

CRITICAL ISSUES FACING HIGHER EDUCATION

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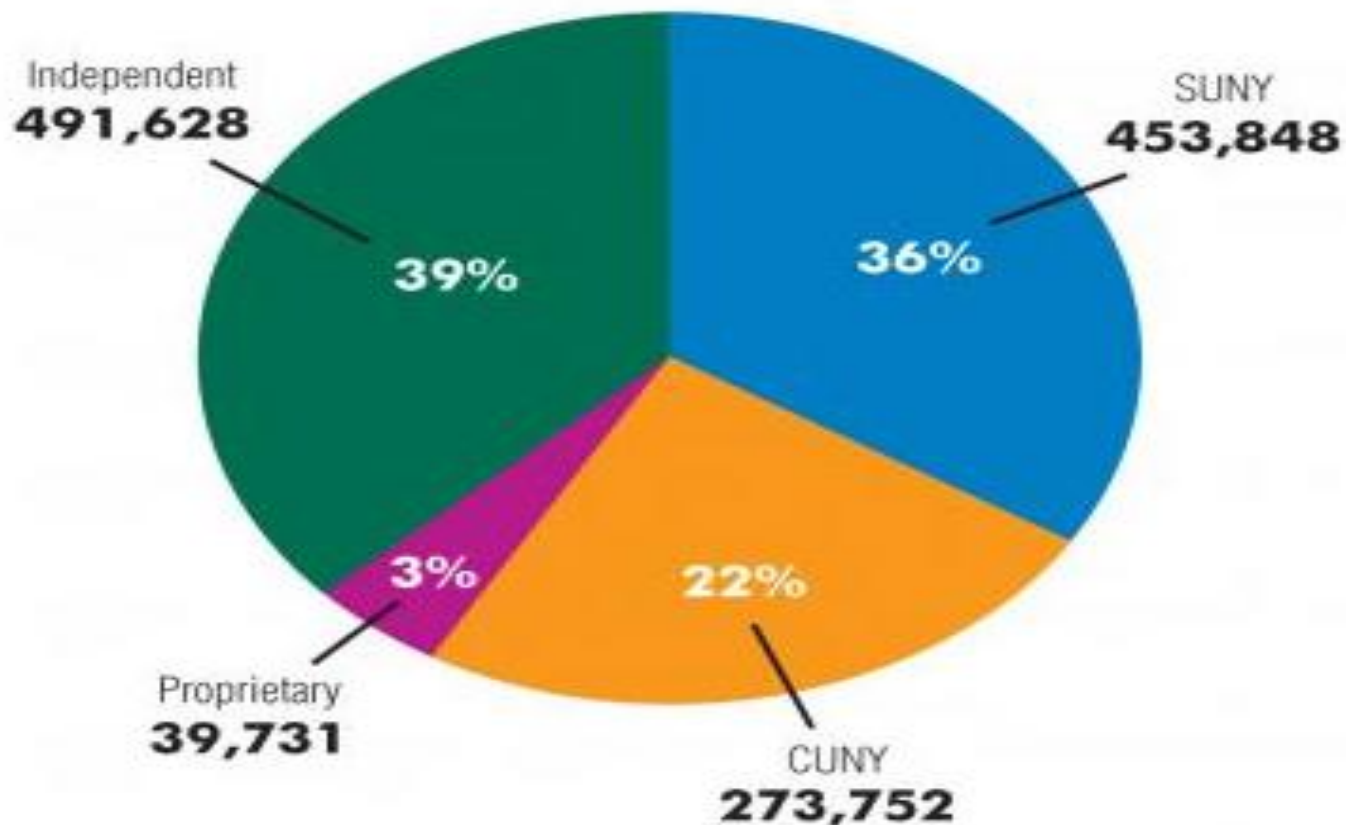
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New York Higher Education Landscape

- How many colleges are there in NY?
- How many SUNY institutions?
- How many CUNY institutions?
- How many private institutions?
- How many institutions are members of the WNY Consortium?

Where College Students Enroll in New York State



Prepared by: Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities (www.cicu.org)
Source: Degree Credit Enrollment, Fall 2015, New York State Education Department,
Office of Research and Information Services. Percentages may not sum due to rounding.
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Pipeline Leak

If you look at 100 9th graders in New York:

- 57 graduate from high school four years later.
- 41 immediately enter college.
- 31 are still in college their sophomore year.
- And of the original 100 students, only 19 receive an associate's degree in three years or a bachelor's degree in six years.

(National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education)

Who Are Our Students?

- High School graduates are declining in all but 18 states.
- By 2018 whites will be the minority of children under the age of 18 in America.
- Most students choose to attend college within 100 miles from home- but through 2019, the number of high school graduates will be flat or decrease in every region except the South.

