



# Welcome to the 2023 Undergraduate Deans Conference Day 1 – Session 1 to 4



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# Session #1

## Innovation and Building Value in UG Programs



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Atkinson School

Romana Autrey  
Innovation and Building Value in UG  
Programs

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# Willamette's Atkinson School

- Undergraduate programs
  - Business minor: Launched Fall 2019
  - BSBA (major): Launched Fall 2021
- Enrollment
  - Minor & BSBA actual: approx. 135 in AY22-23
    - Minor: anticipated 100
    - BSBA: anticipated 400+
- Study Abroad Preferred Vendors
  - Application software vendor: Terra Dotta
  - Program provider vendors:





# Overarching Issue: Launching undergraduate programming

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- Atkinson Graduate School of Management: #1 MBA in Oregon (#2 in Pacific NW)
  - **Cross-sectorial:** Business, government, and not-for-profit
  - **Experiential:** E.g., signature “Consequential” courses
  - **Global:** Many international students (historically)
- How to offer undergraduate professional education with our own unique take?
  - In 2019, **Willamette undergraduate** ≡ **College of Liberal Arts** β *now, College of Arts & Sciences (CAS)*
  - Until now, each school had been siloed
  - We each optimized in isolation, so different policies and structures evolved
- Challenge #1: Logistics during roll-out of the 5 business minor courses...





# Issue #1: Undergraduate business course logistics, Fall 2018-19

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- Challenges

1. *Whose policy applies?* Such as honor code, CR/NC, auditing courses, Add/Drop period, etc.
2. *Bell schedule conflicts:* Incompatible class meeting duration & passing times
3. *Course sequencing:* 5 minor courses with 1-x-x-x-5 sequence; in practice, meant 1-2-3-4-5

- Solutions

1. Categorized into *pedagogical* versus *operational* (however, gray areas remain...)
  - Pedagogical: Honor code  $\beta$  AGSM policies apply
  - Operational: Audit courses, Add/Drop period  $\beta$  CAS policies apply





# Issue #2: Undergraduate degree logistics, Fall 2020-21

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- Challenges

1. *Whose policy applies?* E.g., size of major, course cap per department, laptop policy, etc.
2. *Calendar conflicts:* affects contact hours Meetings on MWF (CAS) versus MW (AGSM)

- Solutions

1. Launched collaborative university-wide Academic Policy Workgroup
  - Academic Integrity policy
  - Incomplete policy
  - Add/Drop/Withdraw policy
  - Transfer credit policy





# Issue #2: Undergraduate degree logistics, Fall 2020-21 (cont'd)

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- Challenges

3. *Course sequencing*: BSBA curriculum design too scaffolded (1 course misfire can delay graduation)
4. *Non-BUS prerequisites*: Misfit with Economics, Data science offerings

- Solutions

3. Sequencing: Revisited prerequisites for resiliency
  - Required, Strongly recommended, or Recommended
4. Prerequisites: Worked with CAS colleagues
  - 1-semester "Economics for Business"
  - 1-semester "Introduction to Data Science"



# Issue #3: Other innovations

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- Challenges

1. *Transfer pathways:* Statewide transfer pathways (in Oregon: "ASOT-BUS") not really feasible
2. *3+2 MBA program:* Concern that BSBA will cannibalize existing 3+2 program (BA/MBA)
3. *Study Abroad:* Budget cuts for sending students abroad; changes at ILACA Consortium

- Solutions

1. Partnering with local CC to adapt their Management AAS to a Willamette-tailored pathway
2. One-year MBA launched. Now accepting applications for Fall 2023





# Summary

- In 2018-19, Willamette undergraduate ≡ College of Arts & Sciences
- In 2022-23, Willamette undergraduate offerings include CAS, and:
  - Atkinson Graduate School of Management (BSBA degree, Business minor)
  - Pacific Northwest College of Art (11 BFA degrees, 10 minors)
  - Computing and Data Science (2 BS degrees)



# BUILDING A VALUE-BASED BUSINESS PROGRAM WITHIN A LIBERAL ARTS COLLEGE

MCCOLL SCHOOL OF BUSINESS  
Beth Zuech Schneider, DBA

Director of Undergraduate Programs  
Associate Professor of Strategy



# FAST FACTS

Top 1% of Small, Private Business Schools –

US News & World Report

~ 300 current business majors – 5 BBA Majors; 6 Minors

Class of 2022

97% of graduates are employed full-time or graduate school

73% had a job offer at graduation

100% complete internships

97% would recommend the McColl School of Business



- ∅ Guiding Principles
- ∅ Opportunities
- ∅ Challenges





# Starting the Journey Research/Input

## Pre-research

- Internal Data
- External Data

## Faculty Input

- Program Level
- Degree Level
- Course Level

## Student Input

- Current
- Alumni

## Stakeholder Input

- Schools
- Programs
- Administration

# What we learned

Skills/competencies desired by employers.

Students' perceptions of major value varies greatly.

Our current BBA degrees - inflexible and bulky.

Block transferring majors and transfer students

Students want more exposure to business topics earlier in degree.

Many students lack clarity on career goals – default to Business Administration.

International students seek degree options for additional 36-month of OPT.

Desire for collaboration and access – programs/students.





BA in  
business  
degree

BA in Business is designed to provide UG students:

- (1) A foundation of knowledge across business disciplines,
- (2) A focus on skill development via experiential learning to prepare for the workforce and/or graduate school,
- (3) An ability to plan, customize, pivot and promote their educational and professional experience.

*We seek to create a product that provides more opportunities for students while providing the skills and experiences to be successful in multiple “next steps”, including working in a variety of organizations (including not-for-profits), graduate programs, and/or starting their own businesses.*



Core skills of  
ba in  
business

Excel, Data, and Analytics

Critical Thinking & Problem  
Solving

Verbal and Written  
Communication Skills

Interpersonal & Teamwork Skills

Leadership and Self-  
Awareness/Improvement

Foundational Business  
Disciplinary Knowledge



# High-level OuTCOMES

## PROGRAM CHANGES:

- General Education credits
- Math options
- Integrate new course options

## BBA REVISIONS:

- Admission requirements
- Core courses
- Major specific revisions

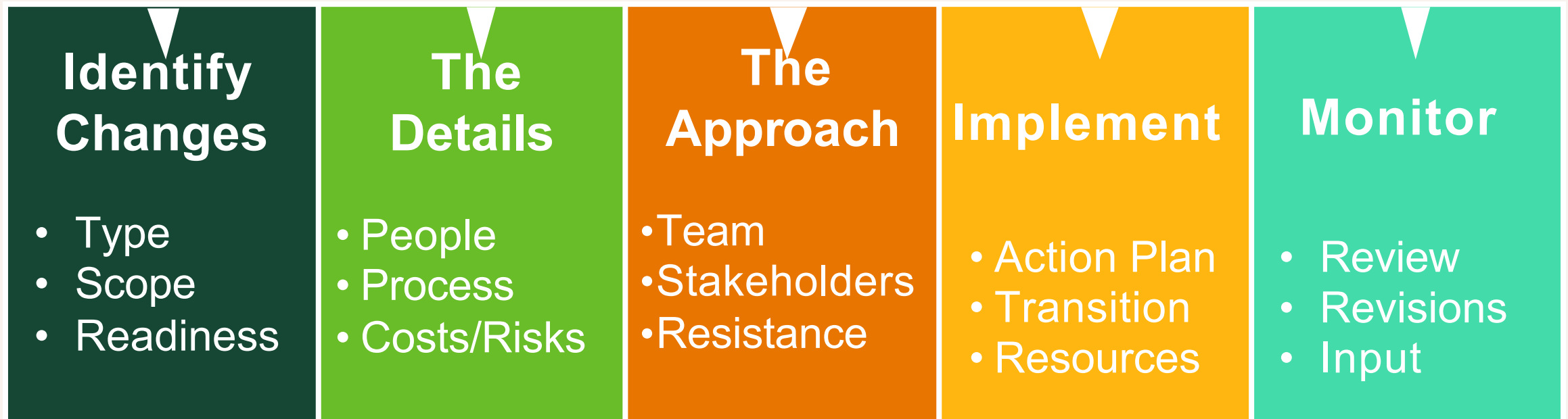
## NEW BAin BUSINESS

- 40 credits and concentration
- Dual degree, double-major
- Minors and/or concentrations

# NEW BA Degree

Credits	Prefix #	Course Title/Description	Notes
<b>0-3</b>	MAT 111	Quantitative Literacy for Business	Updated – Test out
<b>0-3</b>	MAT 112	Business Statistics	Move to QLC
<b>3</b>	BUS 101	Intro to Business with Excel	New Course
<b>0-4</b>	ECO204	Microeconomics	Move to QLC
<b>3</b>	BUS 225	Spreadsheets and Databases	Former MIS
<b>3</b>	BUS 325	Business Analytics	(BUS225 Pre-req)
<b>3</b>	BUS 218	Business Communications	
<b>4</b>	ACC 210	Principles of Accounting	New Course
<b>3</b>	MGT345	Leadership & Organizations	Updated course
<b>3</b>	FIN 360	Principles of Corporate Finance	New Course
<b>3</b>	MKT 340	Principles of Marketing	
<b>3</b>	BBA 300	Business Law and Ethics	New Course
<b>3</b>	BUS 490	BA Capstone in Business Experience	Senior Standing
<b>(30)-40</b>	<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>		
	Required Concentration(s), Minor (s), or Second Major		

# TaCTICS FOR CHANGE





# Reimagining the UG Curriculum

Vlad Griskevicius, UG Associate Dean



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UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA



# CARLSON SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT

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UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

3167 UG business students

Freshmen Admission + Transfers

Bachelor of Science of Business (13 majors + 12 minors)

Rankings: Top 10 Public B-Schools





Focus on core UG curriculum – required for all BSB students

Not about specific Majors/Minors

Not University Requirements (e.g., writing, lib eds, etc.)



# Lots of Research à Top 3 Priorities for Change



## PROBLEM SOLVING & CRITICAL THINKING

Prepare all students to **deal with ambiguity** and work on real problems



## DATA & TECHNOLOGY

Enable all students to **harness data and technology**



## PEOPLE & PLANET

Advance diversity, equity & inclusion; promote social responsibility and develop self-aware leaders who use business as a force for good

GOAL

Address the 3 priorities above while preserving things that are working, be mindful about signature experiences, and **do NOT increase credits**

# Undergraduate Curriculum

## *Business as a Force for Good*



**PEOPLE & PLANET**



**FOUNDATIONS & IMPACT**



**DATA & DECISIONS**



**SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE #1**



**SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE #2**



**SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE #3**

# Undergraduate Curriculum

## *Business as a Force for Good*



### PEOPLE & PLANET

Courses That Prepare  
Students to Lead with Purpose

Leading Self & Teams (2cr)

Design Your Life (1cr)

Design Your Career (1cr)

Business Ethics, Corporate Responsibility &  
Sustainability (3cr)

\*Race, Power & Justice in Business (3cr)



### INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Developing culturally aware leaders  
through an immersive global experience



### FOUNDATIONS & IMPACT

Courses That Equip Students with  
Business Fundamentals for Lasting Impact

Business Economics (4cr)

Financial Reporting (4cr)

\*Information Systems & Digital Transformation (3cr)

\*Principles of Marketing (3cr)

\*Sustainable Supply Chain & Operations (3cr)

\*Finance Fundamentals (3cr)

\*Strategic Management (3cr)

\*Human Capital Management (3cr)

\*Managerial Accounting (3cr)



### \*IMPACT CORE

Building core business knowledge in a  
yearlong community for lasting impact



### DATA & DECISIONS

Courses That Build Skills for  
Solving Complex Problems

Business Statistics in R (4cr)

Modeling Business Scenarios in Excel (2cr)

Data-Driven Business Decisions (3cr)

Business Analytics (3cr)

Business Communication (3cr)

Impact Lab Problem Solving (2cr)

Impact Lab InAction (2cr)



### IMPACT LAB

Students solving real problems for nonprofits,  
social enterprises & corporations



# Problem Solving Tradeoffs

- Integrate with Core? Project? Simulation?
- When to teach? Capstone? First-year?



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# Data Skills Tradeoffs

- How much should be required for all business students?
- Data Tools (Excel, R, Python?)
- Data Visualization?
- Calculus?



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# People & Planet Tradeoffs



- Curricular vs Co-Curricular?

## PEOPLE & PLANET

- DE&I in-house vs. not?  
Courses That Prepare Students

- More “leadership” and  
“sustainability”?  
to  
Lead with Purpose

—  
Leading Self &  
Teams (2cr)

- What to cut? Design Your Life (1cr)

Design Your  
Career (1cr)

Business  
Ethics,  
Corporate  
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&  
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# Session #2

## Retention and Engagement Programs



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# Retention and Engagement

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# Introduction

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## **Brock School of Business – Samford University**

- Enrollment of 780 undergraduate students – grown 95% last 10 years
- Largest school – Fall 2022
- 30 full-time faculty
- 7 majors, 5 concentrations and 7 minors
- StudyAbroad – Fall, Spring, May Term and Summer



# Recruitment

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- Meet individually and with families
- Prospective students attend classes
- Senior Preview Days in Fall
- Host high school counselors on campus in February
- Freshman business scholarships

- Dean connects with admitted students
- Personal letters sent through CRM
- Admitted student day (students who have not deposited) – March
- Current student ambassadors contact each deposited student in summer





# Retention

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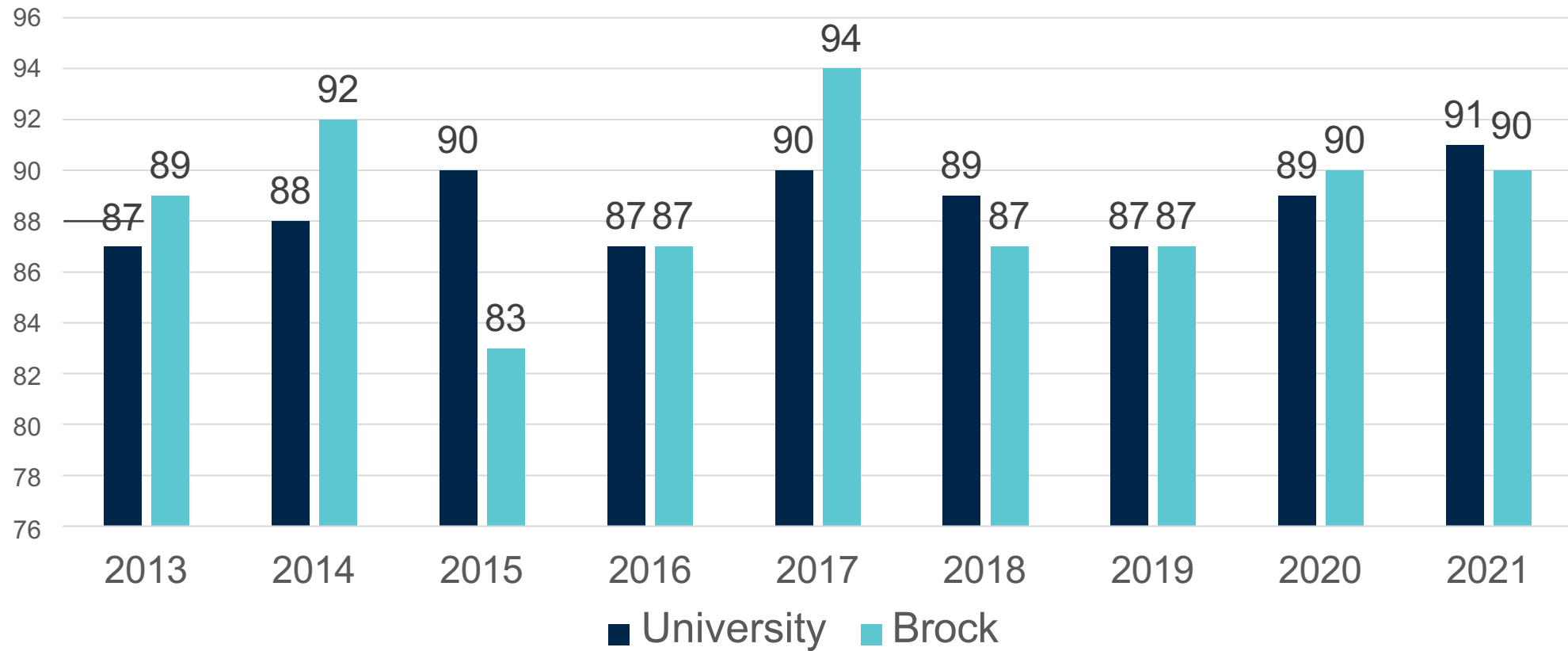
- Summer before freshman year: Bulldog Days Orientation
- First year business course and pre-business curriculum
- Individual advising each term before registration – 1:200 students



