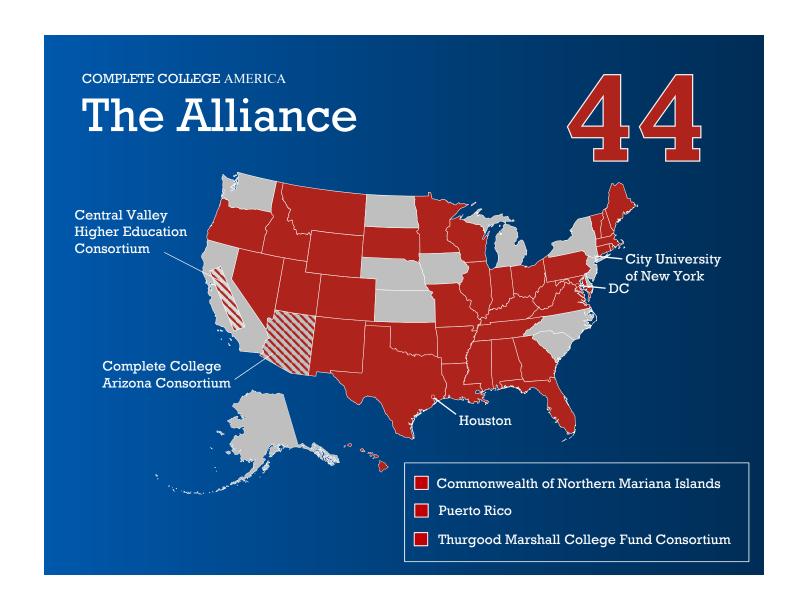


# A BETTER DEAL FOR RETURNING ADULTS

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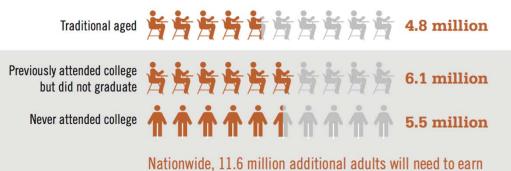
Complete College America





# NEEDED: 11.6 million successful adult students

To meet the goal of 60 percent postsecondary attainment, the following students are needed:



a degree or credential, compared to 4.8 million traditionalaged students, to meet the attainment goal.

Source: https://www.luminafoundation.org/resources/lumina-foundation-strategic-plan-for-2017-to-2020



