

# **Looking Beyond the Federal Graduation Rate: The VSA Undergraduate Success & Progress Rate**

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- ☑ Brief review of the Success & Progress Rate
- ☑ Q&A with our panelists
  - Linda Bennett, President, University of Southern Indiana
  - Stephen Jordan, President, Metropolitan State University in Denver
- ☑ Tools for promoting your S&P Rates

# Overview

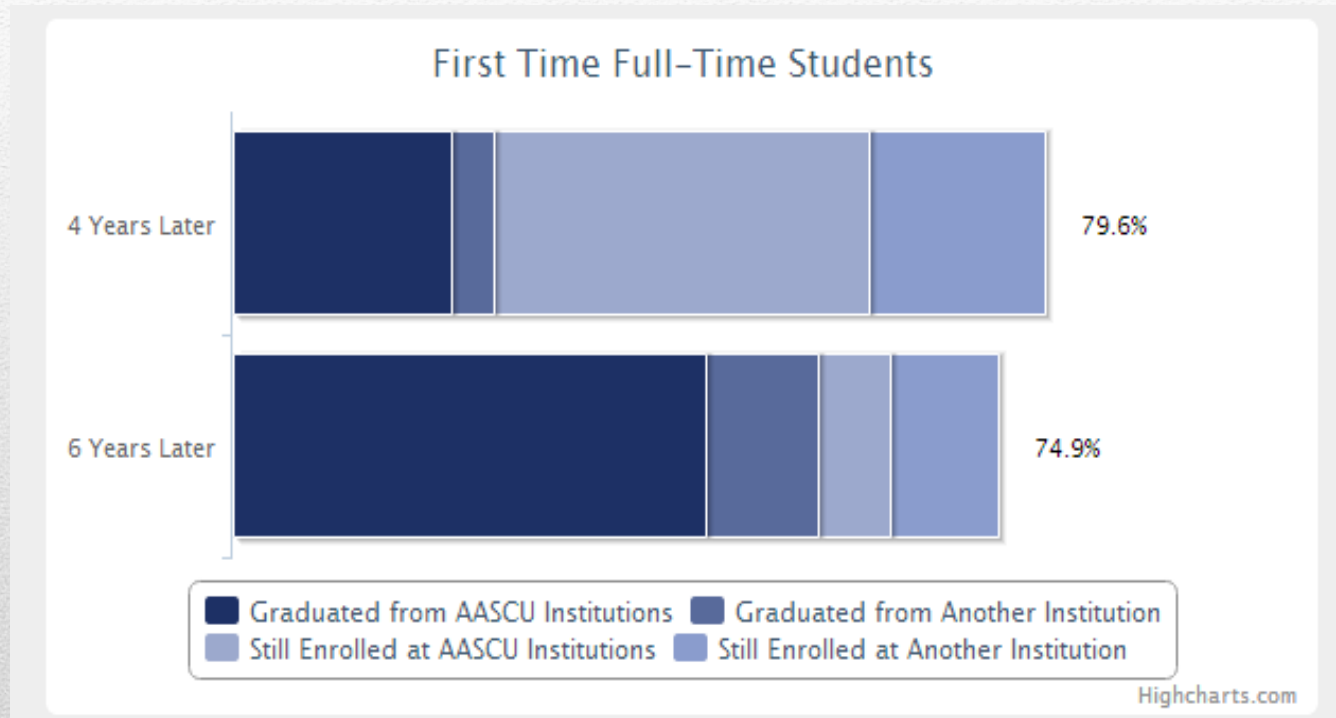
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- ☑ Alternative to the federal graduation rate
- ☑ Addresses limitations of federal grad rate:
  - Includes more students: first-time full-time and full-time transfer-in cohorts
  - Provides more outcomes: graduated from original institution or another institution, and still enrolled at original institution or another institution

## VSA Success & Progress Rate

- ☑ Outcomes are reported at both 4-years and 6-years after initial enrollment



## VSA Success & Progress Rate



☑ Starting last year, institutions can create S&P Rates for additional cohorts

- Veterans
- Low-income / Pell eligible students
- First generation students

☑ Each rate is published on it's own page, can be linked to directly

## VSA Success & Progress Rate

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# Panelists



- ☑ Create S&P Rates for custom cohorts and link from institutional website, e.g., Veteran's Services, TRIO programs, Financial Aid, etc.
- ☑ Create a handout to share with media, governing board members, etc.
  - Template available from College Portrait Admin Site
- ☑ Sign up for the Student Achievement Measure (SAM) Project

