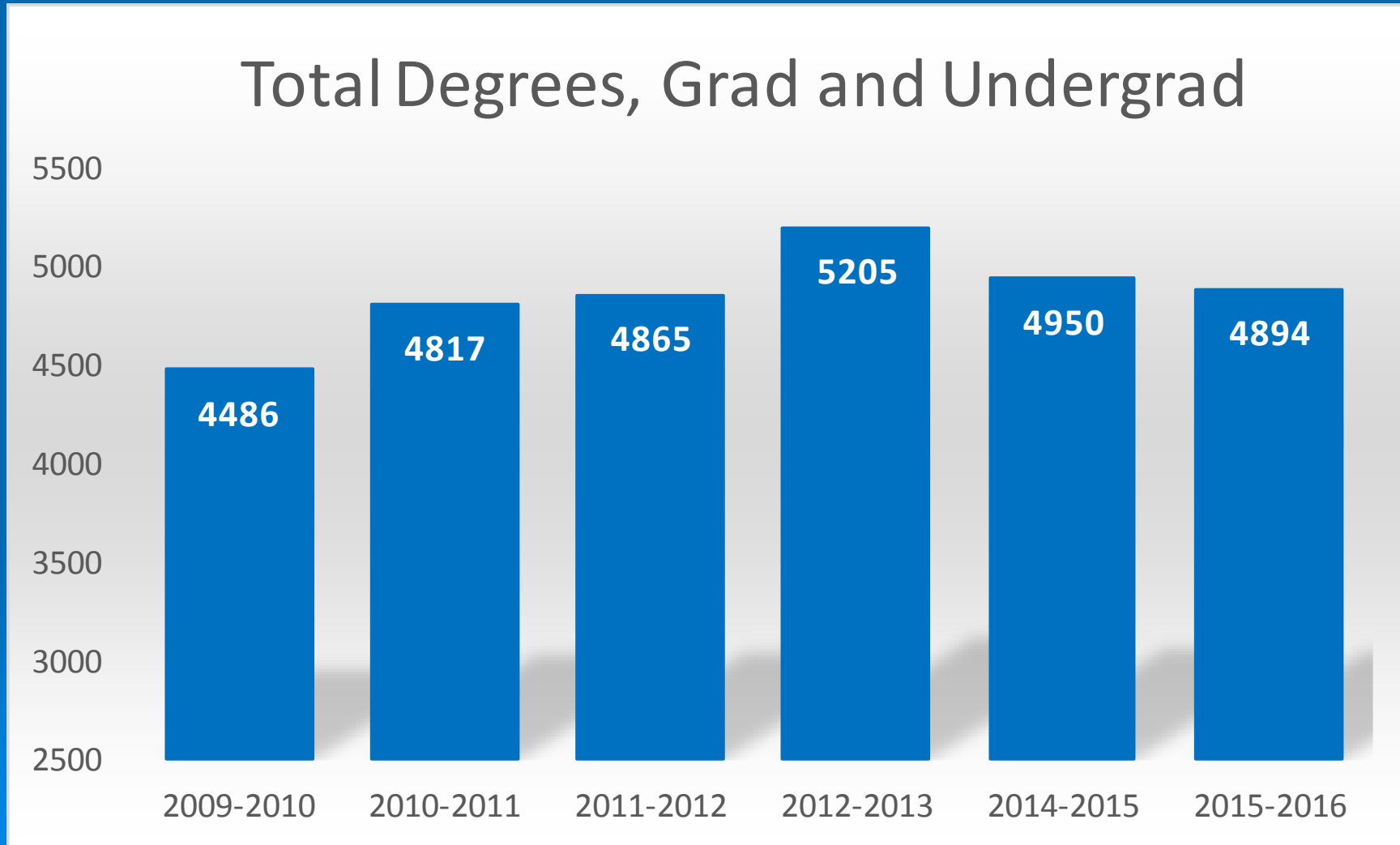


Progression

% Freshmen Completing ≥ 30 hours at conclusion of spring semester



Completion: The ultimate objective



Students as our future ...



The continued evolution

- Tutoring for > 220 courses
- Supplemental Instruction impacting 3,000 students
- Scholars Academy – 500 incoming freshmen
- Evolution of course redesign
- Involves all, includes all, engages all

The recognitions include ...

- *Chronicle of Higher Education*
- *Washington Post*
- *NY Times*
- Models of Excellence (REBOUND)
- Data Driven Impact Award
- Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation grant
- APLU Project Degree Completion finalist
- APLU National Case Study
- APLU, SMART Training Course

A great start ...but only a beginning...



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Closing Remarks



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Adjourn





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