

HARPER COLLEGE PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP



PROGRAM IMPACT REPORT: FALL 2016

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Harper College launched its Promise Scholarship program last year to great fanfare. Every eligible public high school student in Harper's district who meets certain criteria can earn up to two years of free tuition at Harper. Promise has the potential to change the lives of motivated students and strengthen our community, and we are eternally grateful for your generous support in helping to carry out our mission. As a stakeholder in the Promise Scholarship program, we want to keep you updated on the progress of the program and the students, businesses, and donors involved. We hope you find this Promise update informative. If you have any questions, please contact Michelé Smith, Associate Provost at 847.925.6391 or hpromise@harpercollege.edu

Thank you for your support and investment in the Harper College Promise Scholarship program.

Kenneth L. Ender, Ph.D.
President, Harper College



HARPER COLLEGE PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM PHILANTHROPIC PARTNERSHIPS

Thanks to the generosity of donors, more than \$3.4 million has been donated to the Harper College Promise Scholarship Program. These investments, along with a \$5 million match from Harper College, means that \$8.4 million has been raised for Promise students. The Harper College Educational Foundation Board of Directors committed to raising at least \$10 million for the program by the fall of 2019.

We wish to welcome the **Pepper Family Foundation** as the newest investor to the Promise program.

We are so appreciative of the generosity and support of all of our donors—community leaders, board members, volunteers, family foundations and employees. A list of Promise Program donors can be found on the Harper College website at harpercollege.edu/promise

HARPER COLLEGE PROMISE BUSINESS PARTNERS

One of Harper College's key goals is to develop a pipeline of talent for our area businesses. Promise was created with this in mind. We listened to our business community and added criteria that promote life skills and habits so students succeed in college and in the workplace. Promise students will become talented, smart and motivated employees. This is the talent pipeline of the future.

We need business partners to explain to Promise students why these skills are important. We also need business partners to provide insights into jobs that these students may not be familiar with. Finally, we need business partners to provide experiences for Promise students such as mock interviewing and job shadowing.

We need your help! Join our growing list of more than 70 Promise business partners. **Visit harpercollege.edu/promise and click on Business Partners to become a Promise Business Partner.**



HARPER COLLEGE PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP SCHOLAR UPDATES

A Promise student must have solid grades (“C” average or better), good attendance, not repeat classes, provide service to the community and graduate on time. If any of these criteria are not met at the end of any year during high school, students will no longer be eligible for the program.

Our first class of future Promise Scholars are now high school sophomores, and we are currently signing up the new freshman class. Here is the progress on the first class:

- More than 4,600 high school freshmen signed up for the Harper Promise program last year;
- Of those students, about 2,500 (or approximately 55 percent) met all Promise criteria and remain eligible.
- High School District 211 reports Promise students have a higher attendance rate than non-Promise students;
- The most common reason students are no longer eligible for the program is for not meeting the community service requirement (five hours during the spring semester). Read more about the criteria at harpercollege.edu/promise.

HARPER COLLEGE PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM—CLASS OF 2019—STATUS AS OF AUGUST 29, 2016

STUDENTS ENROLLING IN PROMISE, FALL 2015

In fall 2015, public high school freshmen students (Class of 2019) were given the opportunity to sign up for the Harper Promise Scholarship Program. Of the initial 7,088 students eligible to sign up for the program, 65 percent (approximately 4,600) enrolled.

STUDENTS CONTINUING IN PROMISE, FALL 2016

Beginning with the second semester of their freshman year, Promise scholars were tracked on the criteria of attendance, rigor/quality, persistence and community service. Approximately 55 percent met all criteria during their freshman year. Tracking of student eligibility will continue through high school and upon enrollment at Harper College.