#### **TODAY'S STUDENTS**

58%

Work while Enrolled

47%

Support Themselves

38%

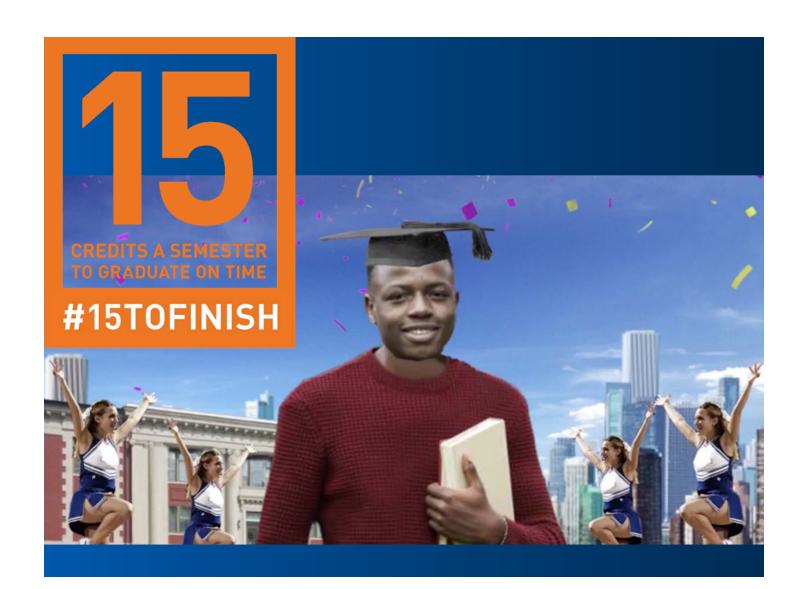
Older than 25

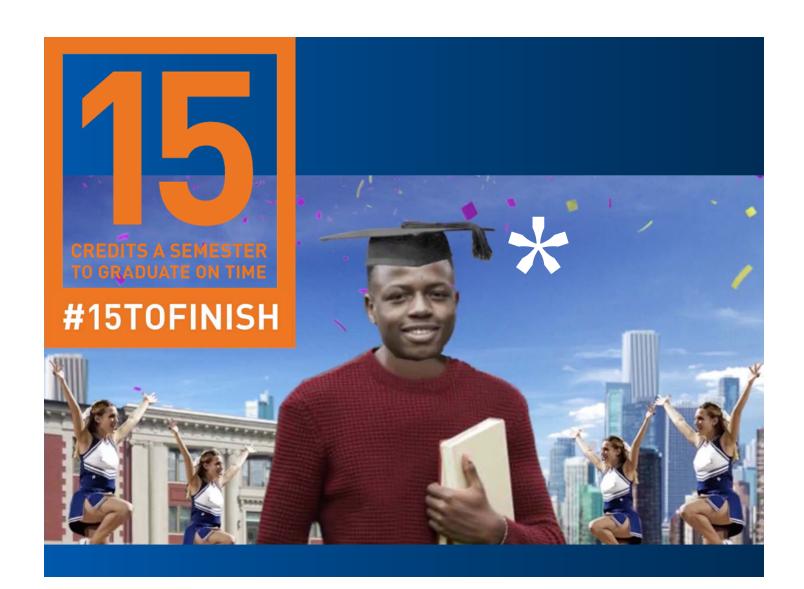
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Raising Children

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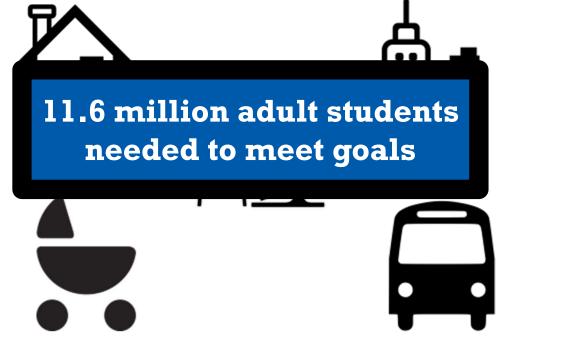
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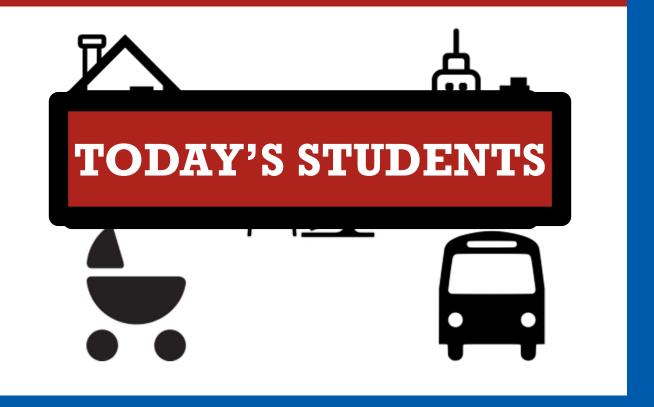












# How do we serve adult students?





# Part-time study

works for you

GO SU part time!

# Part-time study

works for you



# **Expectations**

- Quiz: what percentage of part-time students in their 2<sup>nd</sup> college term say they expect to earn an associate degree 1-2 years from entry?
  - -10%
  - -19%
  - -33%
  - -47%

# Unrealistic Expectations

47%

Always part-time students in their 2nd term that expect to earn their associate degree 1-2 after they started college.

38% still think that in their 3<sup>rd</sup> term.

The Center for Community College Student Engagement: Even One Semester: Full-Time Enrollment and Stu-dent Success(Center, 2017).

