# The First Year Success Program:

Smooth transitions for student success

**AACRAO Annual Conference 2009** 



### Why are we here?

"Co-curricular life has its potential maximum impact during the first year of college when students most need to make a campus connection..."

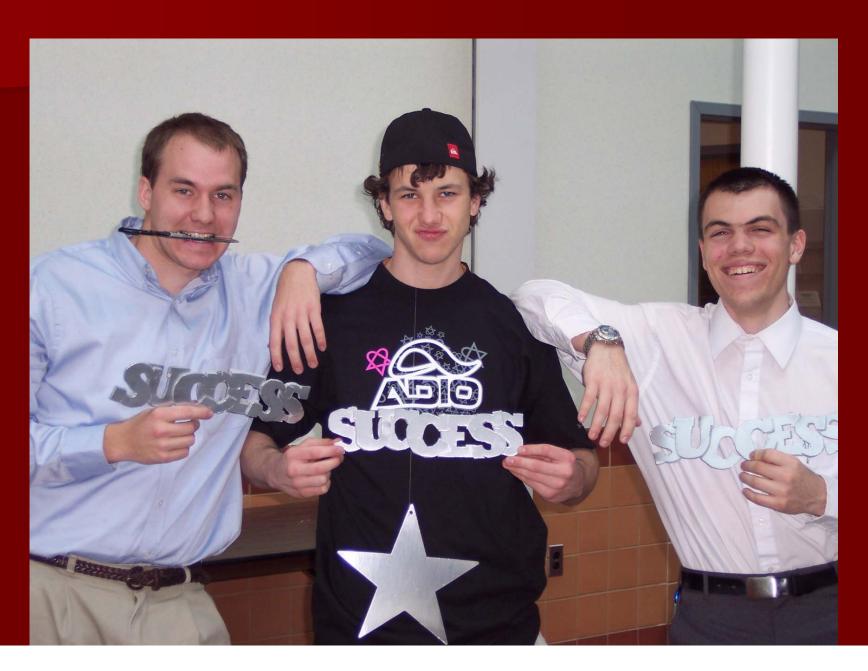
~Policy Center on the First Year of College



# In the beginning...



#### FYSP to the rescue!



# Factors that Predict Student Retention

Preparation

Involvement



Interaction

Commitment

### FYSP Goals

Satisfaction

Learning

Persistence



#### FYSP as a recruitment tool



## **FYSP Expectations**

Higher GPA

**Attendance** 



Studying

Participation

# Components of FYSP



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# Registration statistics



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# Why do students sign up?

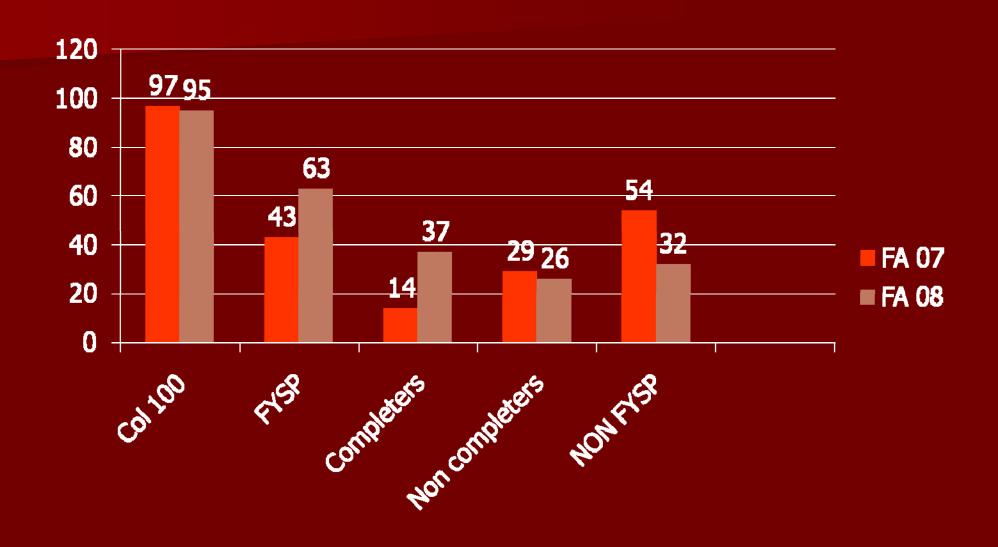


#### Results of the first two cohorts...

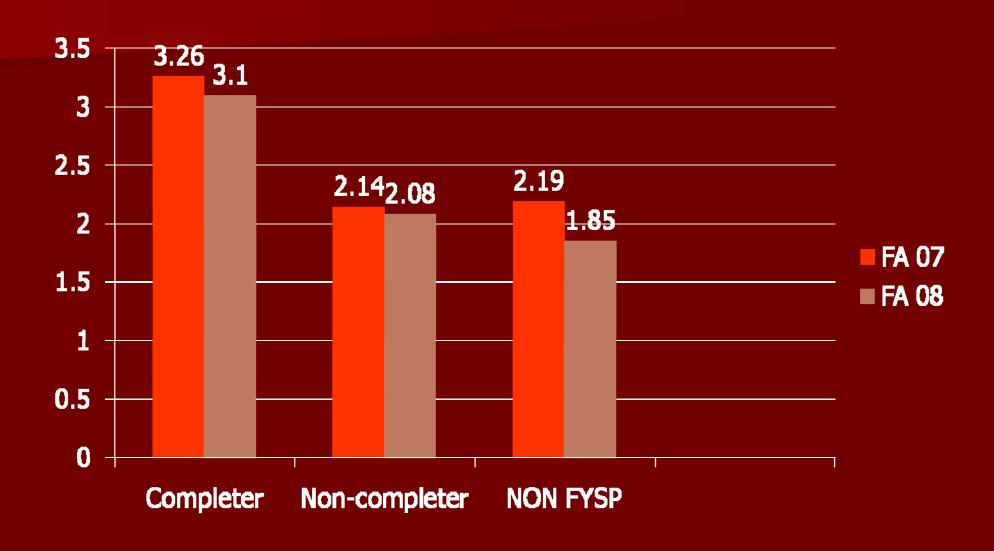
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#### **FYSP Participation & Completion**