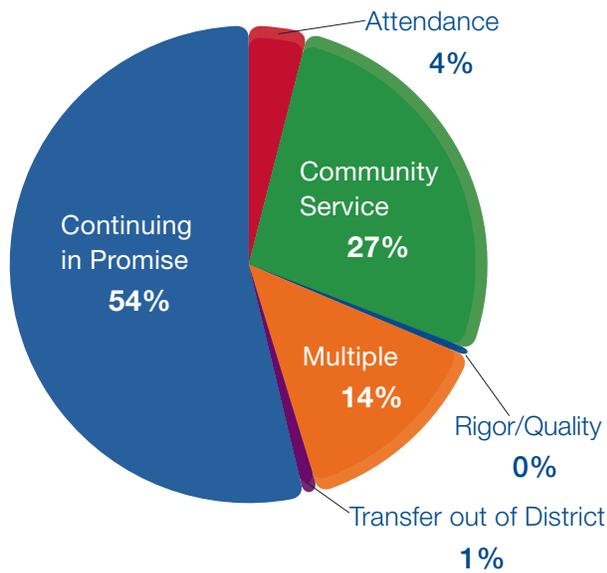


CONTINUING IN PROMISE OR REASON FOR LEAVING PROMISE

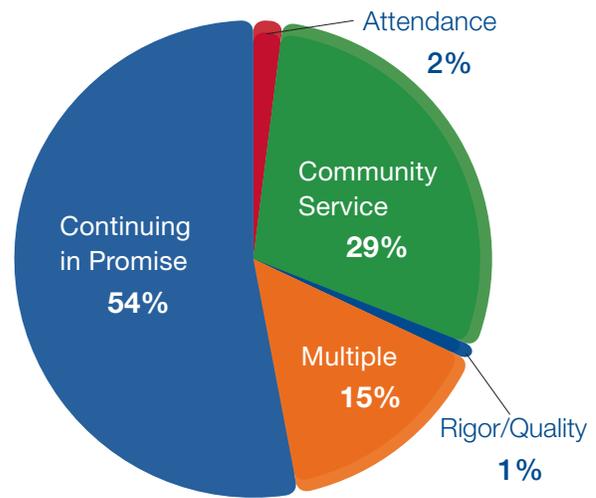
The charts below provide additional detail regarding the status of students in the Class of 2019 as of the beginning of their sophomore year. The majority of students are continuing in the Promise Program. Harper's high school partners in Districts 211, 214 and 220 are reporting improved attendance from past

years. The most common reason students are no longer eligible for the program is for not meeting the community service requirement (five hours during the spring semester). We will continue to work closely with our high schools to increase the number of students advancing in the program.

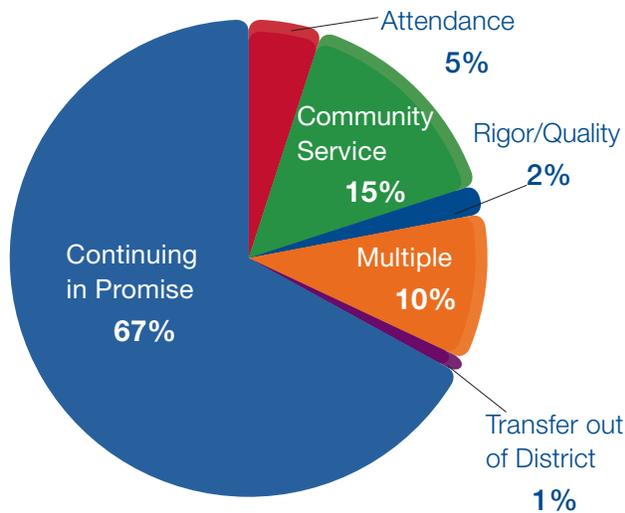
D211



D214



D220



* 100 % of students from **D155** remained in the program.

TO LEARN MORE

For more information about the Promise Scholarship Program and how to get involved as a donor or Business Partner, please visit harpercollege.edu/promise or email hpromise@harpercollege.edu

Note: Due to small numbers of students who are leaving Promise due to persistence, that category has been excluded from the figures above.

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