## Promoting Your Success & Progress Rate

# What is SAM?

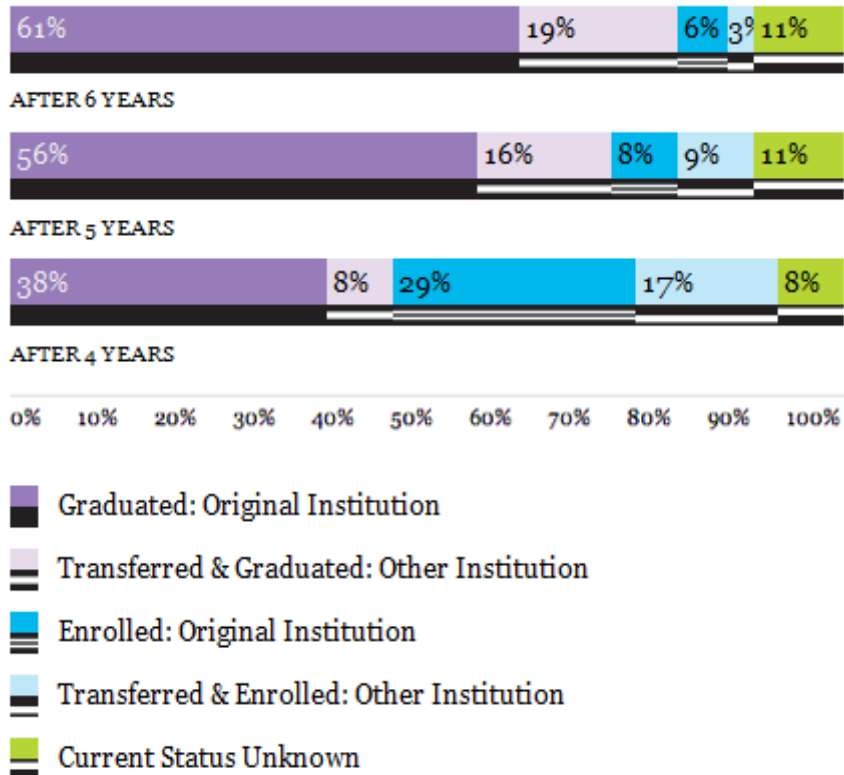
- Voluntary alternative to federal graduation rate, provides more realistic picture of student outcomes
- Cross-sector effort sponsored by six DC higher education associations - open to private and public colleges, universities and community colleges
- Two models: 1) bachelor's model based on S&P rate, 2) associate/certificate model based on VFA progress and outcomes measure
- Another opportunity for VSA participants to display a more comprehensive outcomes measure!



# Bachelor's Model

## (based on VSA Success & Progress Rate)

### SAM Institution Example: Students Seeking a Bachelor's Degree



### Two Cohorts

- First-time, full-time bachelor's degree seeking students (IPEDS, SRK definition)
- Full-time, transfer-in students, first time at institution

### Three Time Periods

- After 4 years, 5 years, 6 years

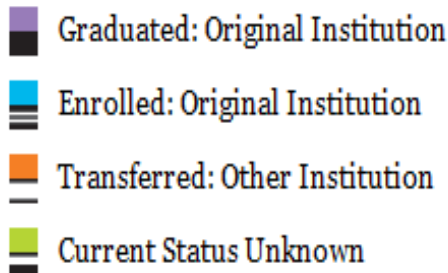
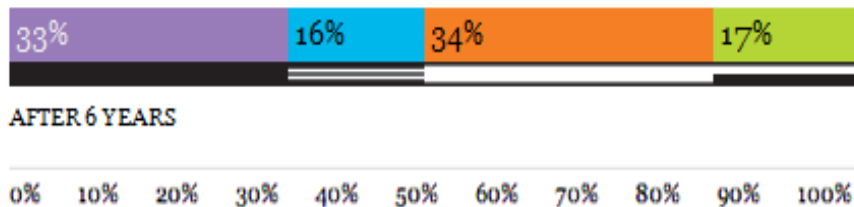
### Five Outcomes

- Graduated: Original
- Transferred & Graduated: Other
- Enrolled: Original
- Transferred & Enrolled: Other
- Unknown

# Associate/Certificate Model

## (based on VFA Progress & Outcomes Measure)

**SAM Institution Example: Students Seeking an Associate's Degree or Certificate**



### Two Cohorts:

- Full-time degree or certificate seeking students, first-time at institution
- Part-time degree or certificate seeking students, first-time at institution

### One Time Period

- After 6 years

### Four Outcomes

- Graduated: Original
- Enrolled: Original
- Transferred: Other
- Unknown



- ☑ VSA S&PR and SAM Bachelor's degree methodology identical
- ☑ VSA Participants can push data from S&PR directly to SAM
- ☑ Validation and publishing for College Portrait and SAM are independent
- ☑ VSA Participants will be sent instructions in October to prepare for SAM integration
- ☑ Sign up for SAM open now!

## VSA Linkages to SAM

# QUESTIONS?

Type your questions into the Q&A box provided in GoToWebinar.



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**Thank you!**

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  - College Portraits: At A Glance – October 22
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  - The AAC&U VALUE Rubrics
  - The 2013-14 College Portrait

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