#### PathwayOregon: Successes and Opportunities

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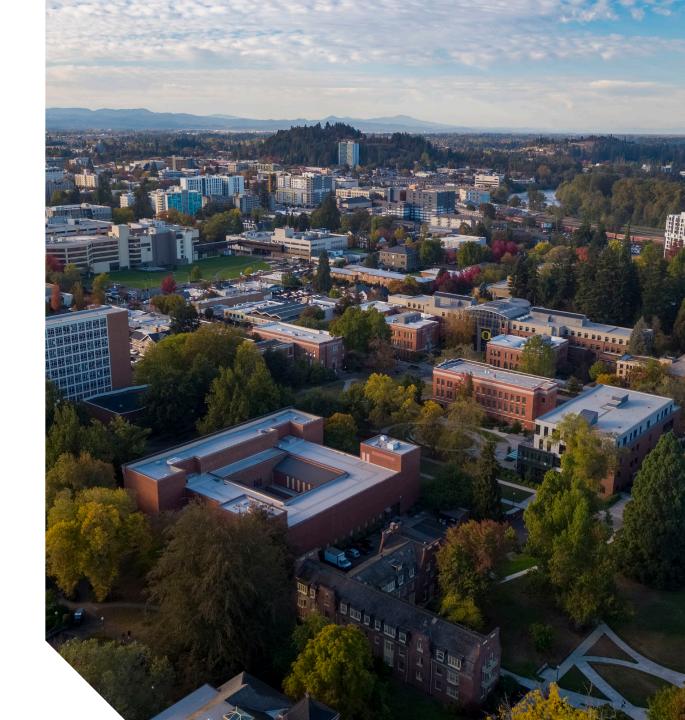
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## PathwayOregon Promise

PathwayOregon is the University of
Oregon's promise of full tuition and fees,
and comprehensive academic and
personal support for qualifying
Oregonians.





### PathwayOregon History



#### **Program History**

- ☐ First cohort in 2008
- ☐ Goals of the program:
  - Increase access to higher education
  - Eliminate gaps in persistence and graduation for students from lower-income backgrounds
  - Decrease student indebtedness

#### **Students Served**

2,219
Active Students

~10%
Of current undergraduates

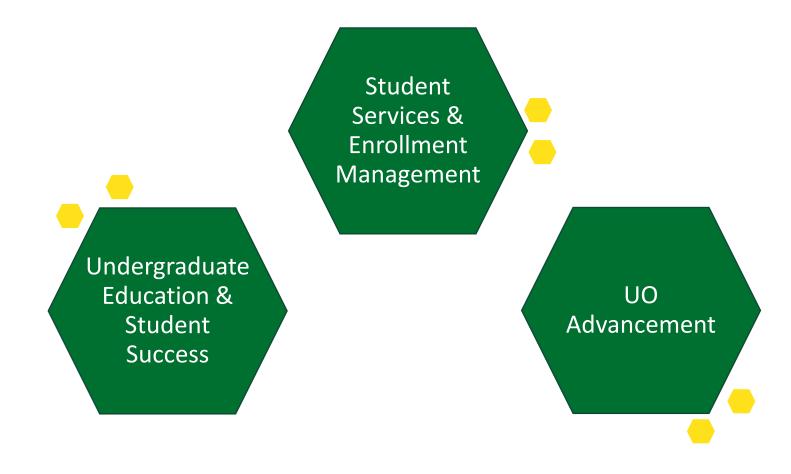
~25%
Of incoming resident students

# Collaboration & Program Support





#### **Cross-divisional Collaboration**



#### PathwayOregon Program Support (UESS)

- ☐4-year degree milestones
- ☐ Proactive, comprehensive advising
- ☐ Career readiness program
- ☐ Targeted financial support





#### **Retention and Graduation Rates**

- **Before PathwayOregon:** The 4-year graduation rate for lower-income Oregon residents was 31%.
- **Now:** That same student group has second year retention and 4-year graduation rates on par with other Oregon resident students.
  - 87% of PathwayOregon students return for second year, the exact same rate as for non-PathwayOregon resident students.
  - 57% of PathwayOregon students graduate in four years, compared to 62% of non-PathwayOregon resident students.\*

<sup>\*</sup>preliminary data

#### Gaps and Opportunities





#### **Students Not Served**

- 862 Pell-eligible resident admits from high school
- 846 Pell-eligible resident transfer admits

- ☐ Pell-eligible residents not covered by PathwayOregon
  - Average 2nd year retention: 70%
  - Average 4-year graduation rate: 33%

#### **Needs/Gaps for PathwayOregon Recipients**

- ☐ Increased non-tuition costs
- ☐ Degree purpose and relevance
- ☐ Average out-of-pocket cost for family with income of \$0-\$30,000:

\$15,038
University of Oregon

\$7,087
Michigan State

\$3,964
UW-Madison

<sup>\*</sup> Cost data from US News & World Report and Dept. of Education College Scorecard

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