

# Harper Launch

*“Bridge” Program to  
Support Student Success*



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# Importance of “Bridge” Programs

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## National Research

Incorporated evidenced-based practices: Early **goal setting, sense of belonging** and **community** (Tinto), higher touch support in **navigating** college processes and resources.

Leveraged **multiple measures** and improved math and English developmental education sequences; early exposure to the **case-management advising model** for on-going support.

Barnett, E. A., Bork, R. H., Mayer, A. K., Pretlow, J., Wathington, H. D., & Weiss, M. J. (2012). New York: National Center for Postsecondary Education.

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## Theoretical Foundations

Bridge programs support the holistic development of first generation students – utilizing student development theories for improving persistence and fostering the **development of dedication, grit, curiosity, community, and integrity.**

Grace-Odeleye, Berverlyn and Santiago, Jessica (2019) "A review of some diverse models of summer bridge programs for first-generation and at-risk college students," *Administrative Issues Journal*: Vol. 9 : Iss. 1 , Article 4.

# Launch Program Elements



**CUSTOMIZED  
FIRST YEAR SEMINAR**



**FINANCIAL  
INCENTIVES**



**EMBEDDED  
ACADEMIC ADVISING**

# Incentivizing Success and Identifying Goals

## Why join Harper Launch?

Whether you are the first in your family to attend college, have financial concerns, or have struggled in school in the past, the Harper Launch program will help you feel confident as your semester gets underway.

- Get to know Harper College through online sessions with your instructors.
- Learn about the resources and services that successful college students use.
- Fine-tune your study habits and build your academic skills.
- Connect virtually with Harper staff and faculty members who are ready to support you.

## Completing Harper Launch has big advantages.

- Earn three college credits toward your degree.
- Earn a \$600 grant toward tuition upon enrollment in six or more credit hours in fall semester.
- Receive a Chromebook at the start of summer 2021 semester.





# Harper Launch Program



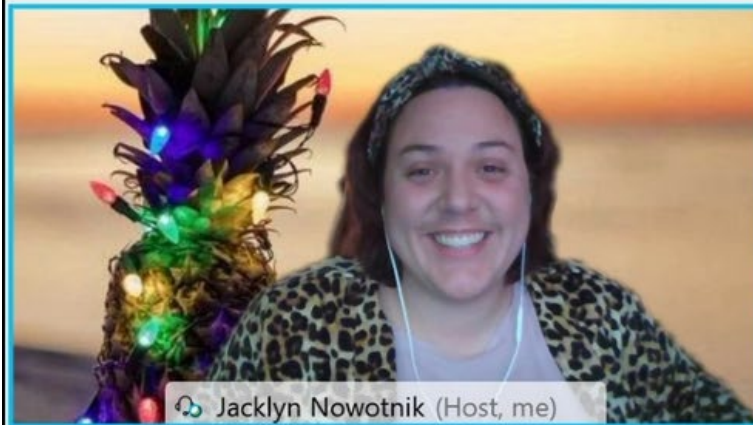
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Harper Launch is a fully online, instructor-led program designed to help you have a strong start to college.

- Now accepting application forms for Session II of Harper Launch.
- Session II runs Tuesday, July 6 through Friday, August 6.
- For priority status, apply by Monday, June 21.