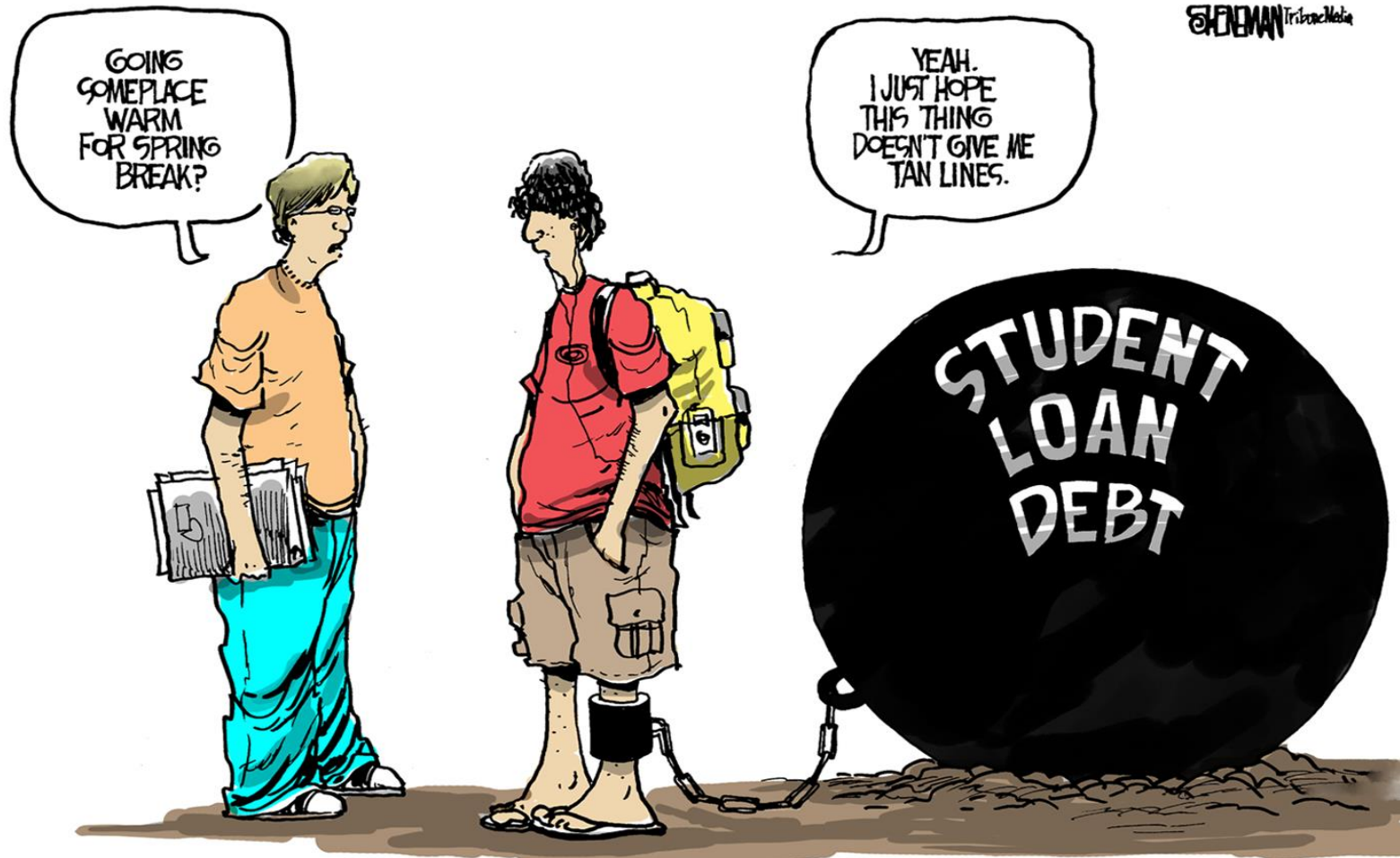
Critical Student Issues

- **Changing student demographics**
- **Student experiences today**
- **Student expectations today**

Critical Issues Facing Higher Education

Affordability and Related Student Debt

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"COLLEGE?! ARE YOU CRAZY?! WE CAN'T HARDLY AFFORD TO SEND YOU TO KINDERGARTEN!"