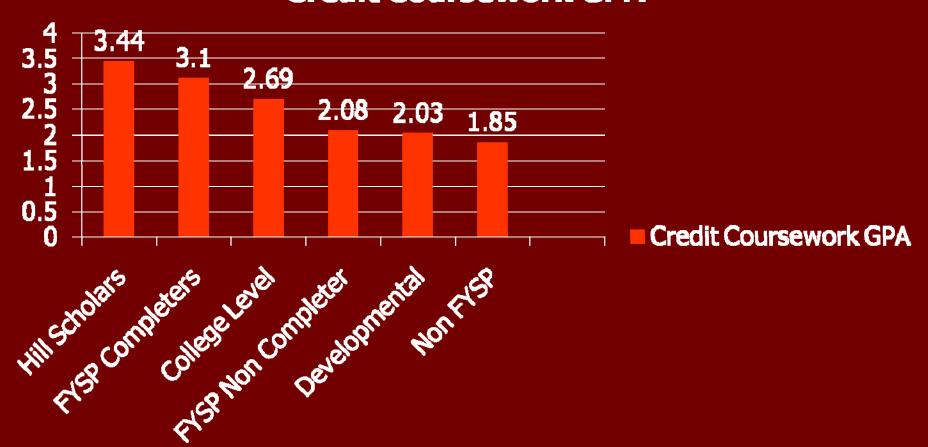
#### GPA – How did they do?



# Thought more about it....

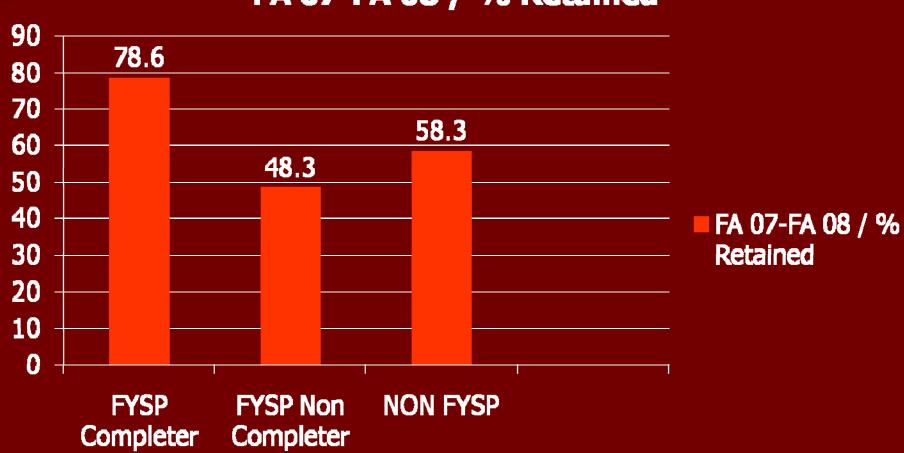
#### FYSP vs other FT-FT Students

#### **Credit Coursework GPA**



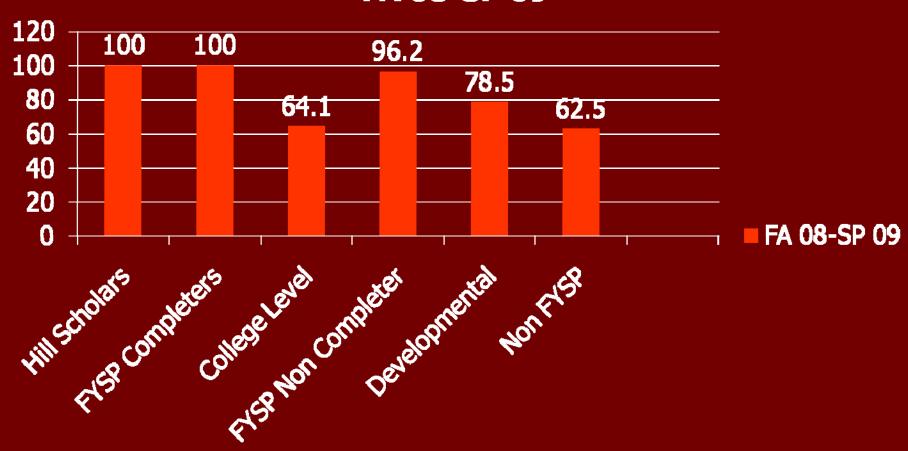
#### FA 07-FA08 Retention





#### Retention





# Student Learning Outcomes

- Through involvement in the First Year Success Program, 75% of FYSP participants will be able to:
- 1) set one SMART educational or career goal and communicate the steps needed to accomplish that goal.
- demonstrate personal connections made while participating in events or organizations on campus in a portfolio.

# Student Learning Outcomes (continued)

Through participation in high school presentations, Open House Programs, and via information presented in printed publications students will decide to participate in the First Year Success Program

#### FYSP Self- Assessment results



#### What have we learned?



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