Each Semester  
follow-up with  
accurate registration  
and progress

Average Class Size  
32 – for faculty  
mentoring of each  
student





# Engagement

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- Acceptance into business school as junior –  
business school event with merch
- Separate organization for involvement for each  
business major
- Professional Development activities for employment  
readiness



- Academic internships – 97% – not required for graduation
- Employment: 100% – 6 months after graduation
- Samford University is #1 in the nation for student engagement consecutive years

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**student engagement**  
—*Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education*

- StudyAbroad: Samford-owned facility in London, The Daniel House
  - Affiliates with WorldStrides and CAPA; 8% study abroad
- Annual Step Sing event: approx. 30% of student body
- 17 Division 1 sports with rankings & champions
- Greek Life and Christian cadres





# Conclusion

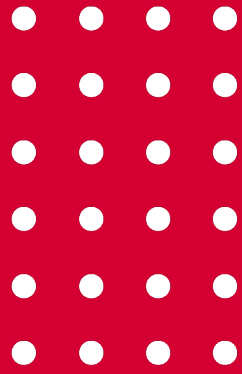
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Recruitment

Retention

Engagement



# Student Success

Dr. Evgenia (Janya) Golubeva

Associate Dean for Student Success & Clinical  
Professor of Finance



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College of Business  
Administration

# Spring 2023 Undergraduate Enrollment

BBA	236
Undeclared	330
Accounting	624
Multiple	84
Entrepreneurship	90
Finance	758
HRM	78
IDS	303
Management	353
Marketing	616
Real Estate	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>3485</b>



Learning



Career



Community

Student Success

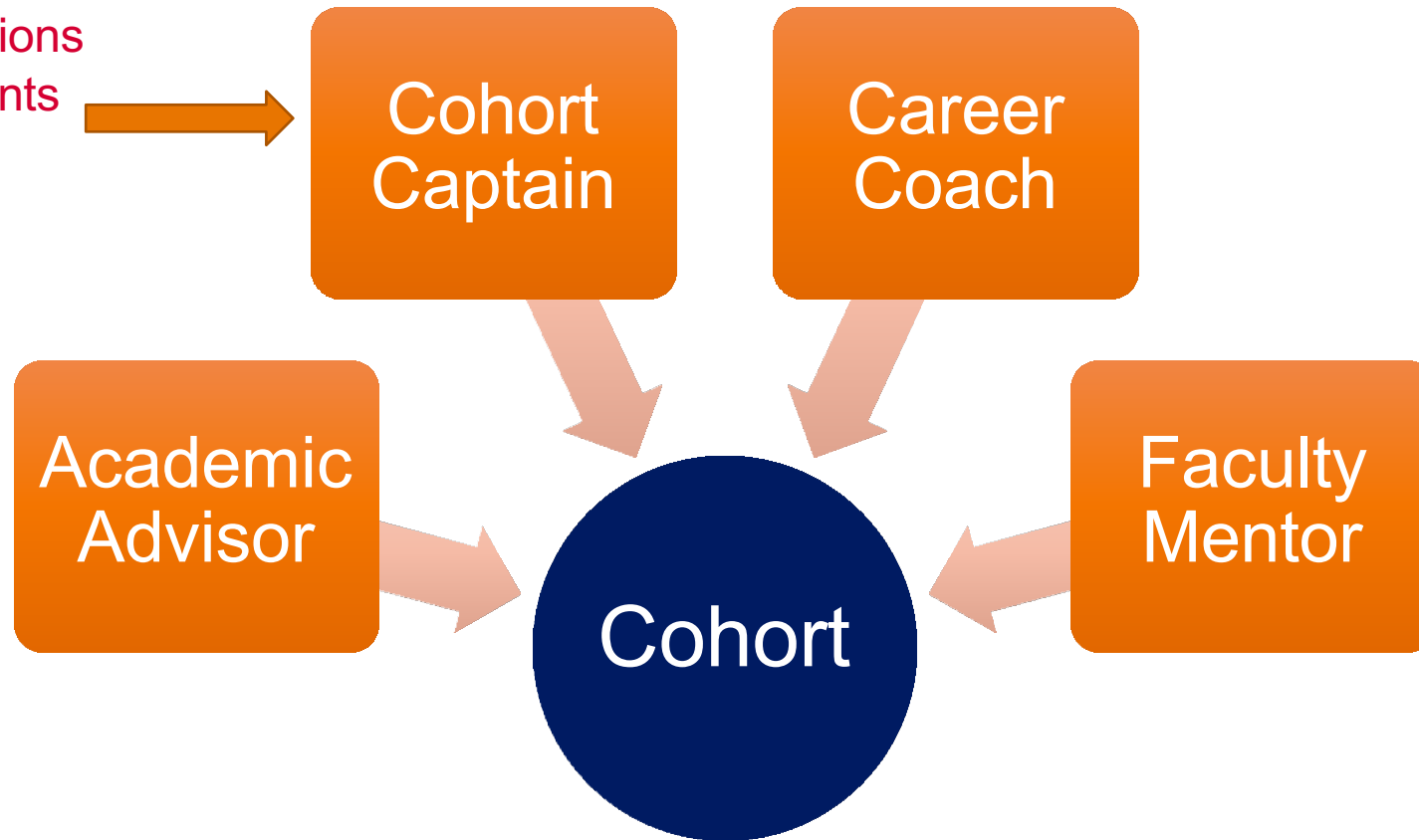


# Business Scholars

- High-achieving students
- 2022-23 is the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary year
- 92% of the Spring 2022 graduating class held at least one internship
- 97% of the Spring 2022 graduating class graduated in 4 years or less

# 2020: Cohort Program

Over 700 interactions  
with cohort students  
per semester



# Cohort Courses

## Fall Freshman

**BA 101**  
Freshman Seminar

## Spring Freshman

**ACTG 210**  
Intro to Financial Accounting

**IDS 200**  
Intro to Management Info Systems

## Fall Sophomore

**ACTG 211**  
Intro to Managerial Accounting

**FIN 300**  
Intro to Finance

**MKTG 360**  
Intro to Marketing

**IDS 270**  
Business Statistics I

## Spring Sophomore

**MGMT 340**  
Intro to Organizations

**IDS 355**  
Operations Management

Each course has a faculty coordinator to ensure consistency across sections

Cohort speaker series

# BA 101 First Year Seminar

## Community and Belonging

- UIC Innovation Center
- Workshops on social belonging
- Team building activities

## Success Strategies

- Student leadership panel
- Faculty panel
- Study skills / Time management skills

## Career and Major Exploration

- Major videos and faculty presentations
- Resume building
- Internship panel

## Co-curricular Activities

- Company visits
- Panel discussions
- Faculty interviews

## Resource Exploration

- Financial assistance
- Advising
- Business Career Center
- Student orgs



# Highlights

## Student Satisfaction

- Career Exploration: over 80%
- Academic: over 90%

## Student Engagement

- 700 interactions with cohort captains
- 100 interactions with faculty mentors

## Faculty Engagement

- Over 40 faculty members

## Business Community

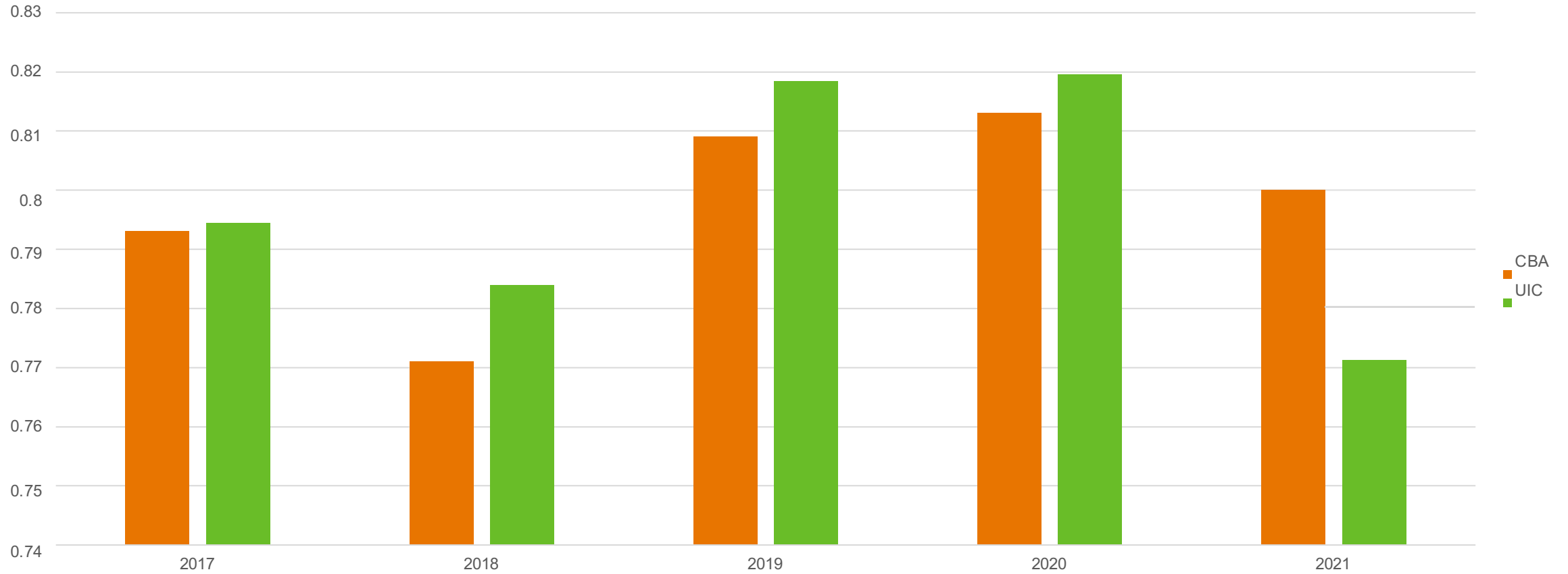
- Ernst & Young
- Northwestern Mutual
- Allstate
- Many other

## Retention

- Highest retention rate at UIC during the pandemic year 2021-22

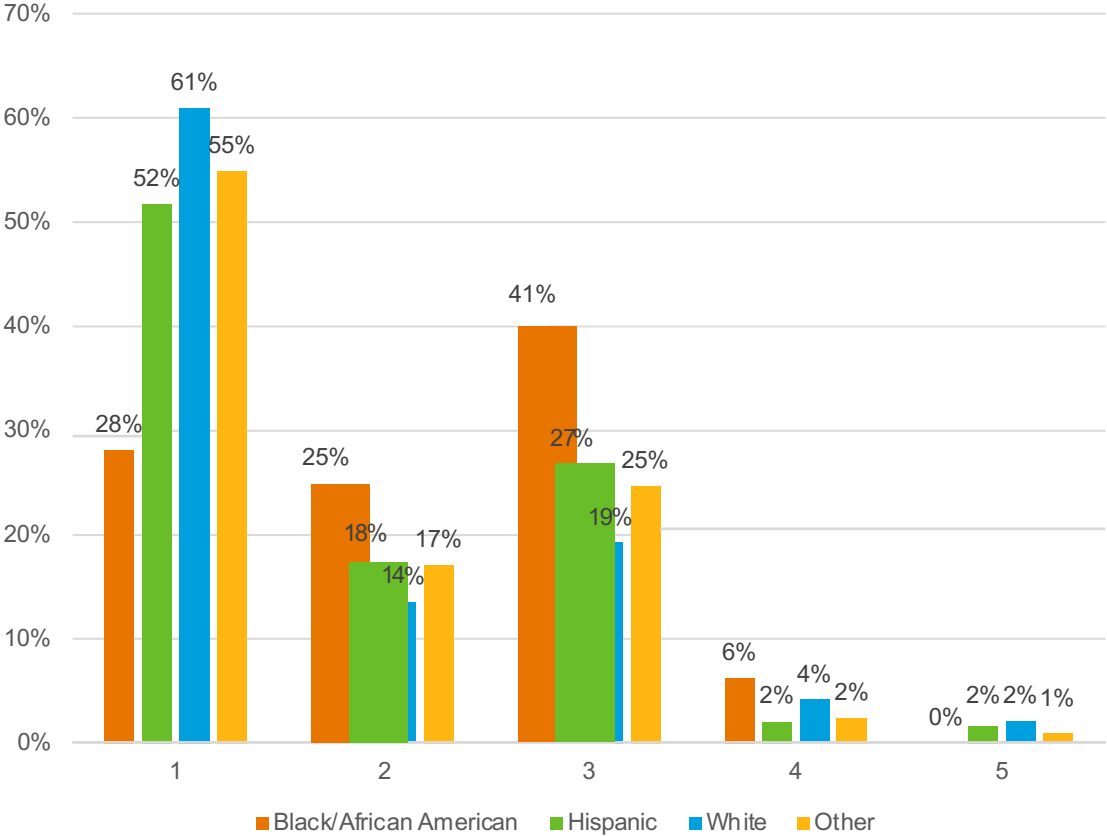
# First-to-Second year Retention

1st to 2nd Year Retention

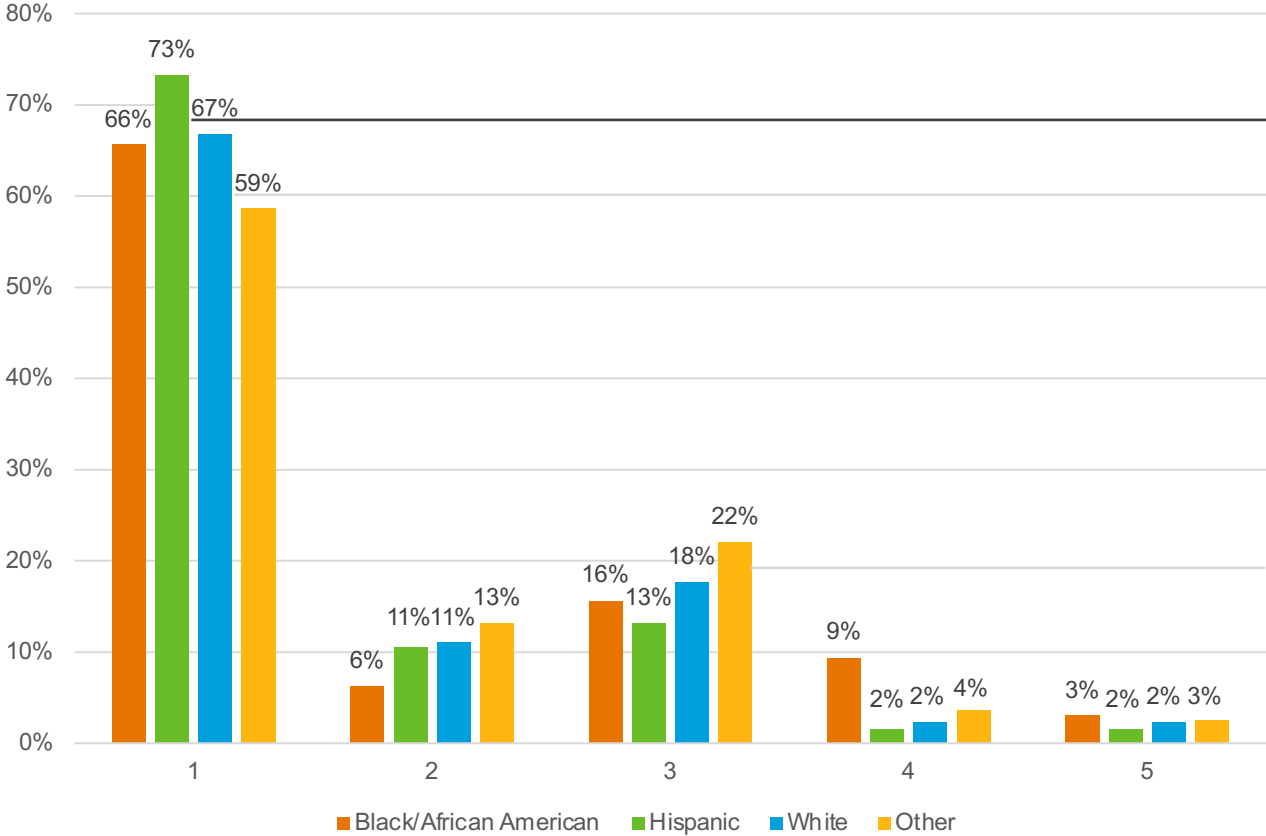


# Inclusion Survey 2019 - 2021

2019 UIC Inclusion Score by Race: 1 - Best, 5 - Worst



2021 UIC Inclusion Scores by Race: 1-Best, 5-Worst



# Study Abroad

Spring 2022	1
Summer 2022	14
Fall 2022	5
Spring 2023	9
Spring Break 2023	3

- Barcelona, Spain
- Grenoble, France
- Madrid, Spain
- Seoul, South Korea
- Tokyo, Japan
- London, UK
- Singapore, Singapore
- Rome, Italy
- Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- Paris, France
- Le Havre, France
- Sao Paulo, Brazil
- San Jose, Costa Rica
- Milan, Italy
- Bangkok, Thailand