## Cost

- Quiz: What is the cost difference between a 2-year associate degree and a 6-year associate degree?
  - -\$6,700
  - -\$37,000
  - -\$82,000
  - -\$560,000

# The High Cost of Time

nerdwallet	One extra year, public	One extra year, private	Two extra years, public	Two extra years, private
Tuition and Loans	\$18,598	\$26,815	\$37,456	\$53,760
Opportunity Costs	\$128,429	\$128,429	\$245,253	\$245,253
Total Cost for Delayed Graduation	\$147,026	\$155,244	\$282,691	\$298,995

https://www.nerdwallet.com/blog/loans/student-loans/victory-lap/

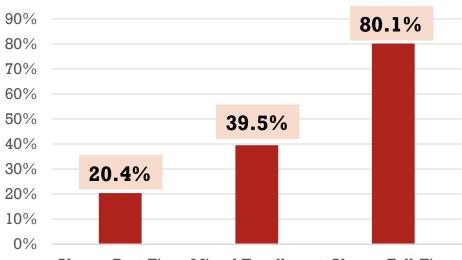
# Likelihood of Success

- Quiz: What percentage of always parttime students graduates after six years?
  - **-7%**
  - -20%
  - -34%
  - -55%

## Lower Likelihood of Success

# NATIONAL STUDENT CLEARINGHOUSE RESEARCH CENTER

#### 6-Year Graduation Rates



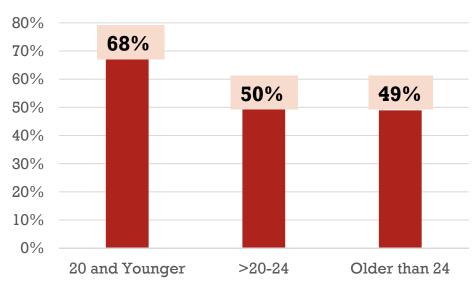
Always Part-Time Mixed Enrollment Always Full-Time

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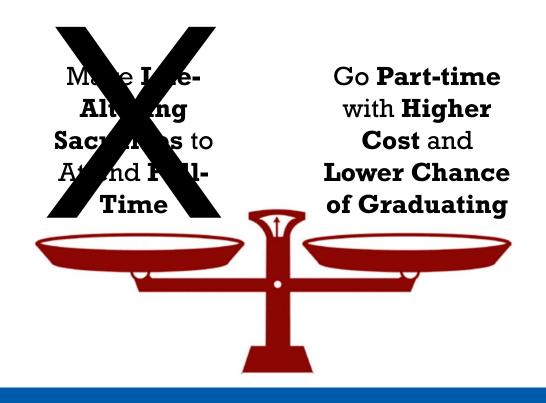


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# How do we serve adult students?

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#### Words of Wisdom from House of Cards...



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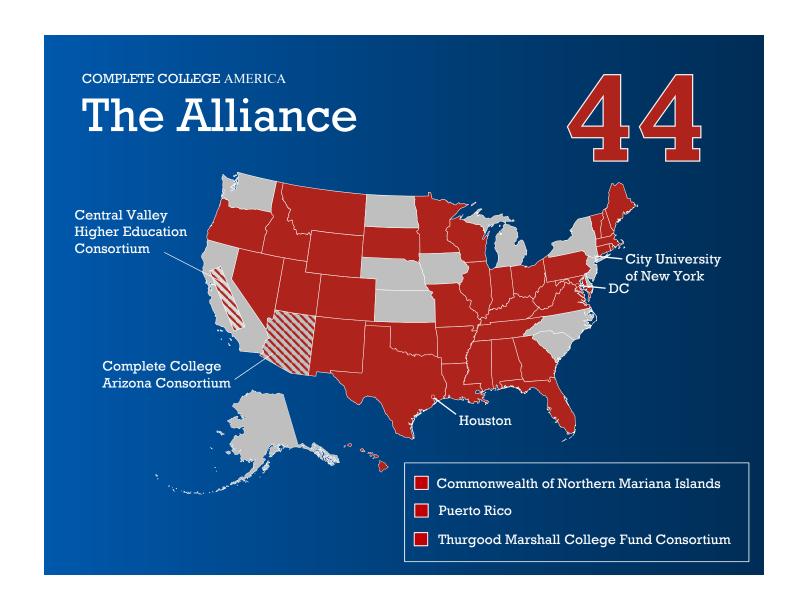
# The Adult Student's Opportunity







How can we serve adult students better?