# Launch Participants Summer 2020 and Spring 2021



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Participants

Hispanic or Latino:	76%
Black or African American:	11%
White:	11%
Asian:	2%

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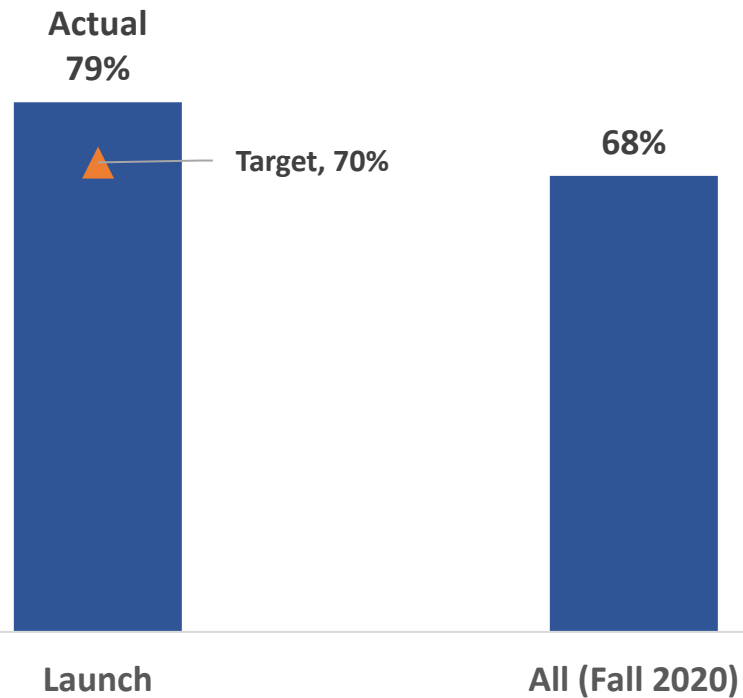
First Generation:	89%
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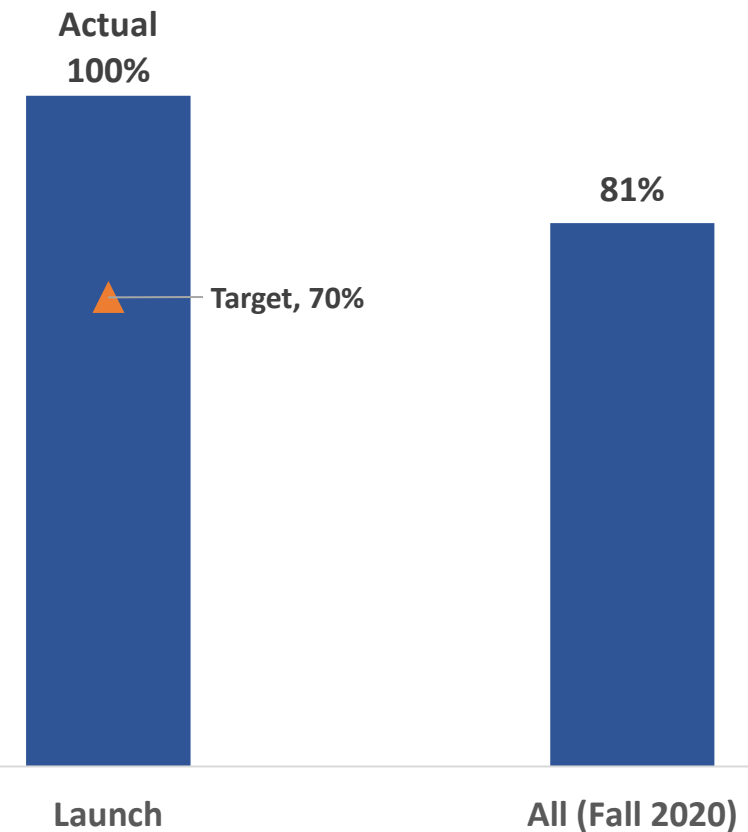
Pell Eligible:	61%
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# Outcomes

## Success in FYS 101



## Developmental Compliance





## Goal

Increased sense of community & belonging for underrepresented and marginalized student populations.

## Result

**75% Agreed**

“As a result of Launch, I feel like I am part of the Harper Community and have a sense of belonging.”

“ I really learned a lot of great information, learned about myself and feel better prepared starting my education. This class was awesome, and I highly recommend it to any student as well! I liked the organization of the program it made me challenge myself and think about my plan in college and how to explore my options.

– Launch Participant



# Harper Launch

## *Future Focus*



**Summer 2021:** 100 Students

### **Formalize Launch Partnerships**

- PASO – Parent/Family Events
- One Million Degrees
- Student Success Goal Team – Advising Proposal
- Start Smart

# Questions?

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