# Work In Progress

- Ø Academic Performance
- Ø Behavior
- Ø Growth vs Resources
- Ø In-person transition
- Ø The aftermath of COVID-19
- Ø Curriculum
- Ø Social belonging
- Ø Career readiness

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# Retention and Engagement at Nebraska Business

Dr. Laurie A. Miller, Associate Dean of Undergraduate Programs & Curriculum



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# Get a Clear Look at Nebraska Business



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## Public Undergraduate Business Program

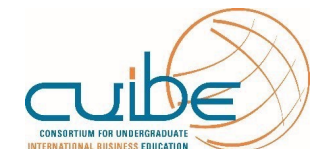
*U.S. News & World Report, 2022*

### Top Programs:

- Accounting
- Actuarial Science
- Entrepreneurship
- Finance
- Supply Chain Management



CFA Institute  
University Affiliation  
Program



### Distinctive Programs:



**Clifton Strengths  
Institute**



**Clifton Builders  
Program**



**Business and  
Law Major**



**Honors  
Academy**





# Undergraduates

**3,765**

Students

Fall 2022

**67.65%**  
Nebraska  
Residents

**15.48%**  
Underrepresented  
Domestic Students

**19.95%**  
First Generation Students



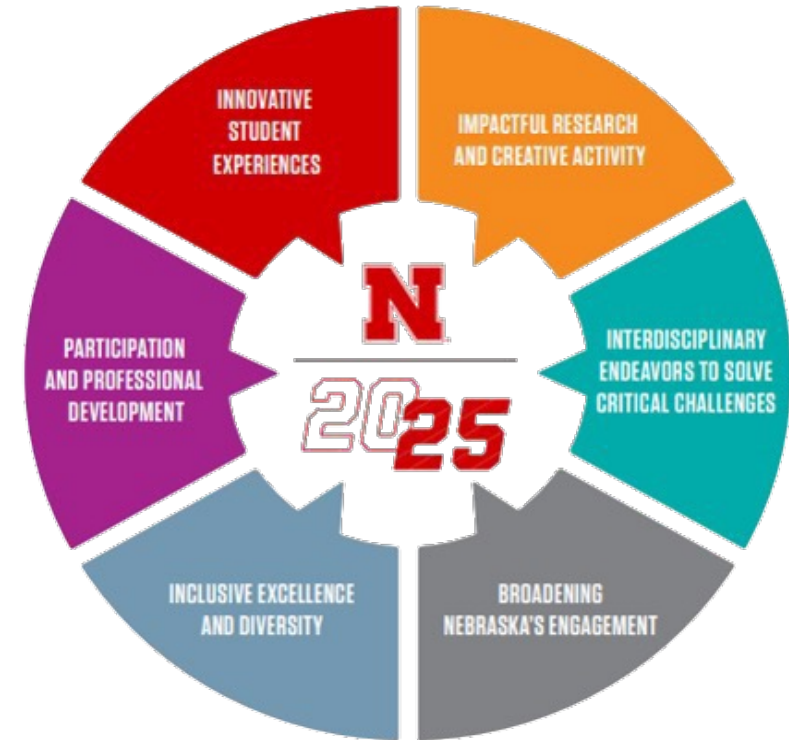
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# Problem

- Aligning the Nebraska Business strategic goals with campus goals (N2025) identified a clear opportunity to help close the achievement gap many underrepresented students face
- Apparent gap in the first-year retention rates for underrepresented students

Group	Retention Rate
Total One-Year Retention	83.1%
Underrepresented Students	76.3%





# ***INCLUSIVE BUSINESS LEADERS***

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# Process



- Began with a pilot cohort of 12 current students to gauge the current experience of underrepresented students.
- Application open until Feb 1 each year
- Application based on first gen status, free & reduced lunch status in HS, HS GPA, and responses to 3 essay questions
- Students must have a 2.5 HS GPA and be pursuing a business major



# Features

- Capacity for 40 students
- \$2,000 scholarship (1k for each successfully completed semester, applied to the following semester)
- Paired with a peer IBL mentor
- Participate in a year-long IBL course which includes multiple experiential learning opportunities with real companies
- Networking opportunities with local businesses



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## Activate Current Resources

- Connected to free business course tutoring and guided pathway planning by an academic advisor
- Exposure to student resources like the Career Closet
- Use of DIGS (Diversity & Inclusion Gathering Space)



# Logistics

- All privately funded - major focus on fundraising and stewardship of donors
- Partnering with businesses in the state for financial and experiential support
- Began as a small portion of an employee's job, grown into half of a FTE, rely heavily on the IBL mentors to run the program

# Lessons Learned

- Tried cohort-style for general core courses (math, English, etc.) but found out that many came in with AP credit and didn't end up using it, scheduling nightmare
- Added 2.5 days of onboarding prior to first semester and that was a huge success
- Created a student organization, LEAD (Leaders in EquityAnd Diversity), for IBL and other students to continue participating in after the 1-year IBL program

# Future Goals

- Looking to grow general IBL scholarship and add a scholarship fund for students wanting to study abroad
- Eventually want to incorporate an internship during their sophomore year



# Session #3

## How to Demonstrate and Implement Social Impact



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**TEXAS WOMAN'S**  
UNIVERSITY

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Societal Impact

Dr. Rama Yelkur, Dean

# Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA)

Accounting

Entrepreneurship

Finance

Healthcare  
Administration

HR  
Management

Management

Marketing

General

# Societal Impact

“There is greater emphasis placed on ensuring that business schools also prepare learners with knowledge and skills that mitigate societal problems.”

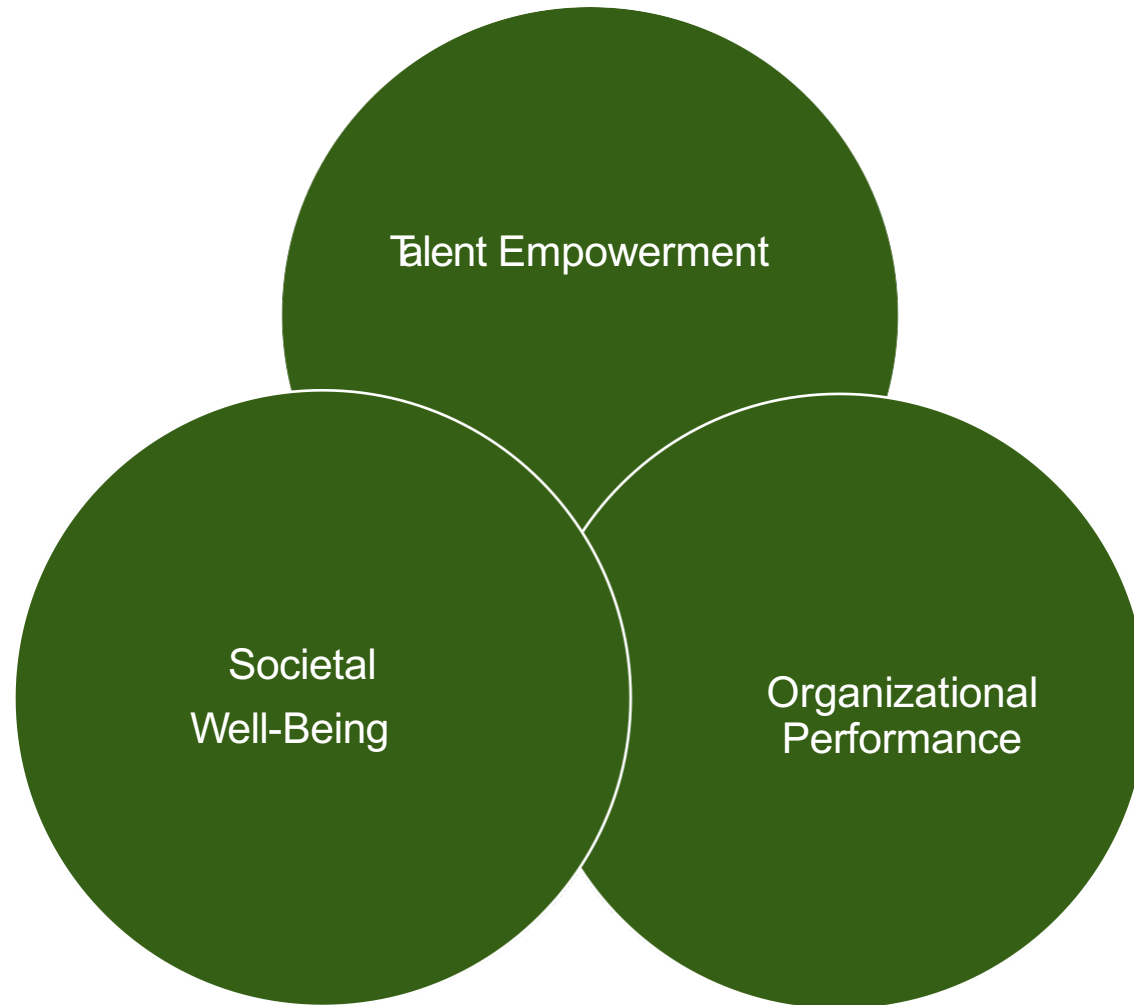
Stephanie Bryant –AACSB White Paper on Societal Impact, released February 8, 2023



“In the next society, the biggest challenge for the corporation may be social legitimacy, its values, its missions.”

Peter Drucker

# The Role of the Business School



# UN SDGs



# The TWU College of Business Positively Impacts Society

We empower women to lead in their professions, community, society, and the business world. UN SDG4, 5, 8, 10

**We improve lives and equip people to solve society's problems through impactful business education and research, with a focus on women. UN SDG4, 5, 8, 9**

With an emphasis on women, diversity and healthcare we make the world a better place for future generations. UN SDG3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10



Societal Impact Goal	Strategy	Curriculum	Scholarship	Activity
<p>We improve lives and equip people to solve society's problems through impactful business education and research, with a focus on women.</p>	<p>We provide access to financial literacy education to all</p> <p>We provide entrepreneurship and healthcare education to students and community</p> <p>We assist students and women entrepreneurs in solving problems</p>	<p>Create a financial literacy course in the University Core and in the College of Business Core</p> <p>Develop Undergraduate and Graduate certificates and degree programs in Entrepreneurship</p> <p>Develop Health Care Certificates and degree pathways through the certificates</p> <p>Create degree pathways for community colleges in Entrepreneurship and 4+1 programs</p>	<p>Publish scholarship in the area of financial literacy</p> <p>Publish scholarship in the area of entrepreneurship</p> <p>Publish scholarship in the area of healthcare</p> <p>Publish scholarship in the area of women leadership</p>	<p><b>Establish a Center for Business Development and an Entrepreneur-in-Residence</b></p>

# Things to Consider

Your Mission and Strategic Plan

What does your community look like?

Who are your stakeholders?

How will the University support your goals?

What resources do you need?



# Implementing and Demonstrating Social Impact at TAMUC COB

2023 Undergraduate Deans Conference

Anil Kumar, Associate Dean

March 2023



TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY  

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COMMERCE



# College Of Business

## Undergraduate enrollment

- 906 students
- Full time 672, Part time 234
- Female 467, Male 439
- Resident 815, majority are Pell eligible

## Disciplines in demand

- Business Administration, Accounting, Finance, General Business, Marketing, Management, Business Analytics, Supply Chain Management



# Social impact by chance....??



“What if we don’t change at all ...  
and something magical just happens?”

Source: <https://changinghighered.com/higher-ed-change-leadership-the-new-normal/>

# Why social impact



## **We believe in transforming**

### **Vision**

- Transform Minds, Transform Business, Transform Lives



## **Mission**

Inspire transformational learning

Create applied knowledge

Forge impactful connections

# How we impact society

Inspire transformational learning

Center of Excellence projects

Industry – Lockheed Martin

Community – Farmersville, Texas

Government – Commerce Economic Development Corporation

Students working in teams as consultants

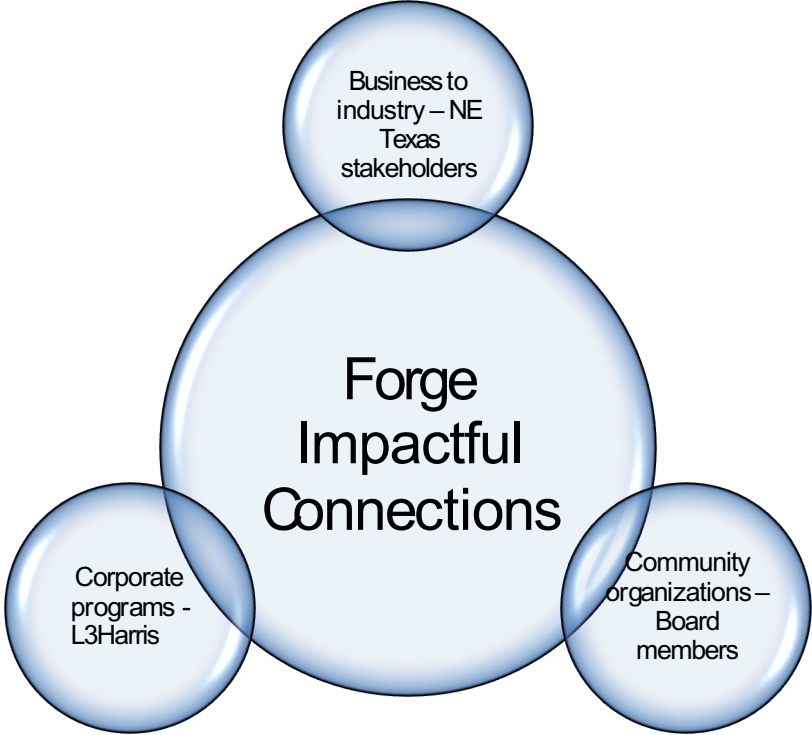
Scholarships

# How we impact society





# How we impact society



# What we do for social impact



INSTITUTIONALIZ  
E SOCIAL  
IMPACT



ENCOURAGE A DIVERSE  
APPROACH



IDENTIFY OBSTACLES

# What we do for social impact



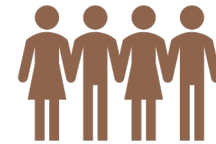
## **Strategic investment in societal impact**

Recognize and support faculty  
Create a reasonable timeline to adopt and implement



## **Share and learn**

Community stakeholders



## **Metrics**

Social mobility index  
(#105 top performer in nation)  
Strategic plan

# The big picture



- aligned with university mission

- engage stakeholders

- innovation
- engagement
- impact



# **WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO IMPLEMENT AND DEMONSTRATE SOCIAL IMPACT?**

2023 Undergraduate Deans Conference

Kate Demarest, Associate Dean  
Merrick School of Business  
University of Baltimore

# Who are we?

## **University of Baltimore**

Founded in 1925

Located in the heart of the Baltimore cultural district and adjacent to Penn Station

Part of the University System of Maryland

Student profile:

- 3,100 total
- 45% undergrad, 55% graduate
- 3% international

Majority minority, PBI institution

Structure:

- School of Business
- School of Law
- College of Arts and Sciences
- College of Public Affairs



# Who are we?



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## **Merrick School of Business**

- 750 students
- 60/40 -> 50/50 undergrad grad split
- 5-10% international, mostly graduate
- Majority of undergraduates are community college transfers
- Undergrads slightly more likely to be part-time (majority of grad)
- Undergraduate degrees:
  - BSBA
    - Concentration in accounting
    - Specializations in data analytics, early entry law, entrepreneurship, finance, general business, human resource management, management, marketing, real estate and economic development, risk management and insurance.
  - BS Information Systems and Technology Management

# What is social/societal impact?

AACSB:

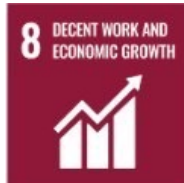
... Societal impact encompasses activities undertaken by business schools that *over time* lead to meaningful, discernable change for the betterment of people, economies, and the environment.



