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Top Tier Focus

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Student Achievement

Top Tier Focus provides regular updates on progress toward our Top Tier goals. As our efforts continue, the next iteration of our strategic plan is under development, [Top Tier 2.0](#), which will continue to provide a framework to guide our efforts as we move into the future.

Our Student Achievement goal involves student success, which includes retention and graduation rates, but also includes other academic needs, services, and co-curricular learning experiences. As we evolve to [Top Tier 2.0](#), we will continue with our focus on undergraduate student success and expand to include graduate and professional student opportunities, as well as career development and progression as we work to graduate students who are career ready .

How are we doing?



**Freshman
Retention Rate**
2015 to present

**Increased from
74.1% to 77.4%**
2025 Goal: 81%



**6-Year
Graduation Rate**
2015 to present

**Increased from
40.5% to 47.1%**
2025 Goal: 50%

Retention and graduation rates help us show our accountability to our students, demonstrating our students' path towards progression of their degree objectives and their ultimate achievement of these objectives.

Retention and graduation rates are important as we need to keep students here and engaged until they graduate. While higher education continues to be negatively impacted by the pandemic, we have remained diligent with our efforts. Our six-year graduation rate increased by 2.8% to a record high of 47.1% as we close in on our 2025 goal. Our efforts continue, especially as we plan to advance our [goals through 2030](#).

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Our work is critical as we educate students that are prepared for success in their personal, civic, and professional lives.

*retention data to present reflects the fall 2020 cohort returning fall 2021

**graduation data to present reflects the fall 2015 cohort 6-year graduation rate by spring 2021

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