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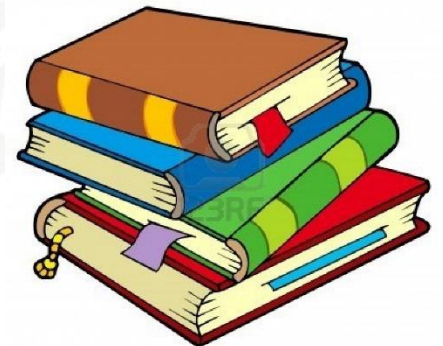
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Critical Issues Facing Higher Education

College Readiness and Preparation



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Persistence and Completion



President Obama's 2020 Strategic Vision and Goals

Goal

- 10 million more graduates from community colleges, four-year colleges and universities by 2020 (beyond 2+ million expected due to growth)

Goal

- Create and support opportunities for every American to complete one year or more of higher education or advanced training in his/her lifetime

Result

- “Best educated, most competitive workforce in the world”

Achieving the 2020 College Completion Goal

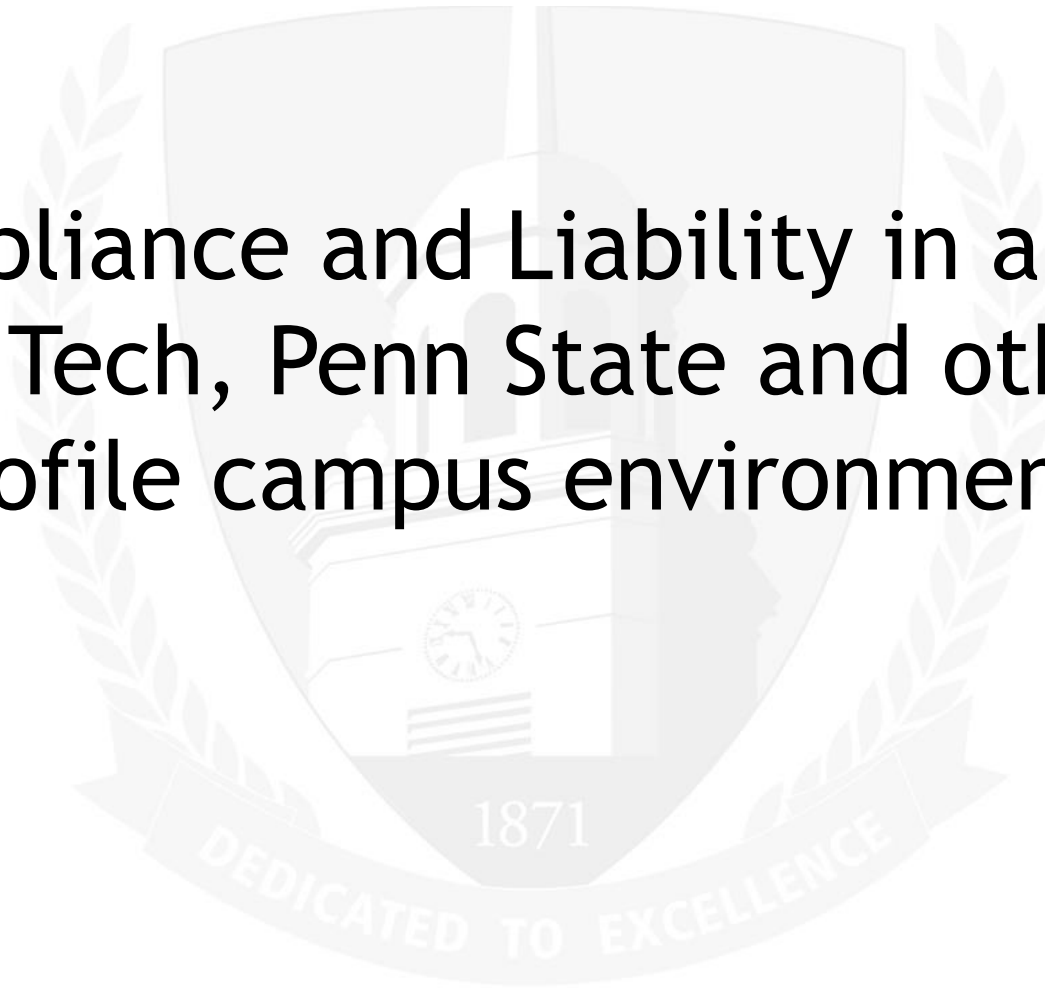
Increase the U.S. College Degree Attainment Rate from 40 to 60%

- **10 million** additional Americans ages 25-34 with an associate or baccalaureate degree (includes 8 million beyond projected growth).
- **3.7 million** more high school graduates will become college graduates.
- **6.3 million** adult learners will become college graduates.

Note: The **attainment rate** reflects the number of individuals in the population who have attained the degree or diploma. This differs from the **graduation/completion rate**, which measures the number of individuals within a cohort who graduate or complete their program within a certain amount of time.

Critical Issues Within The Public View

Compliance and Liability in a Post Virginia Tech, Penn State and other high profile campus environment!



Communicating Campus Responses

- How can campuses best communicate how they are responding to critical issues?
- Discussion of case studies

Additional Questions?



DINNER DISCUSSION

How is **your** campus addressing issues of

- Affordability
- Public Perception
- College Readiness
- Persistence and completion

Share what your campus is doing and what role you play in your current role on these issues.



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