# Sustainable development goals



**ENSURE INCLUSIVE AND EQUITABLE QUALITY EDUCATION AND PROMOTE LIFELONG LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL**



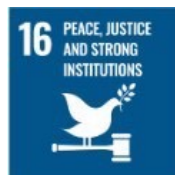
**PROMOTE SUSTAINED, INCLUSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH, FULL AND PRODUCTIVE EMPLOYMENT AND DECENT WORK FOR ALL**



**REDUCE INEQUALITY WITHIN AND AMONG COUNTRIES**



**MAKE CITIES AND HUMAN SETTLEMENTS INCLUSIVE, SAFE, RESILIENT AND SUSTAINABLE**



**PROMOTE PEACEFUL AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETIES FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, PROVIDE ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOR ALL AND BUILD EFFECTIVE, ACCOUNTABLE AND INCLUSIVE INSTITUTIONS AT ALL LEVELS**

4 QUALITY  
EDUCATION



## ENSURE INCLUSIVE AND EQUITABLE QUALITY EDUCATION AND PROMOTE LIFELONG LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL

Majority minority/PBI university

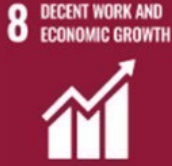
Multiple entry points, ladderred credentials

Focus on student outcomes

Dual enrollment program

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## Honor societies

- Beta Alpha Psi

## Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation

## Career preparation

- MGMT 330
- Career Closet
- Career Fairs
- Internships



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## Jacob France Institute

- Recent research on paid FMLA

## Merrick School Graduate Analysis conducted by JFI

- Undergraduate degree recipient earnings increased by **39%** four quarters pre- to 12 quarters post-graduation
- Graduate degree recipient earnings increased by **29%**



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## REDUCE INEQUALITY WITHIN AND AMONG COUNTRIES

Support for international students

Global Field Study program



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MAKE CITIES AND HUMAN SETTLEMENTS INCLUSIVE,  
SAFE, RESILIENT AND SUSTAINABLE

M&T Bank Real Estate Fellows program/ Funder for a million competition  
Baltimore Neighborhoods Indicators Alliance/BNIA

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## Second Chance program



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# Session #4

## Enforcing Academic Integrity in an Online Environment



**Keldon Bauer, PhD**  
*Associate Dean,  
Earlton State University*



**Todd Alessandri, PhD**  
*Associate Dean,  
Northeastern University*



**Karen Kennedy PhD**  
*Associate Dean, University of  
Alabama at Birmingham*



# Improving the Integrity of Testing

Keldon Bauer, PhD

Associate Dean of Undergraduate Programs

College of Business

Tarleton State University

All 13 undergraduate programs are accredited by AACSB

# College of Business – Fall 2022 UG Stats

• <b>Degree completion Programs</b>		
• BS-Applied Science, BA-Applied Science in Business, BA-Applied Science in Information Technology.	321	
• <b>Accounting, Finance &amp; Economics</b>		
• BBA-Accounting, BBA-Finance, BS-Economics		
• <b>Management</b>	411	
• BBA-General Business, BBA-HRM, BBA-Intl. Bus., BBA-MGT		
• <b>Marketing/CIS</b>		
• BBA-MIS, BS-CIS, BBA-Marketing	1,226	669 of these were General Business
	<u>471</u>	
	2,423	

# More than a Decade of Cheating

Today, students have found new ways to beat the professors:

1. Working together as a group (rather than individually – even with video proctoring).
2. Using Quizlet (which tended to compile all publisher generated test banks).
3. Using Chegg (which collaboratively compiles assignments, quiz and test questions from your students).
4. Using technological solutions to use combine all of the above – and makes it difficult to detect.

# Our Past Approaches to Distance Testing

- List of approved testing centers. **Students pay a fee for each use!**
- Used Remote Proctor Now. **Students pay a fee for each use!**
- Examity (both computer based and live proctoring). **Students pay a fee for each use!**
- Proctorio **University pays for unlimited use!**
- Respondus Lockdown Browser. **University pays for unlimited use!**



# Faculty Responses

- No Change – “Nothing works anyway.”
  - **Most students pass, but passing has little meaning.**
- “Make tests so hard you can’t cheat.”
  - **Can tend to reinforce that the only way to pass is cheating with lots of friends.**
- Use more publisher provided resources.
  - **This option can work, but can cost more money.**
- Layering multiple defenses against cheating.
  - **This takes time (ongoing) from our faculty.**

# I - Proctoring

- Some faculty members don't want to proctor any assessments because remote proctoring is imperfect.

- Proctoring does appear to affect the grade students earn in a class

- In a working paper, **LockDown Browser** increases the likelihood of cheating on exams for a class



## II – Other Layers to Make Cheating Harder

- Stop using publisher test banks.
- Use fewer multiple-choice questions.
- Pool similar questions with different correct answers.
- Use Excel spreadsheets with VBA correction macros.
- Whenever possible use “formula questions” instead of multiple choice.
- Add logical components to “formula questions” to test critical thinking.
- Get your faculty to work collaboratively to create your own “devious” test banks.

# “Devious” Example Question Pool

Sandia corporation is considering two (**mutually exclusive** / independent) projects. For our purposes, we will call them projects A and B. Project A is expected to cost  $\$[m]$ , and project B is expected to cost  $\$[n]$ . Each project's expected cash flows are presented below. Both project A and B have similar risks to all other projects at Sandia. And the weighted average cost of capital for Sandia is  $[i]\%$ . Calculate the net present value of both projects, and enter in the box below (**how much does Sandia have in their current capital budget** / **how much the value of the firm is expected to increase based on this capital budget**).

Project A Cash Flows	Project B Cash Flows
$\$[x1]$	$\$[y1]$
:	:
$\$[x5]$	$\$[y5]$



# Example Question – Canvas Logic

## **Mutually Exclusive/Current Capital Budget**

$$\text{if}(\max(x1/(1+i/100)+x2/(1+i/100)^2+x3/(1+i/100)^3+x4/(1+i/100)^4+x5/(1+i/100)^5-m, y1/(1+i/100)+y2/(1+i/100)^2+y3/(1+i/100)^3+y4/(1+i/100)^4+y5/(1+i/100)^5-n, 0), \text{if}(\max(x1/(1+i/100)+x2/(1+i/100)^2+x3/(1+i/100)^3+x4/(1+i/100)^4+x5/(1+i/100)^5-m-(y1/(1+i/100)+y2/(1+i/100)^2+y3/(1+i/100)^3+y4/(1+i/100)^4+y5/(1+i/100)^5-n), 0), m, n), 0)$$

## **Independent/ Current Capital Budget**

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## **Mutually Exclusive / Firm Value Increase**

$$\max(x1/(1+i/100)+x2/(1+i/100)^2+x3/(1+i/100)^3+x4/(1+i/100)^4+x5/(1+i/100)^5-m, y1/(1+i/100)+y2/(1+i/100)^2+y3/(1+i/100)^3+y4/(1+i/100)^4+y5/(1+i/100)^5-n, 0)$$

## **Independent / Firm Value Increase**

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# Summary

- If at all possible proctor exams (even with substandard remote proctoring).
- Use pools of similar looking and sounding questions with different correct answers.
- Use “formula” questions with logical operators to test important critical thinking components (in “devious” pools).
- Work collaboratively with colleagues to develop shared resources that can be updated regularly.

# Enforcing Academic Integrity in an Online Environment

*Todd Alessandri, Ph.D.*

*Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education*

*Undergraduate Deans Conference – UT Dallas*

*March 7, 2023*



Northeastern

**D'Amore-McKim  
School of Business**

# Bright Side of Educational Technology

Technology platforms can enhance student learning

Sharing of information and content

Interactive assessments

Facilitate communication and connection with faculty and peers

Convenience of 24/7/365 access

Enhance the “flipped classroom”





# Problem: The Other Side of the Technology



Technology platforms can put student learning at greater risk

Availability of content elsewhere

Information overload

“Check the box” mentality over actual learning skills

Increase opportunities for academic integrity violations (a.k.a., cheating)

- Intentional or unintentional
- Constantly evolving landscape



# Recent Developments

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Emergence of ChatGPT (and AI more generally)

- Produces written work difficult to distinguish from original work

Offers easy shortcut for students

Potentially reduces actual student learning

Further increases academic integrity concerns

- Especially plagiarism



# Is ChatGPT really a big threat?

**It depends...**

Nature of problem it being used to solve

- ChatGPT reasonably good at summarizing existing knowledge
- Content based queries

More effective ways to cheat --> online sources for papers

Cannot "learn" experiences

Poor citation of sources = potential red flags for faculty

**BUT.. ChatGPT emergence further highlighting an underlying problem**



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# Underlying Problem: Course Design

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Academic integrity violations related to online technology = symptom

Course design approach enabling technology- based violations to some degree

Content-based assessments -- regurgitate knowledge

- “what” rather than “how” or “why”

Repeated use of assessments

- Offers ability to use prior available solutions

Design assessments to fit technology

- Technology use drive the process rather than learning objective

Source of these issues = much bigger drivers

- Scale, student preferences for grading points, faculty career paths, etc.



# Technology-oriented Solutions

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Address the "symptoms" of online academic integrity

TurnItIn

Lockdown Browsers

Monitoring/ surveillance during assessment period

AI catchers already being developed





# Pedagogy-based Solutions

## Modifications/enhancements to pedagogical approach to tackle underlying problem

Dialogue with students about learning process and value of skill development

Personalize learning

Reward original insights over regurgitating knowledge

Clear expectations...including about use of AI and other sources of assistance

Incorporate feedback/revision process in assignments

Use ChatGPT in the course

- Students use ChatGPT for a task and then evaluate/reflect on output



# Northeastern Approach

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## Lean into experiential learning further

No university level policies

Encouraging paradigm shift away from content-based assessment

Rethink assessments

- Focus on experience and reflection
- Application driven assessments (i.e., current events cases)
- Limit re-use

Success dependent upon faculty adoption





The University of Alabama at Birmingham

# Academic Integrity in Today's World

Karen N Kennedy

University of Alabama at Birmingham

Collat School of Business

March 7, 2023



# UAB & Collat School of Business

22.5K students, \$4.2B annual budget with large academic medical center.

26,000+ employees and an annual economic impact exceeding \$12.2B.

Forbes 2021: America's Best Large Employer

Named four straight years as a Diversity Champion by *Insight Into Diversity Magazine*.

Collat School of Business

Located in the heart of Alabama's business center

3,250 Students and 100 faculty & staff--F2F & Online

AC, MGT, MKT, FN, IS, Ind Distribution, HR, ENT, & EC

MBA, MAc, MSin MIS





# Study Away

Reviewed a variety of vendors  
Very satisfied with the services of CEPAout of Germany  
Strategic Initiative--Global Business Blazers Scholarship





## Revised Academic Integrity Code

2021  
Involved a range of  
stakeholders;  
Raised our  
consciousness;

## System for tracking Academic Misconduct

AIC Coordinator for  
each school on  
campus;  
Adapted Maxient;

## Primary Tools

Proctor U  
Turnitin  
Not without  
problems

# Technology & Our Responses

Training faculty about Open AI  
Redesigning assignments with instructional designer help  
Understanding what is next and sharing success







# 2023 Undergraduate Deans Conference Day 2 – Session 5 & 6



# Session #5

## Study Abroad Programs and Challenges



**Raman Randhawa, PhD**  
*Vice Dean,  
University of Southern California*



**Robert Whitelaw, PhD**  
*Dean,  
New York University*



# GLOBAL IN BUSINESS EDUCATION

TURNING IDEAS INTO OUTCOMES IN THE  
RAPIDLY EVOLVING 21ST CENTURY GLOBAL MARKETPLACE

**PROFESSOR RAMAN RANDHAWA**  
VICE DEAN OF UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS  
PROFESSOR OF DATA SCIENCES AND OPERATIONS

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**USC** Marshall

School of Business

## GLOBAL MINDSET

## INTERDISCIPLINARY

STEM CERTIFIED  
DEPTH AND BREADTH



## RESOURCES

## TROJAN FAMILY

UNMATCHED PROFESSIONAL NETWORK  
90,000+ MARSHALL MEMBERS  
400,000+ USC MEMBERS

## EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

LEARN BY DOING

- **~4,000** TOTAL STUDENTS
- FULLY **STEM-ELIGIBLE**
- CLASS OF 2022: **98%** PLACED WITHIN 90 DAYS

## NEW “JOINT DEGREES” WITH PARTNER SCHOOLS

- AS DUAL DEGREES, RECOGNIZED BY BOTH SCHOOLS
- BUT REQUIRE SAME UNITS AS SINGLE DEGREE



**AI FOR BUSINESS**

- WITH VITERBI SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING -

**FALL 2023**



**BUSINESS OF CINEMATIC ARTS**

- WITH SCHOOL OF CINEMATIC ARTS -

**FALL 2022**

# GLOBAL EXPERIENCE FOR ALL UNDERGRADUATES

- 74% STUDENTS HAD AT LEAST ONE SIGNIFICANT GLOBAL TRAVEL EXPERIENCE PRE-COVID
- 6 CONTINENTS 33 COUNTRIES 1K STUDENTS TRAVELING PER YEAR





## OVERVIEW

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- EXCHANGE PROGRAM
- **37** PARTNERS, **200+** STUDENTS PER YEAR

POPULAR LOCATIONS: SEOUL, SINGAPORE, MELBOURNE, MILAN, PAMPLONA, PARIS, BANGKOK, BUDAPEST

- MANAGED IN-HOUSE, NO EXTERNAL VENDORS

## CURRENT CHALLENGES

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- ENSURING STUDENT SAFETY
- WORKING WITH UNIVERSITY PROTOCOLS
- DECREASED DEMAND

## WORLD BACHELOR IN BUSINESS: A GLOBAL UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM

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· **3** DEGREES IN **4** YEARS



· **4** CONTINENTS IN CURRICULUM

· **50** STUDENTS PER COHORT

# GLOBAL INITIATIVES

## GLOBAL APPLIED RESEARCH INCLUSIVE GROWTH IN INDONESIA: MARSHALL HONORS

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- **20** STUDENTS
- SELECTION BY APPLICATION PROCESS
- **1 YR** COURSE: JUNIOR SPRING + SENIOR FALL
- PROJECTS:
  - *SUSTAINABLE INCLUSIVE GROWTH FOR SMALL HOLDER FARMERS*
  - *GROWTH OF MICRO, SMALL, AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (MSMES)*
  - *GREENING OF THE GARMENT SUPPLY CHAIN*
  - *REDUCING PLASTIC POLLUTION*



# Study Abroad Programs and Challenges

## UT Dallas 2023 Undergraduate Deans Conference

Robert Whitelaw  
Dean, Undergraduate College  
NYU Stern School of Business  
March 8, 2023

***CHANGE. DARE IT. DREAM IT. DRIVE IT.***

NYU STERN SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

TISCH HALL

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TISCH HALL





## Three 4-Year Degree Programs

### **BS in Business**

- Flagship program
- ~510 incoming students
- Concentrate in up to 2 of 12 areas
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### **BS in Business, Technology & Entrepreneurs hip**

- Started in 2021
- ~50 incoming students
- Develop an entrepreneurial mindset and master business & technology tools