# RETURNING ADULT CAMPAIGNS



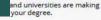


## THE CAMPAIGN



Indiana Results:
Over 13,000 former
students returned
within one year

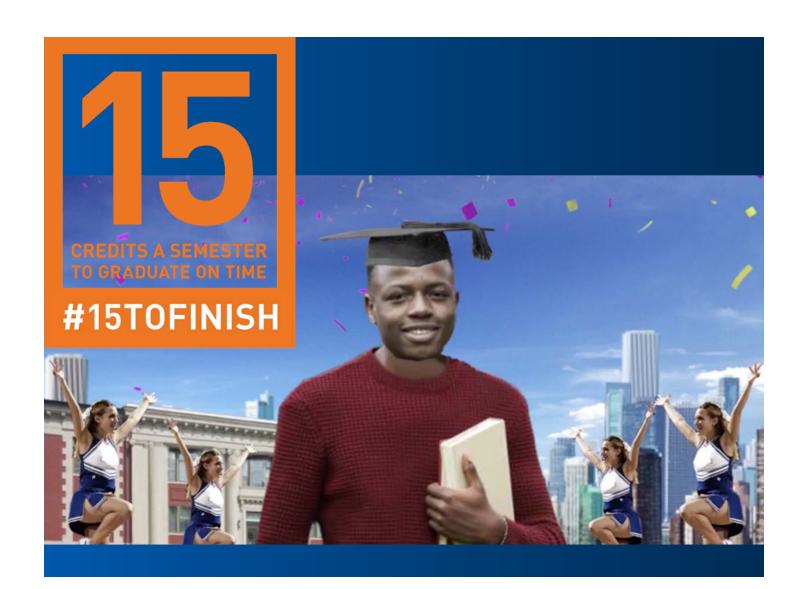






# WHAT AREYOU SELLING?

# STEP 1: Build Smarter Schedules



What's Really the Issue?

15

OR

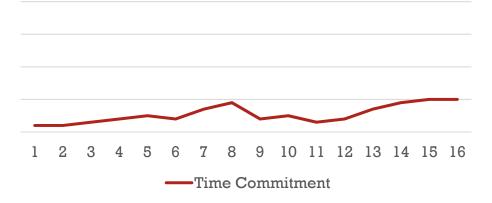
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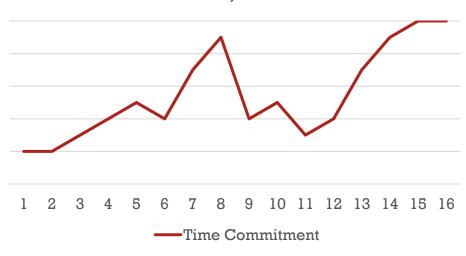
Professor Relationships
Sets of Deadlines to Remember
Strands of Content to Absorb
Mid-Terms and Final Exams

...while also keeping track of life

#### Time Commitment: 16 Week Semester; 1 course



Time Commitment: 16 Week Semester; 5 courses







What's Up With the 16-week Semester?

What's magic about the number 16?



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#### Solve for 5 instead of 15: Compressed Courses

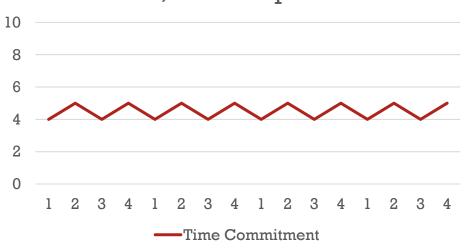
- Shorter Terms
- Fewer Courses per Term
- Year-Round Enrollment
- Consistent Time/Days on Campus

