Scaling Academic Student Success

Over 4.5 million first-generation students were enrolled in postsecondary institutions in the United States (1998-2008).

Five factors to help students succeed

1. Secondary-level programs for college preparedness and life-learning
2. Mentorships to help build student self-confidence and self-efficacy
3. Guaranteed financial support for the program length
4. Peer and academic support
5. Smaller class sizes.

In a longitudinal study conducted by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) from 1992 through 2000, 43% of first-generation students enrolled in postsecondary institutions left college without obtaining a degree in the United States. (2008)

First-generation students were nearly four times more likely to leave higher education institutions without a degree when compared to their counterparts. (2008)

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3 categories of resources essential to student success

Institutional Factors
- Library spending positively impacts student graduation rates
- Reduce class sizes to improve retention rates
- Create bridge programs to link secondary education to college attainment
- Sponsor academic success workshops for entry-level students

Student Attributes
- Involvement and engagement
- Individual attributes and soft skills for success
- Participate in bridge programs that link higher education to secondary education

Financial Considerations
- Resources to pay for college
- Students’ ability to secure finances will improve student success

Statistics on Enrollment

41% of college students leave higher education without obtaining their degree. Of these students, 75% leave within the first two years and freshman attrition rates are commonly as high as 20-30%. (2004-2007)

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