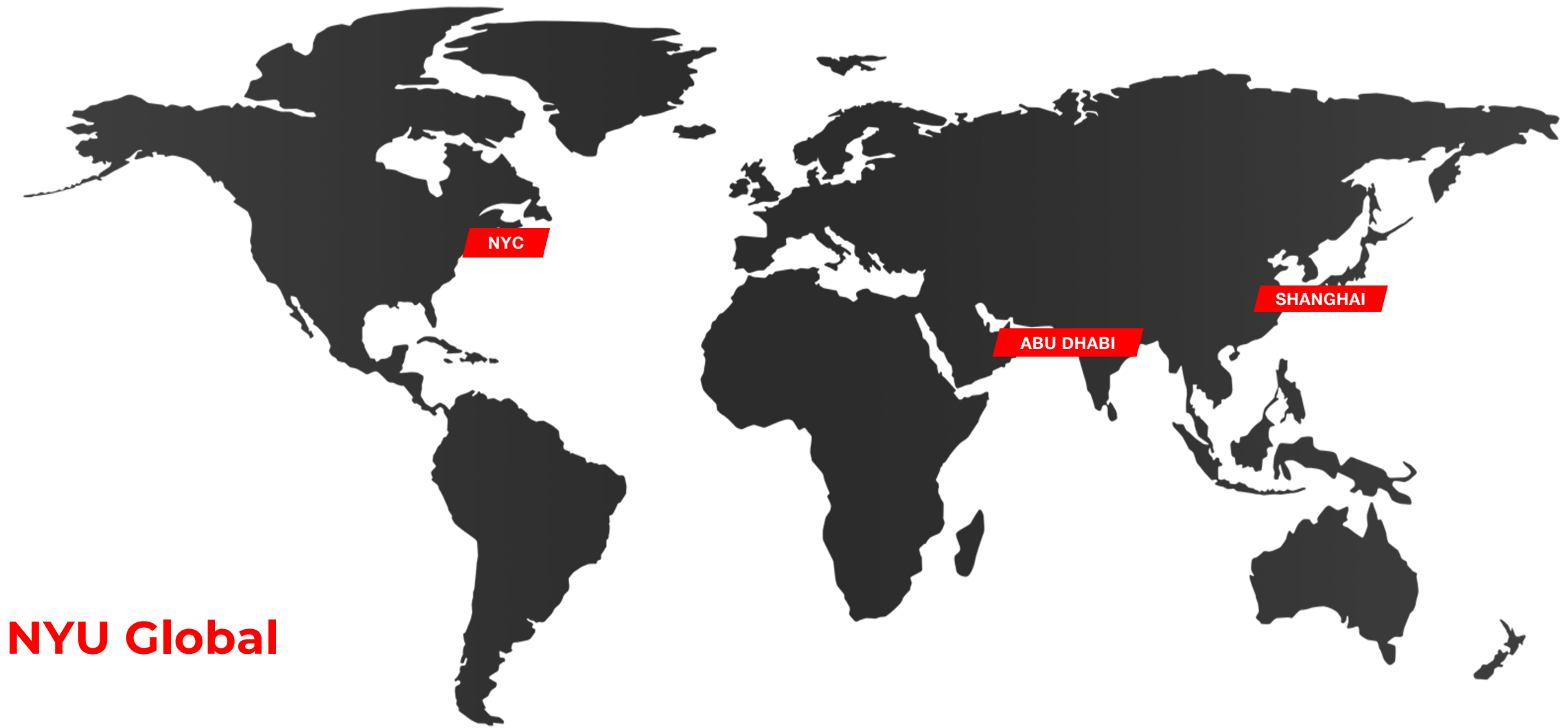
<b>Academics</b>	<b>Social Impact</b>	<b>Global</b>	<b>Professional</b>	<b>Community</b>
We take pride in our well-rounded education and approach our academics with honesty and integrity	We're eager to use business to create a positive impact, and we take this responsibility seriously	We seize opportunities to expand our perspectives and serve as global ambassadors	We act with professionalism as we explore our interests and shape our future	We support each other and foster an inclusive community where everyone can grow and excel



## **We have staked our reputation on the fact that we are a leader in global undergraduate business education**

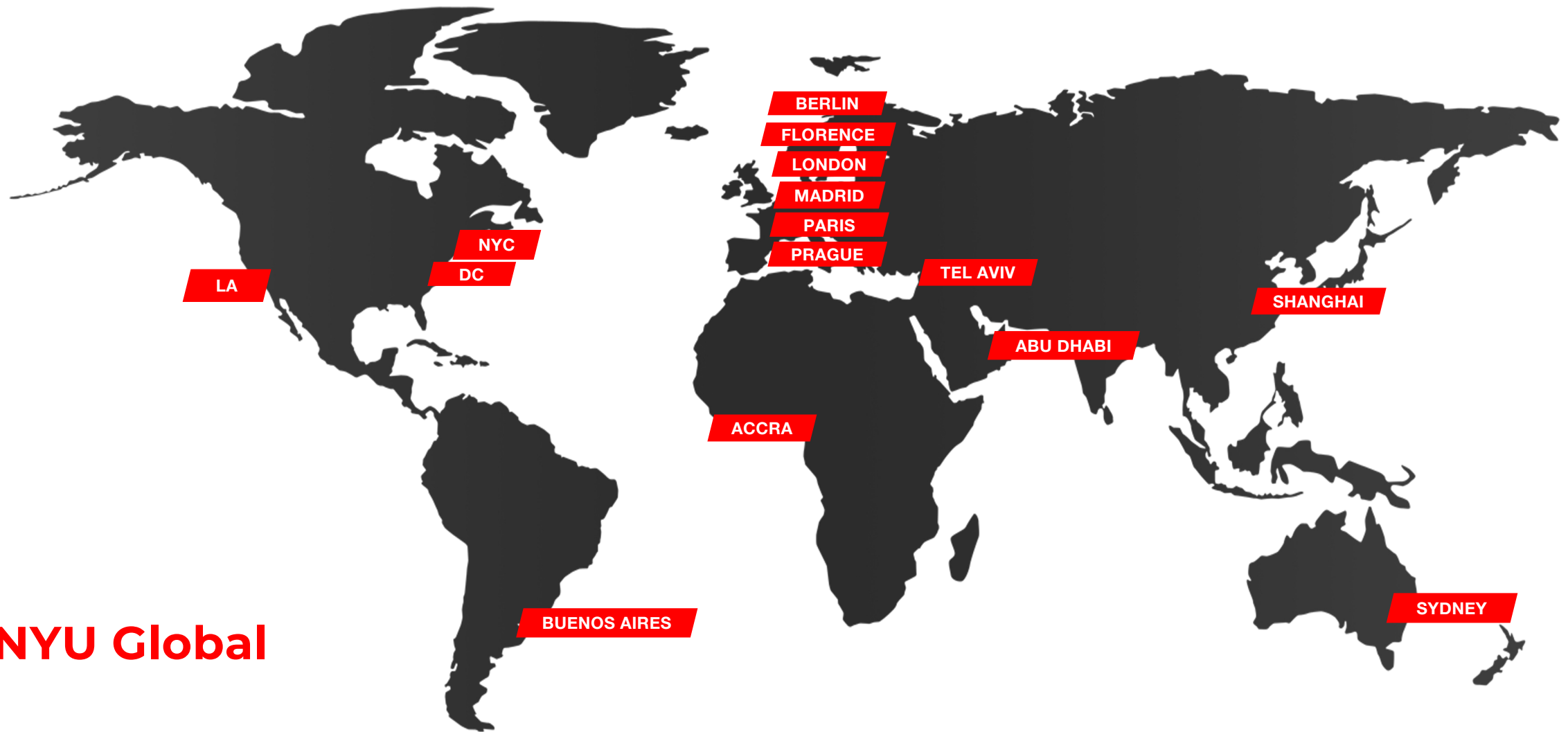
How do we ensure (in a post-pandemic world) that

1. Every student has a truly (authentic) global academic experience?
2. Financial need does not prevent students from choosing the experience that best fits their interests and needs?
3. Students build intercultural competence?