# 1 or 2

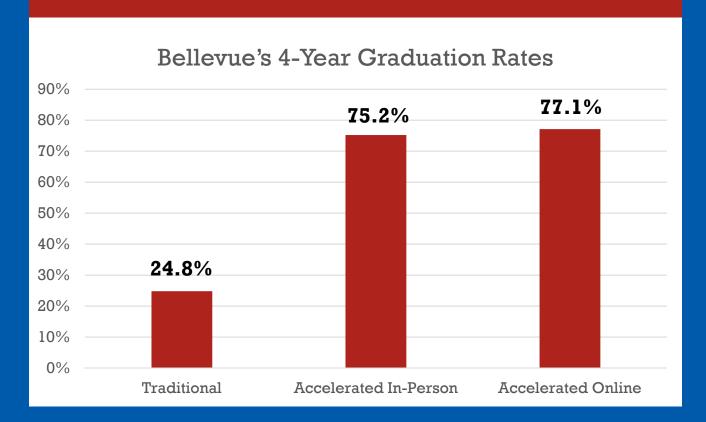
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## Time Commitment: 4-week terms, 1 course per term



#### Compressed Courses Get Big Results



# STEP 2: Honor What Students Already Know

#### **Prior Learning Assessment**

#### Exams

- CLEP
- DSST

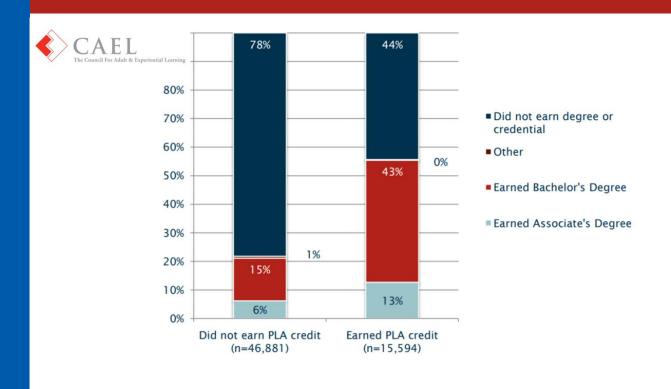
#### Portfolios

- Learning Counts
- Faculty-Driven

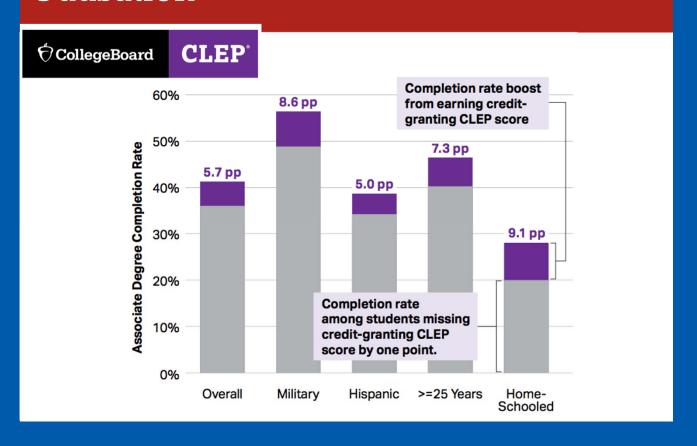
#### Certifications

- ACE
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#### Correlation



#### Causation



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#### If it works, bake it into the cake: Embedded Credit for Competency Process

- Required for all adult students
- Designed to maximize credits earned
- Credits transcripted promptly



3-Credit Course leads students through reflection and PLA process:

Up to 48 hours earned

24 hours earned on average

3 credits

# STEP 3: Provide a Coach

The longer it takes, the more likely that life gets in the way. The longer in the way.



#### Assign a coach to each adult student

- Single coach from start to finish
- Trained to build relationship & trust
- Equipped to intervene in institutional policy and practice
- Knowledge of external resources

#### InsideTrack's Coaching Results







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# STEP 4: Welcome Adults Back

#### THE CAMPAIGN







#### **Proactive Reengagement**

# Adults are welcomed back – with the promise of a Better Deal

Avenues to reach potential returning adult students include:

- Direct marketing
- Reverse Transfer efforts
- Employer partnerships

### DIGGING DEEPER