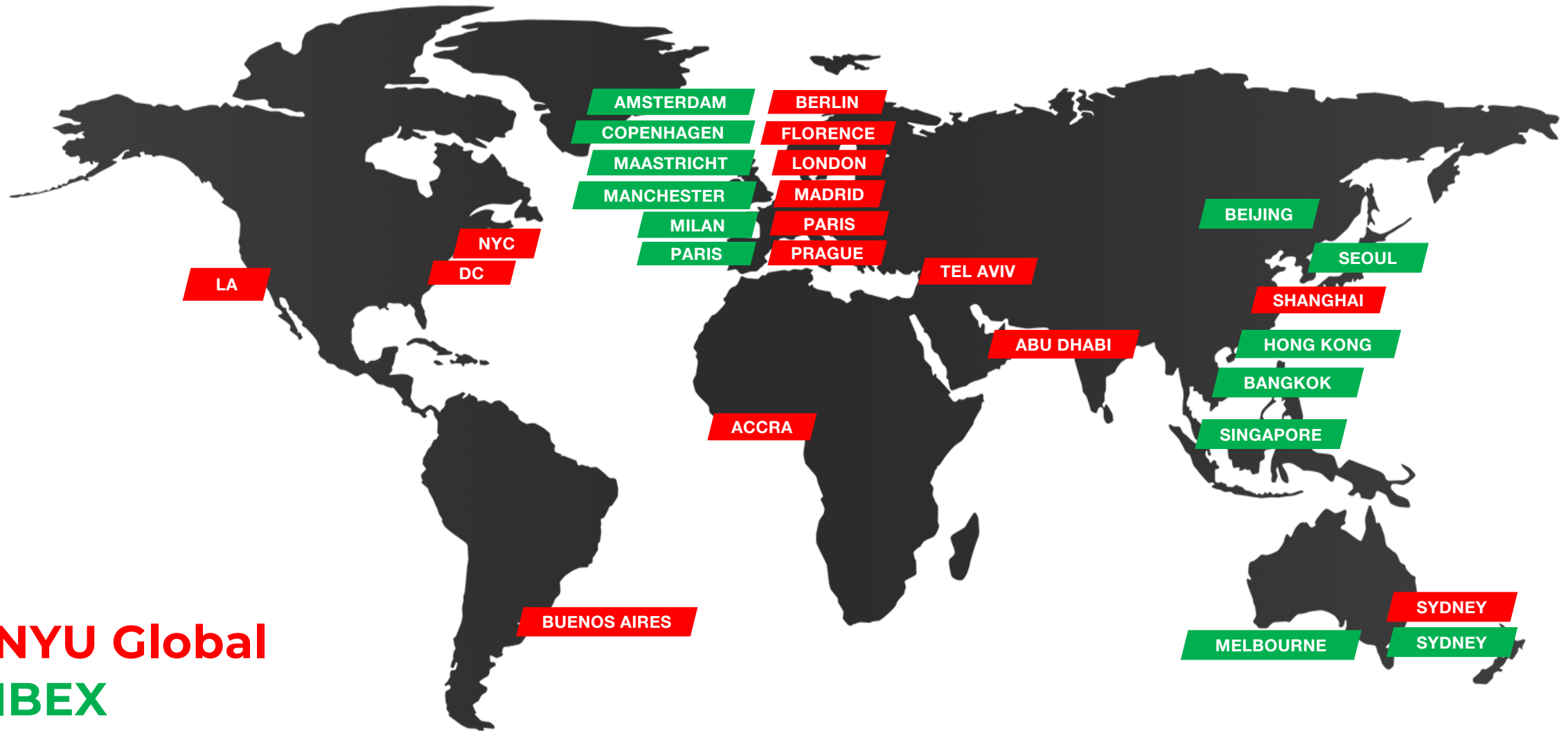


**NYU Global**

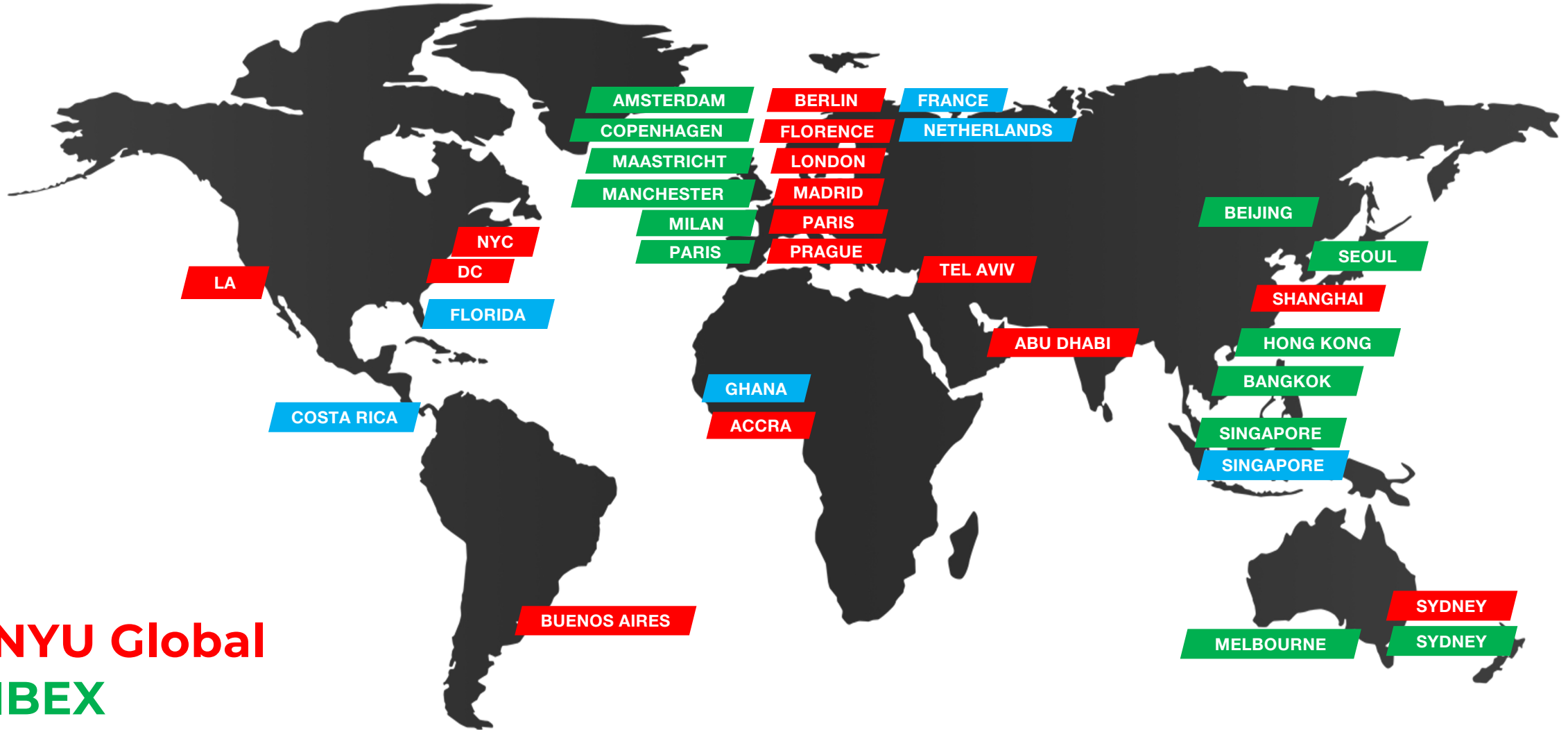
# NYU Global



**NYU Global**  
**IBEX**

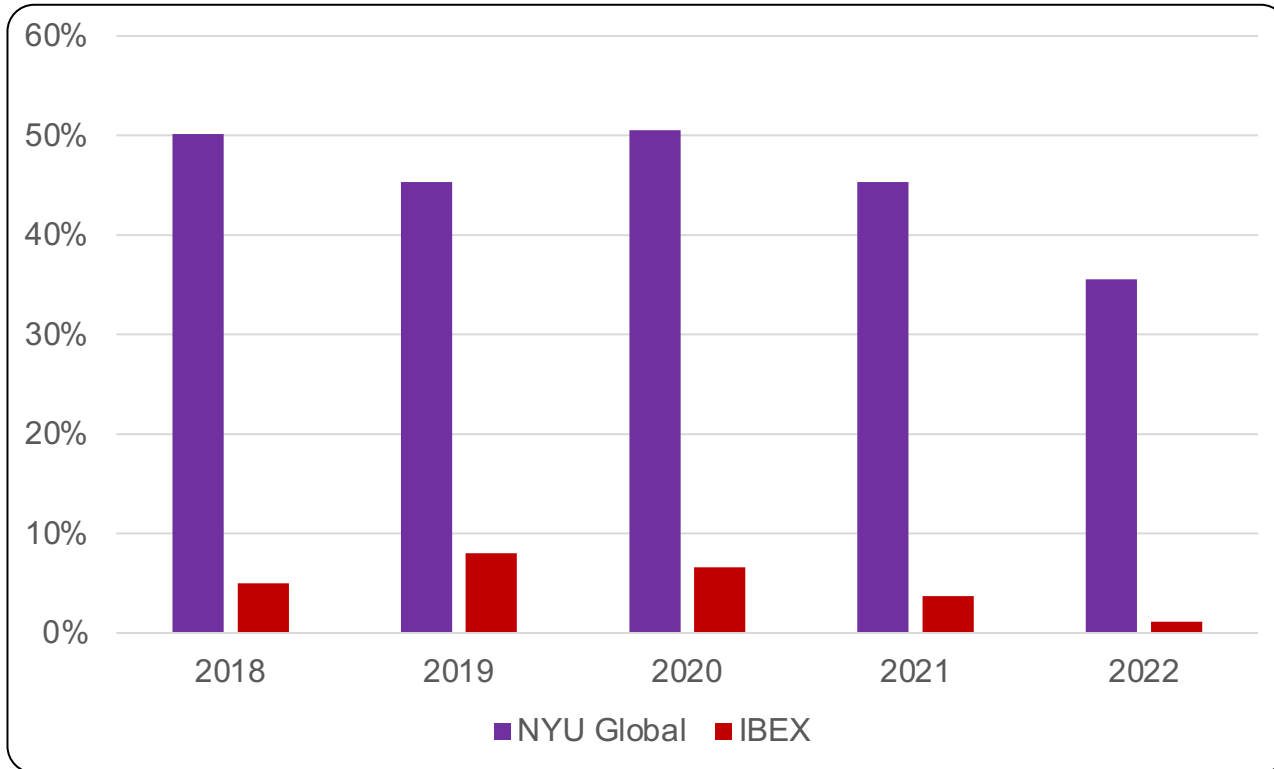






**NYU Global**  
**IBEX**  
**Stern Around the World**

## % of Study Away Students by Graduating Class



## AY 22-23 Participation

	Fall 2022	Spr 2023	Total
NYU Global	264	242	506
IBEX	47	21	68

### Stern Around the World

- Current capacity  $6 \times 35 = 210$
- Planned capacity  $10 \times 35 = 350$

# Visible, Generous, Seamless

## **NYU Global Study Away**

- NYU financial aid packages travel with students
- Automatic consideration for NYU Global Pathways Scholarships and need-based grants

## **IBEX**

- NYU financial aid packages travel with students
- Need-based NYU Stern IBEX Scholarships

## **Stern Around the World**

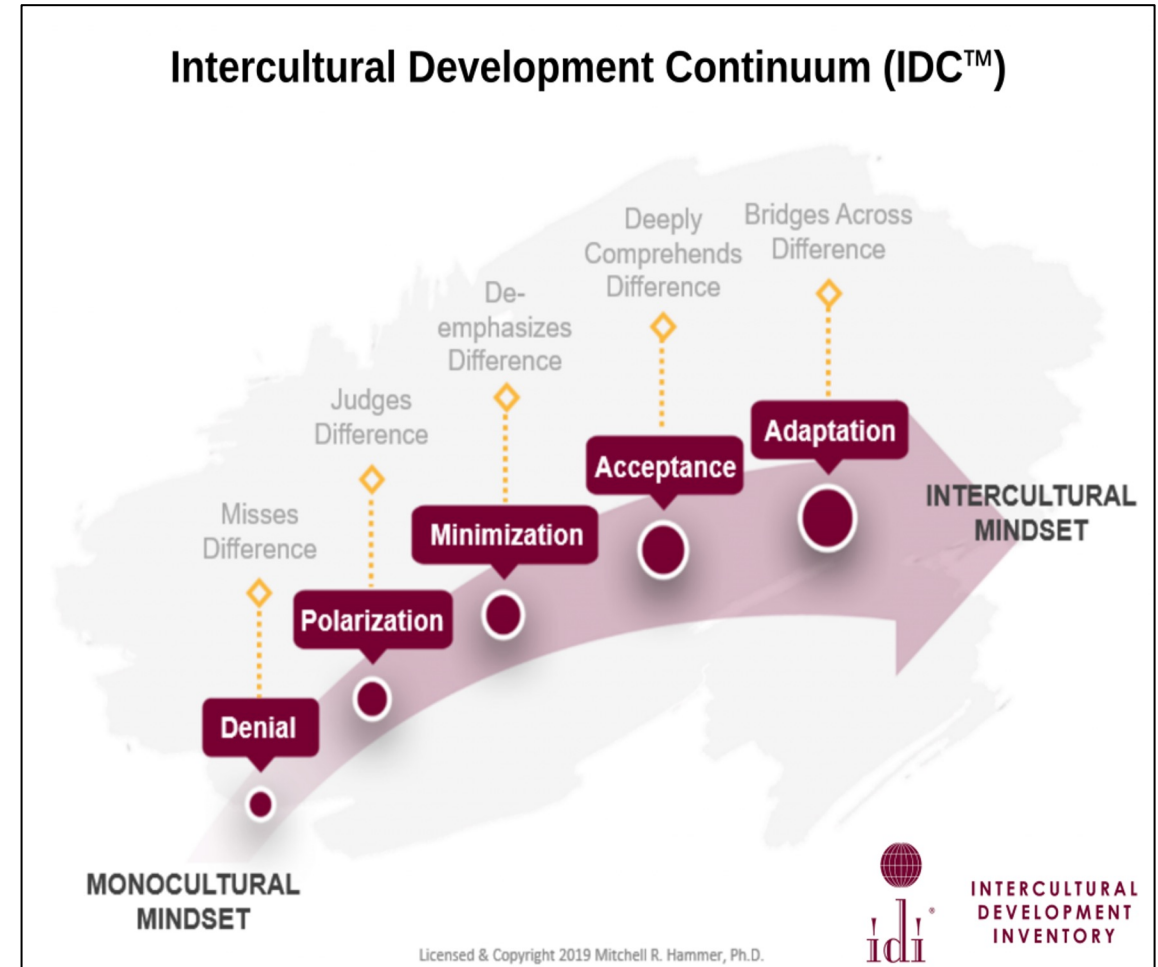
- Every student with demonstrated financial need receives an award to cover the full cost of one SAW course
- Awards are automatically posted and tracked

## All incoming students

- Take the Intercultural Development Inventory assessment during the fall semester of their first year
- Meet with a qualified administrator to discuss an Intercultural Development Plan

## Students studying away complete Study Away Intercultural Learning

- Repeatable, 0-credit, pass/fail, asynchronous, online course
- Three modules completed during every semester away
- Guide to observing and understanding cultural and business differences to build intercultural competencies



# Session #6

## Mentoring Undergraduate Students



**Kevin O'Mara, PhD**  
*Dean,  
Campbell University*



**Shannon Deer, PhD**  
*Associate Dean,  
Texas A&M University*



**Frederic Brunel, PhD**  
*Associate Dean,  
Boston University*





Lundy-Fetterman  
School of Business

*Successfully Embedding  
Course-based Peer  
Mentoring  
into Business Education:  
An Approach & Tangible  
Impact*

*Dr. Kevin O'Mara*  
*([komara@campbell.edu](mailto:komara@campbell.edu))*

# Lundy-Fetterman School of Business

## *UG Majors*

Accounting (80)

Economics (15)

Finance (60)

Healthcare Management (80)

International Management (20)

Management (160)

Marketing (80)

PGA Golf Management (60)

Trust & Wealth Mgmt (140)

## *Graduate Programs*

MBA

MAcc

MTWM

## *“Signature Programs”*

Burt Family Student-run Investment Fund

Center for Financial Literacy

*Rose Center for Peer Mentorship*

“Camel Accelerator”

Truist Business Scholars

Trust & Wealth Fellows

**GOALS:**

*Attract  
Retain  
Develop*

*PEER  
MENTORING*

**TRANSITION:**

*Belonging  
Information / Resources  
Expectations*



**FOCUS:**

*Curriculum  
Connect  
Culture*

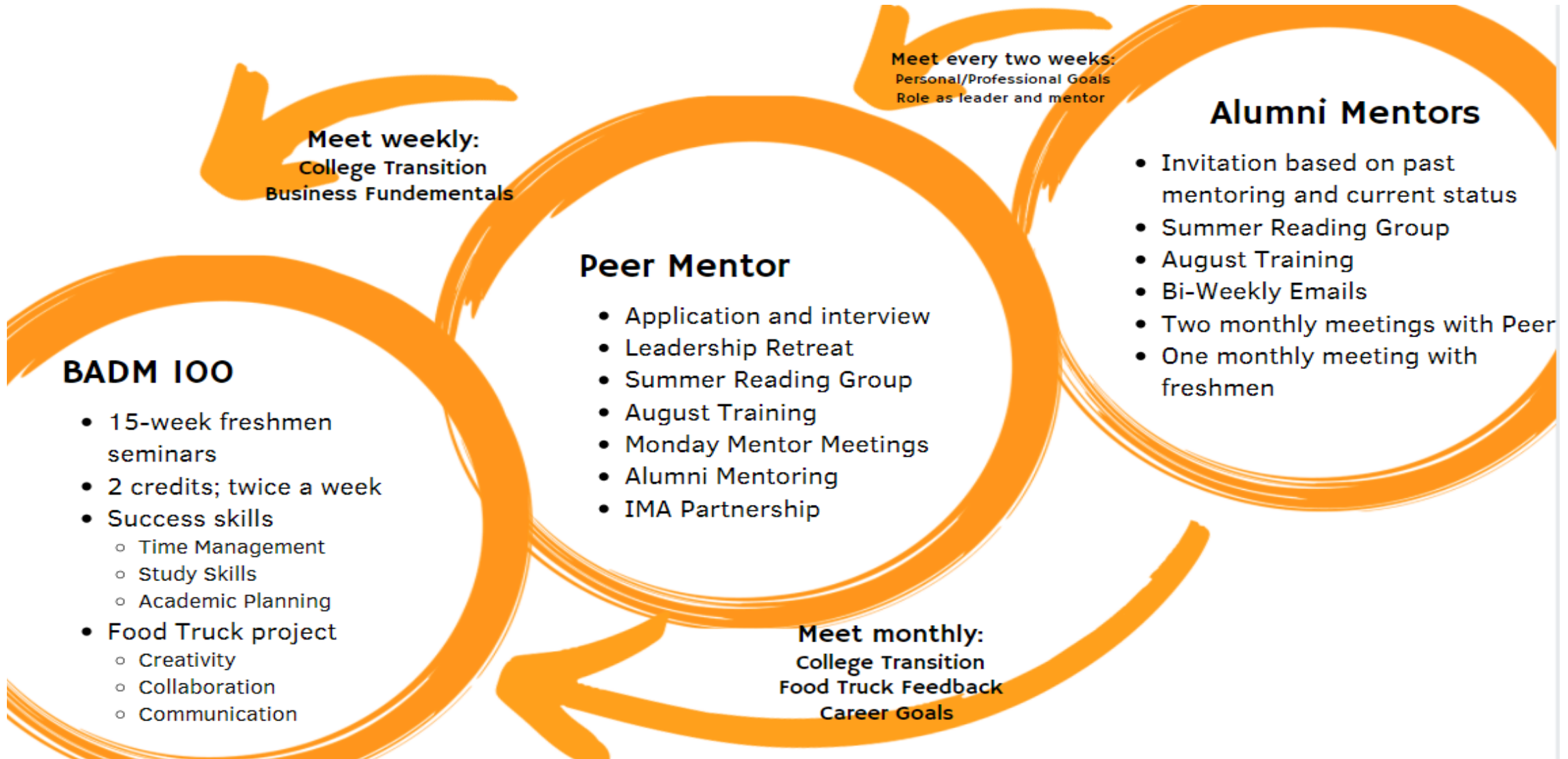


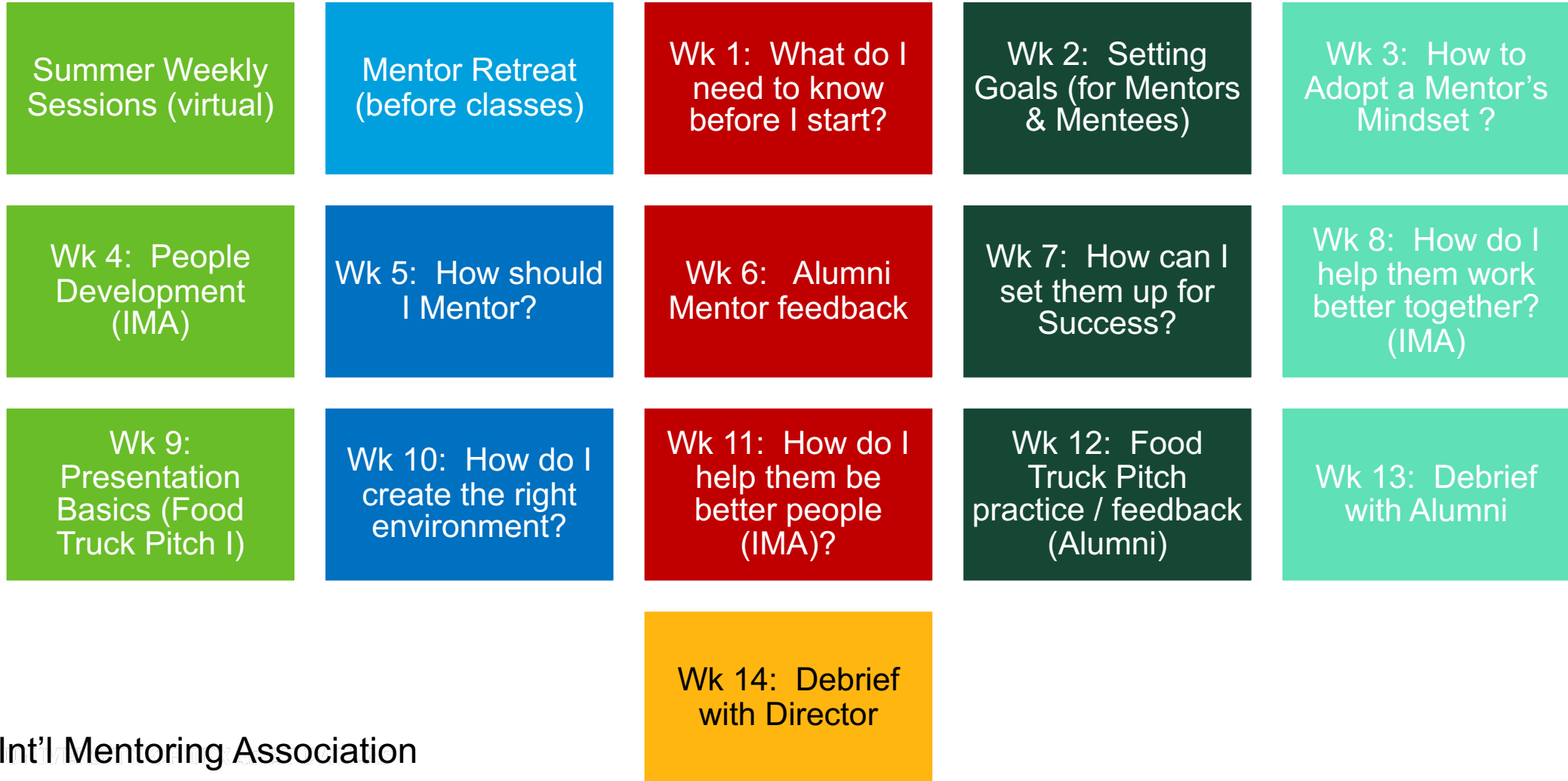
**Food Truck  
PROJECT**

**BUSINESS:**

*Techniques / Concepts  
Teamwork  
Communication*

# 3 Generations (Mentees/Mentors/Alumni): Layering Mentoring with Training







# Benefits

## • What the Peer Mentee Gains:

- Immediate connection to school
- Small cohort
- Assessments, Goal-setting
- Teamwork experience
- Confidant (Peer & Alumni)
- “Business” project experience

## • What the Business School Gains:

- Student engagement / connection
- Culture building
- Distinctive program
- Establish expectations early

## *Pillars of the Peer Mentorship Program:*

- *Personal Development*
- *Ability to Lead & Inspire Others*
- *Professional Skills & Business Knowledge*
- *Culture & Expectations Setting*

## What the Peer Mentor Gives:

- Guidance / Academic Advice
- Encouragement / Empathy
- Campus Information
- Transitional Support
- Project Management Leadership

## What the Peer Mentor Gains:

- Personal and Professional Development
- Experience Working with Teams
- Experience Managing People and Projects
- Personal Assessment / Feedback
- Advice and Encouragement from Alumni Mentor
- Relationships and Connections
- Resume Boost

# MENTEES Confidence in *Skill Development*

## Before BADM 100

	NOT CONFIDENT AT ALL	SOMEWHAT CONFIDENT	MODERATELY CONFIDENT	VERY CONFIDENT	EXTREMELY CONFIDENT
Marketing	8.54% 7	26.83% 22	35.37% 29	23.17% 19	6.10% 5
Management	6.10% 5	28.05% 23	35.37% 29	25.61% 21	4.88% 4
Teamwork	1.22% 1	10.98% 9	25.61% 21	35.37% 29	26.83% 22
Innovation	6.10% 5	25.61% 21	43.90% 36	15.85% 13	8.54% 7
Accounting/finance	10.98% 9	30.49% 25	35.37% 29	10.98% 9	12.20% 10
Entrepreneurship	9.76% 8	29.27% 24	32.93% 27	21.95% 18	6.10% 5
Design thinking	14.63% 12	19.51% 16	35.37% 29	21.95% 18	8.54% 7
Professionalism	3.66% 3	8.54% 7	31.71% 26	35.37% 29	20.73% 17
Resume writing	13.41% 11	23.17% 19	31.71% 26	18.29% 15	13.41% 11

## After BADM 100

NOT CONFIDENT AT ALL	SOMEWHAT CONFIDENT	MODERATELY CONFIDENT	VERY CONFIDENT	EXTREMELY CONFIDENT
1.22% 1	4.88% 4	41.46% 34	35.37% 29	17.07% 14
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2.44% 2	6.10% 5	25.61% 21	40.24% 33	25.61% 21

# MENTOR Survey of Skills and Growth

**Skills Pre/Post Peer Mentoring Program** – Likert scale out of 5; divided under our 4 Pillars

## Personal Development

Overall Personal Skills and confidence – 3.38 (before); 4.24 (after) – 0.86 point growth

Self-Awareness/ of Personal Strengths – 3.095 (before), 4.333 (after) – 1.24 point growth (*2nd highest growth*)

Personal Confidence – 3.38 (before); 4.14 (after) - 0.76 point growth

## Professional Skills & Business Knowledge

Overall Professional Skills and Confidence – 3.52 (before); 4.333 (after) – 0.81 point growth

Career and Professional Networking Skills – 3.29 (before); 3.95 (after) – 0.66 point growth

Awareness of Business Concepts – 3.05 (before); 4.0 (after) – 0.95 point growth

Planning/Execution – 3.14 (before); 4.38 (after) – 1.24 point growth (*2nd highest overall growth*)

Ability to work on a team – 3.76 (before); 4.24 (after) – 0.48 point growth

Organizational Skills - 3.62 (before); 4.095 (after) – 0.475 point growth

Execution of Creative Ideas – 2.86 (before); 3.48 (after) – 0.62 point growth (*lowest starting confidence*)

Time Management – 3.24 (before); 3.76 (after) – 0.52 point growth

## Ability to Lead & Inspire

Ability to lead others– 3.23 (before); 4.095 (after)– 0.865 point growth

Ability to Communicate Well – 3.52 (before); 4.38 (after)– 0.86 point growth

Social Awareness/Ability to Read Others– 3.333 (before); 3.81 (after)– 0.48 point growth

Ability to Inspire Change in Others– 3.287 (before); 3.76 (after)– 0.473 point growth

## Campus Involvement & Community Service

Campus Connections/ Involvement – 3.14 (before); 4.43 (after)– 1.29 point growth

School Spirit/Pride in Campbell – 3.66 (before); 4.28 (after)– 0.62 point growth (*highest starting confidence*)

# Outcomes:

## GOALS

*Attract*

*Retain*

*Develop*

## IMPACT

87% of Peer Mentors agreed “this program helped me grow personally & become more aware

100% of Peer Mentors reported positive impact on their sense of community & collaboration

92% of Peer Mentors felt more confident as a leader

75% of Peer Mentees feel strongly connected to the business school

Business school retention 80-84%; Campbell Univ. 74%; Nationally 67% (National Clearinghouse, 2020)



# TAKEAWAYS

- Dedicated champion
- Support from school leadership
- Mentors must be well-trained & motivated
- Alumni must be selected carefully
- Program requires considerable structure
- Feedback – lots of feedback



An architectural rendering of the Mays Business School building at dusk. The building features a prominent glass facade that reflects the sky and is illuminated from within. The foreground shows a paved plaza with several trees, some of which are lit with warm lights. People are seen walking and a person is riding a bicycle. A dark SUV is parked on the left. The sky is a deep blue with some clouds. A semi-transparent dark blue banner is overlaid on the upper half of the image, containing the text.

# MAYS BUSINESS SCHOOL

DR. SHANNON DEER '03  
ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS  
MAYS BUSINESS SCHOOL

# MAY BUSINESS SCHOOL

Current total enrollment: 4,968



Fall 2045 projected enrollment:  
5,500+

## Majors:

• Accounting	665
• Finance	795
• Information & Ops Management	446
• Management	441
• Marketing	479
• Business Honors	335
• Undeclared (freshmen/soph)	1,807

## Study Abroad

- 2021-2022 654 students abroad
- ~30% of graduates have an international experience
- Texas A&M #1 U.S university for number of students abroad (IIE Open Doors)
- 2021-2022 Mays - #1 college/school at TAMU

## Top Providers

- Academic Experiences Abroad (AEA)
- Academic Programs International (API)
- Arcos Learning Abroad
- Education Services Abroad (ESA)





## Challenge

First generation, low-income student retention

## Solution

Regent's Ambassador Program:

- Scholarship: \$6,000/year
- Programming:
  - Study abroad
- Student led organization, retreats, team building
  - Study sessions
  - Designated advisor

## Results

Retention rates:  
Non-1st gen: 95%  
RAP (1st gen, low-income): 95%  
Non-RAP 1st gen: 91%



## Challenge

Engagement with first-year students.

Exposing students to Mays Business School, business, and themselves.



## Solution

BUSN 101: Freshman Business Initiative

Peer leader program:  
Professional development experience  
Small group engagement and 1:1 attention



## Results

100 peer leaders

Positive student evaluations



# Aggies in TECH

## Challenge

Representation in high-target industries and jobs

## Solution

Aggies in... programs

Current:

Aggies in Tech

Aggies on Wall Street

Future:

Aggies in Consulting

## Results

Increased engagement with former students

New program with 127 applications

18 excellent students

May trip to West Coast





## Challenge

We have 5,000-5,500 students and cannot provide individualized mentorship

## Solution

MaysNext

## Results

Currently 13 badges

Goal for spring 2024 - 21 badges

90% freshmen engagement

Department buy-in and use across centers, programs, student organizations



**UNDERGRADUATE MENTORING AT**

**THE QUESTROM SCHOOL OF BUSINESS**

**Frederic Brunel**

**Rachel I. Reiser**

**Misty Start**

**QUESTROM  
MEANS BUSINESS**

Boston University Questrom School of Business



# Questrom UG at a Glance

## 4 years BSBA curriculum

- Admit Freshmen, External & Internal Transfers
- ± 2,300 enrolled in BSBA
- ± 29% International
- ± 30% study abroad
- ± 20% First Gen

### In addition:

- > 500 pending internal transfer
- > 600 pursuing one of three minors

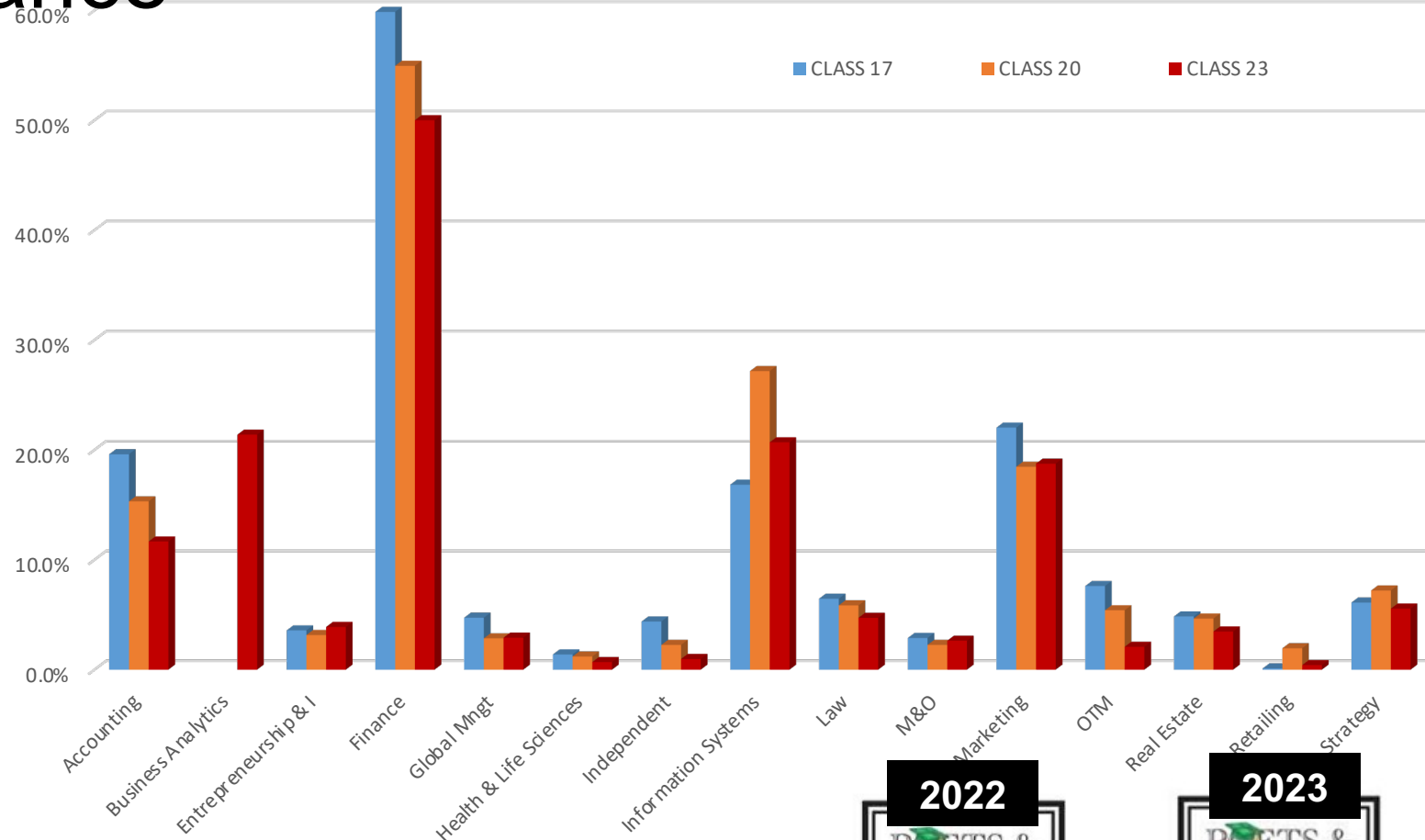
BSBA students pursue ± 1.5 concentrations

➔ About 5,000 plans of studies all combined

## Outcomes (class of 2022)

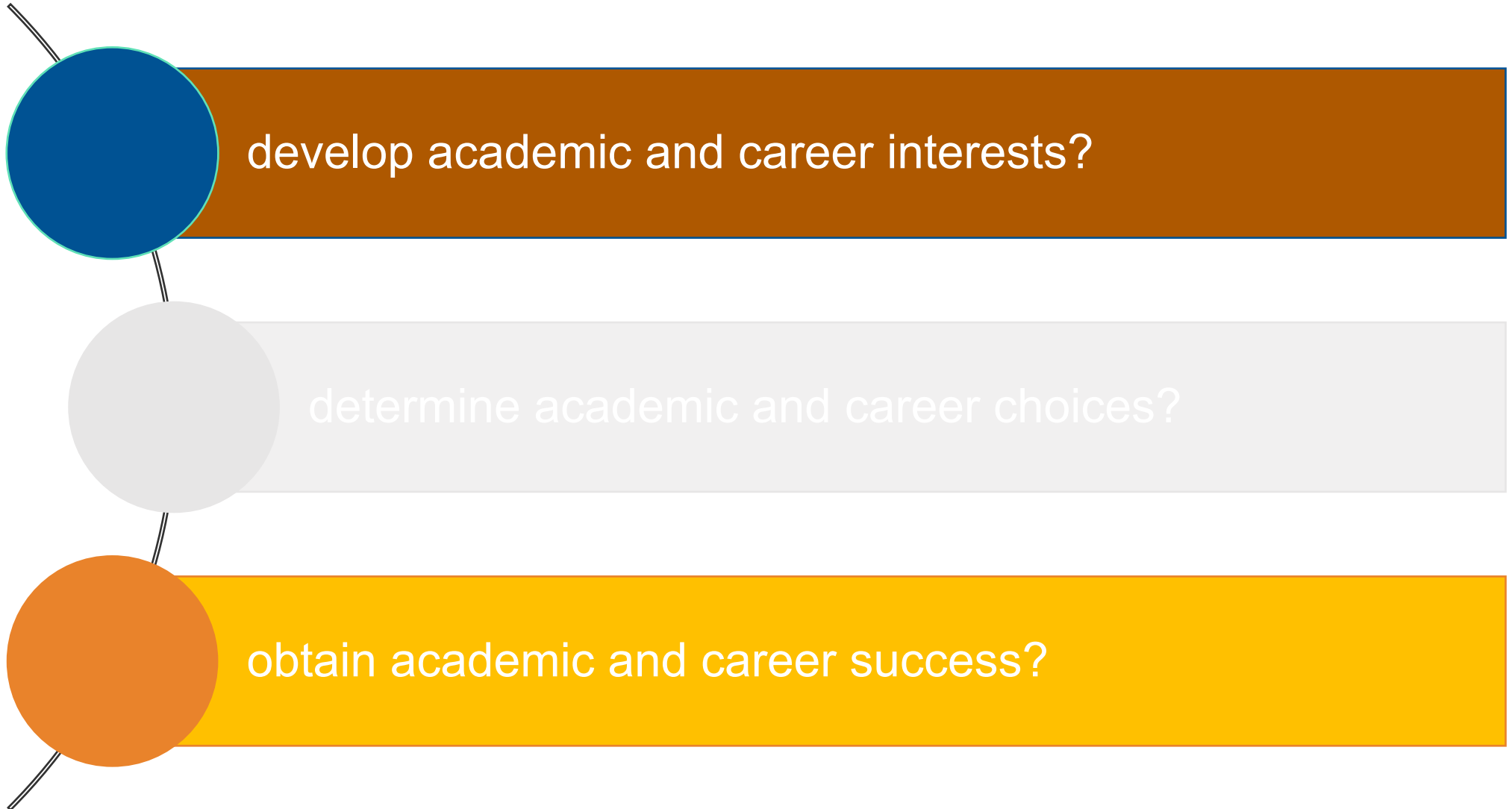
- Employed at graduation 82%
- Employed at three months 98%
- Employed at six months 99%
- *Knowledge rate* 89%
- First-year compensation \$80K

Concentrations by Class Year



# THEORY-GUIDED PRACTICE : **Social Cognitive Career Theory**

## HOW DO STUDENTS



# MENTORSHIP: AN INTEGRATED PRACTICE FROM A TO A

## Objective

Admission

Who

	Landing & Orientatin g	Exploring & Inspiring	Forming Goals	Academic Support	Career Support	Executive Skills	Landing Career Stepping-Stone
Peers	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Academic Advisors	X	X	X	X		X	
Career Advisors	X	X	X		X	X	X
Faculty Advisors	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Centers	X	X	X	X	X		
Alumni		X			X	X	X

Alumni



# A-to-A Questrom Mentoring: ADMISSION & LAI



## EHosts

- Reach out to students **following admission** to Questrom, available for any questions or conversation, and participate in admitted student events throughout the spring
- Connect admitted students with current students as they finalize their college selection process and begin acculturating to the School

## Orientation Facilitators

- Connect with students and facilitate **seven cycles** of visits and stays between May and September



**WELCOME TO QUESTROM**  
A Q&A WITH THE UNDERGRADUATE DEANS  
FOR OUR NEW QUESTROM CLASS OF 2027 AND THEIR FAMILIES

**FRÉDÉRIC BRUNEL** & **RACHEL I. REISER**  
ASSOCIATE DEAN, UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS / ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, MARKETING | ASSISTANT DEAN, UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT EXPERIENCE AND SERVICES

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28 | 7PM ET

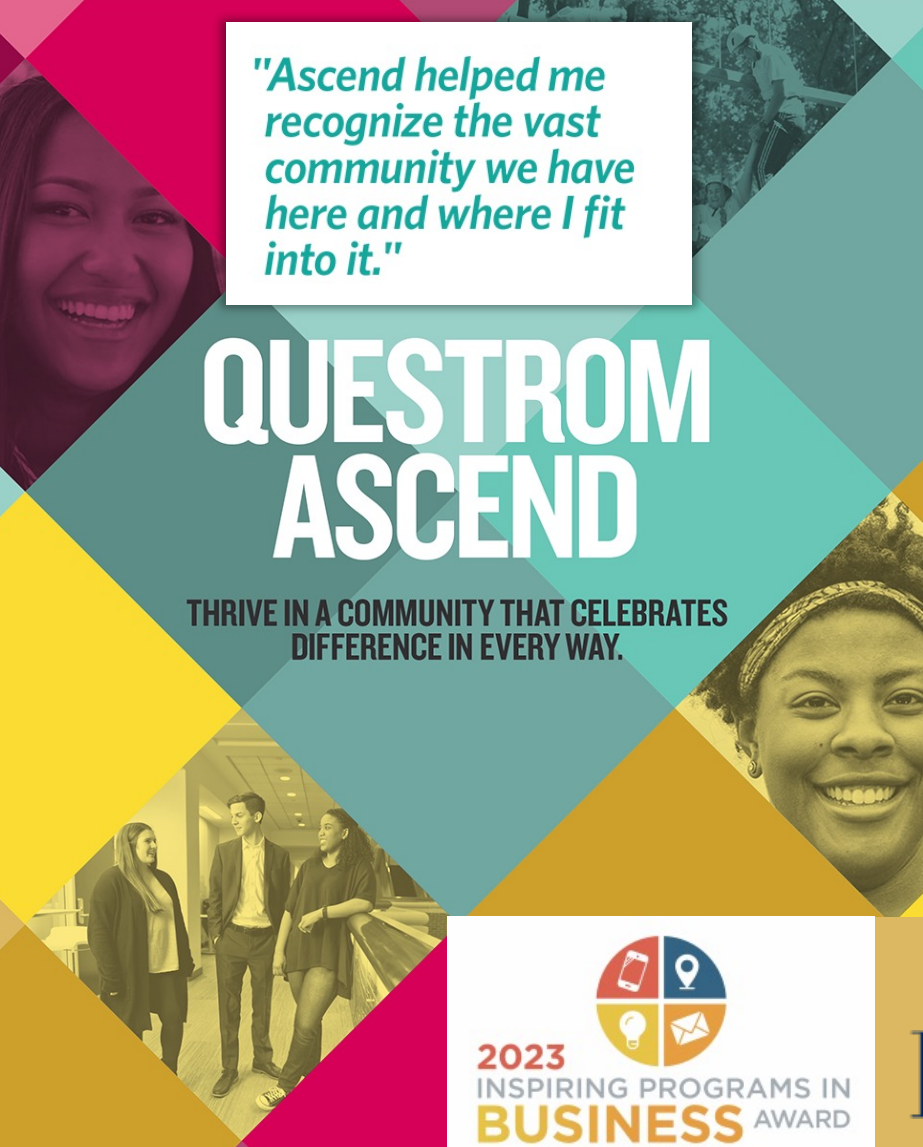
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# A-to-A Questrom Mentoring: FIRST YEAR STUDENTS

*"Ascend helped me recognize the vast community we have here and where I fit into it."*

## QUESTROM ASCEND

THRIVE IN A COMMUNITY THAT CELEBRATES DIFFERENCE IN EVERY WAY.



## A WIDE AND BROAD NET OF MENTORSHIP FROM DAY 1

- Assigned Academic and Career Advisors
- Faculty Advisors
- Peer Advisors & Tutors
- **Career Curriculum Year 1: Explore Your Career.** Facilitated by faculty & peer Teaching Assistants mentors
- SM131 Career Inspiration Seminars with recent alumni
- Concentration and Club Fairs
- **tors**



**BOSTON UNIVERSITY**  
**QUESTROM SCHOOL OF BUSINESS**

**PEER ADVISOR**





# A-to-A Questrom Mentoring: SOPHOMORES

## Career Curriculum Year 2: Build Your Career Toolkit

- Concentration and career exploration
- Development of LinkedIn, Handshake, and other social profiles
- Informational interviews with Questrom alumni

## Become a Mentor or Tutor

- TA program
- Lock Honorary Society
- Peer Advisor
- Clubs and groups provide executive skills training and mentorship to members etc.

## Concentration Mentorship

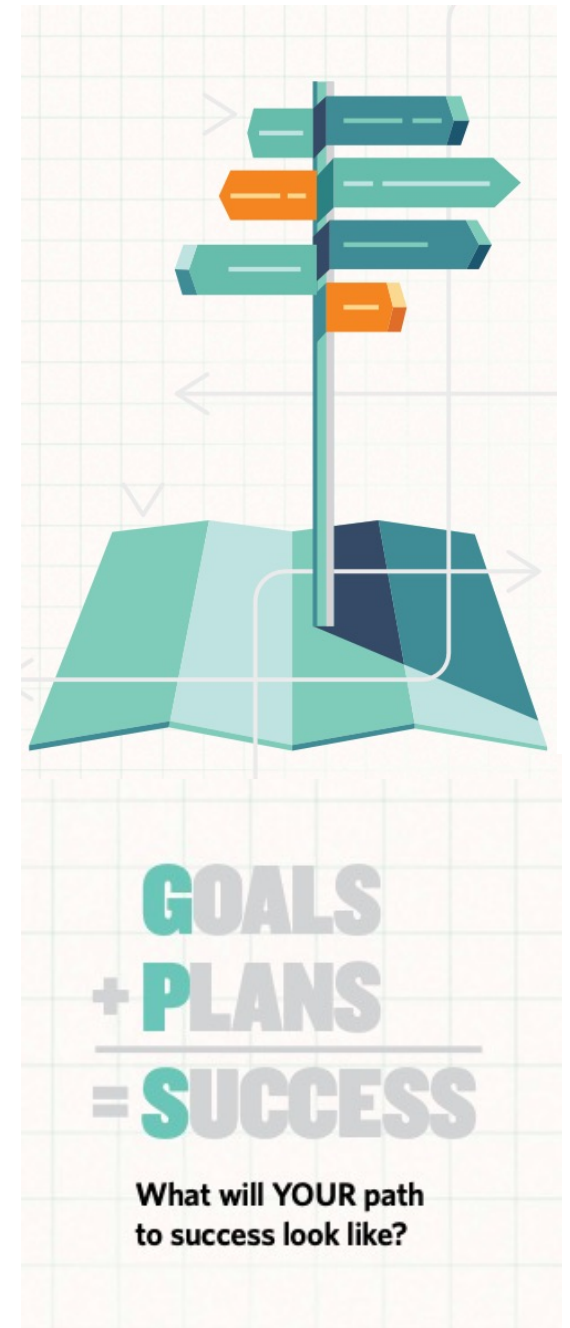
- Concentration and club fairs
- Concentration presentations by faculty mentors
- Concentration panels with alumni mentors, “What Can You Be With a Questrom Degree?”

## Connect and Explore with BU alumni

- On BU Connect
  - 20,000+ have volunteered to mentor
  - Job Shadowing Opportunities etc.
- On LinkedIn

**BU CONNECTS**»

**LinkedIn**  
Groups



# A-to-A Questrom Mentoring: JUNIORS



## MBA-UG Mentorship Program

- Eligibility: Junior or senior standing & application
- Duration: Full academic year  
At least 2 meetings per semester

## Skill buildings continues

- For instance: Case or behavioral interviews



Faculty  
Concentration  
Advisor:  
Susan Jung  
Grant



Faculty  
Concentration  
Advisor:  
Jeff Allen



Faculty  
Concentration  
Advisor:  
Rosalba  
Schino



Faculty  
Concentration  
Advisor:  
Jim Welch

## Deepen working relationships with Faculty Advisors

- 16 faculty members with formal mentoring roles
- Relationship usually starts in year 1 or 2, but year 3 is a culminating moment
- Assist in refining goals and connecting with internship opportunities

## Continued support for external relationship building

- Case competitions
- Join professional organizations
- Regional and national conferences
- Innovate@BU innovation cluster and partners

# A-to-A Questrom Mentoring: SENIORS

## Part 3 Career Curriculum: Implement Your Career

- Targeted search plans
- Technical and case Interviews
- Salary negotiation
- Onboarding & first 90 Days

## Continued Coordinated Career Planning Outreach to Land FT Offer

- All hands on deck
- Meet students where they are
- Adapt, pivot, just-in-time resources and sustained partnership





# A-to-A Questrom Mentoring: ALUMNI



The power of the BU network,  
now from your phone

Introducing the BU  
Connects mobile app

Network.  
Mentor. Or  
simply catch up.

GET STARTED

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**BU CONNECTS»**

## Give Back

- Become a mentor
- Provide job shadowing opportunities
- Post internships and job listings
- Return to campus and courses



## We continue to support grads

- Schedule alumni career advising
- Explore career resources
- Register for career events
- Apply/post job opportunities

*... for life!*

# Session #6 Continue

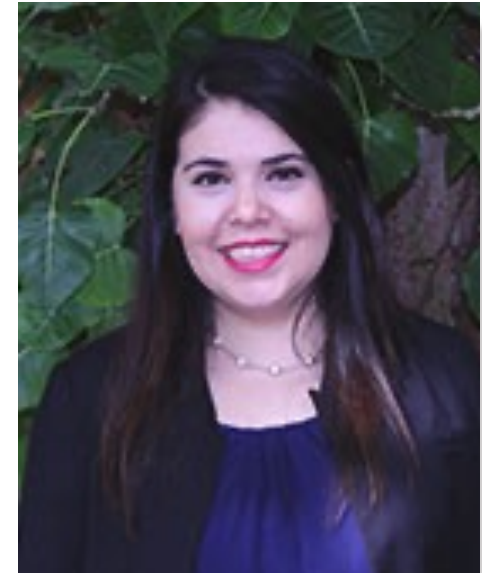
## Mentoring Undergraduate Students



**Frank Kelley, PhD**  
*Associate Dean,  
University of Houston*



**Jerald Hughes, PhD**  
*Associate Dean,  
University of Texas Rio  
Grande Valley*



**Ana Giron-Rubio, MS**  
*Program Manager,  
University of Texas Rio  
Grande Valley*

## Overview of UH Bauer College of Business

- UH: 47,000 students > 6,400 undergraduate business majors
- 40% first generation in college & 45% entered UH as Freshmen  
55% as Transfer students
- Diversity: Hispanic-33%; Asian-28%; White (non-Hispanic)-22%;  
Black-6%; Intl-6%; Other-5%
- Majors: Accounting, Entrepreneurship, Finance, Management,  
Marketing, MIS, Supply Chain Management, + 11 minors & tracks
- Rolled out a mentor program in Fall 2022 with Mentor Collective

# Mentor Collective makes high-quality, large-scale mentorship possible.



**A culture of mentorship:**  
where every student has the right  
relationship at the right time.

# Bauer Undergraduate Mentor Program (BUMP)



Matches Pre-business students with Upperclass students



Matches Upperclass students with Alumni

**Mentors take a 1 hour training & Mentees take a survey for matching.**

**Website:** <https://www.bauer.uh.edu/undergraduate/mentor-program/>



# Mentor Program Overview

Metric	2022-23(*to date)	Benchmark
Students matched	584	
	18.3% of invited	20.9% of invited
Mentors matched	197	
	6.9% of invited	9.7% of invited
Conversations logged*	1436	
	2.41 per mentorship	3.28 per mentorship
<b>% pairs logged 3+ conversations high impact &gt; high retention outcome</b>	<b>28.6%</b>	43%
% pairs using SMS relay*	54.4%	43%
Avg SMS exchanged per pair	10.72	11.7
Flags	22	
	0.03 per mentorship	0.04 per mentorship

\*Conversations are self-reported by mentors and mentees. SMS relay usage is directly measured.



## **Customize Resources**

Flags – micro-feedback from mentors on sessions

Based on flags, customize Mentor Resource Guide

## **Personalize with Value-Added Programming**

Offering workshops for mentees and mentors to personalize the program:  
“Real Mentoring” & “Building Social Capital” by alumni professional coach

## **Pro-active Timeline**

Rollout during Orientation prior to Fall semester

## **Learn from Others – UT-RGV**

# Robert C. Vackar College of Business & Entrepreneurship

- ▶ 31,559 UTRGV students
- ▶ 3,192 undergraduate business students
- ▶ 21% Freshman students (677)
- ▶ Diversity: 91% Hispanic, 3% White (non- Hispanic), 3 % International, 1% Asian, 1% Black, 1% Other
- ▶ Majors: Accounting, Finance, Information Systems, Economics, Hospitality and Tourism, Entrepreneurship, International Business, Management, Marketing, Global Supply Chain Management

# Vackar Connection

## Mentorship program

### GOALS:

- Create a culture of belonging, engagement and mentorship
- Increase retention
- Expose students to career opportunities
- Create leaders
- Develop early interventions based on mentees need (flags)

## Mentor Experience

“As a senior and career advisor, I am able to apply my knowledge and skills to provide proper, relevant information that Gilberto is looking for. I have been able to present some tips he asked for along with redirecting him to other resources on campus.”

- *Arantxa Espinoza*

“My mentee mentioned they wanted to attend tutoring for one of their classes so we set up an appointment with the learning center for him to attend before his test.”

- *Leslie Hernandez*

# PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Metric	2021-22	2022-23(*to date)	Benchmark
Students matched	193	245	33.8% of invited
	19.4% of invited	<b>48.32% of invited</b>	
Mentors matched	47	70	12.8% of invited
	3.06% of invited	4.16% of invited	
Conversations logged*	776	<b>784</b>	3.32 per mentorship
	3.69 per mentorship	3.04 per mentorship	
% pairs logged 3+ conversations	37%	33.7%	43%
% pairs using SMS relay*	61.2%	70.2%	43%
Avg SMS exchanged per pair	14.0	10.86	11.7
Flags	15	7	0.04 per mentorship
	0.08 per mentorship	0.03 per mentorship	



# Social Gatherings



We give a VOICE to our mentors, train, provide resources, share mentor-mentee experiences, brainstorm to improve the program. And we celebrate each one of them.



# Initial Impact: Highly Engaged Mentorships

**87** mentoring pairs (**33.7%** overall) have already reported 3+ conversations

Prior MC analysis shows that students in these relationships are significantly more likely to persist in their education

**33.7%**

“I just want to help others come and stay in school. I would want someone there for me back when I was going through my struggles, but I technically didn't have anyone. So if I can be there for someone else, I would take the opportunity too.”



Crystal Ortiz,  
Mentor



Jose Acuna,  
Mentee



# Vackar Connection next steps....

Provide mentors resources ahead of time to tackle flag topics. Ex. Contact for OVAP, business advisors.

Increase pairs with 3 or more conversations

Provide an orientation for Mentors, topics will include how to start a conversation, best ways to engage with mentees, provide resources to promote meeting in person





Thank you! See you next year!