

PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY



We're Oregon's largest university,  
but you would never know it.

## University Statistics

Urban institution with 25,000 students

Affiliation: Oregon University System

Number of academic programs: 120+

Clubs and organizations: 280+

Academic calendar: quarter system

Mission: grow to 35,000 by 2012

## Student Profile

76% of students are undergraduates

Average age of undergraduates: 25.5

45% men, 55% women

5% of students are international

82.7% of students are from Oregon

60% of new students arrive with 30+ credit hours

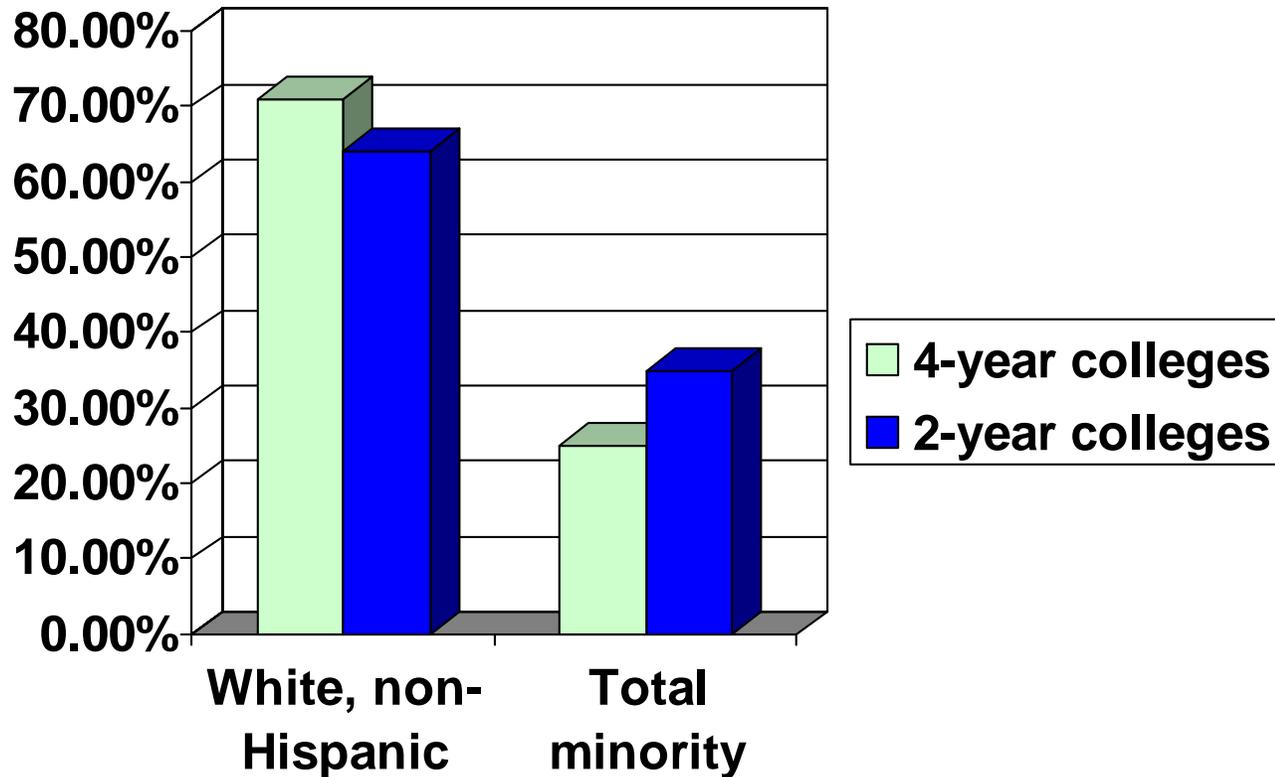
## Portland State's Transfer Population

- 89% of transfers are from 4 community colleges in the greater metropolitan area
- 17.8% are from ethnic groups that are underrepresented
- 70% are full-time students

# The Research Says...



Community colleges are home to a higher percentage of students of color than 4-year colleges

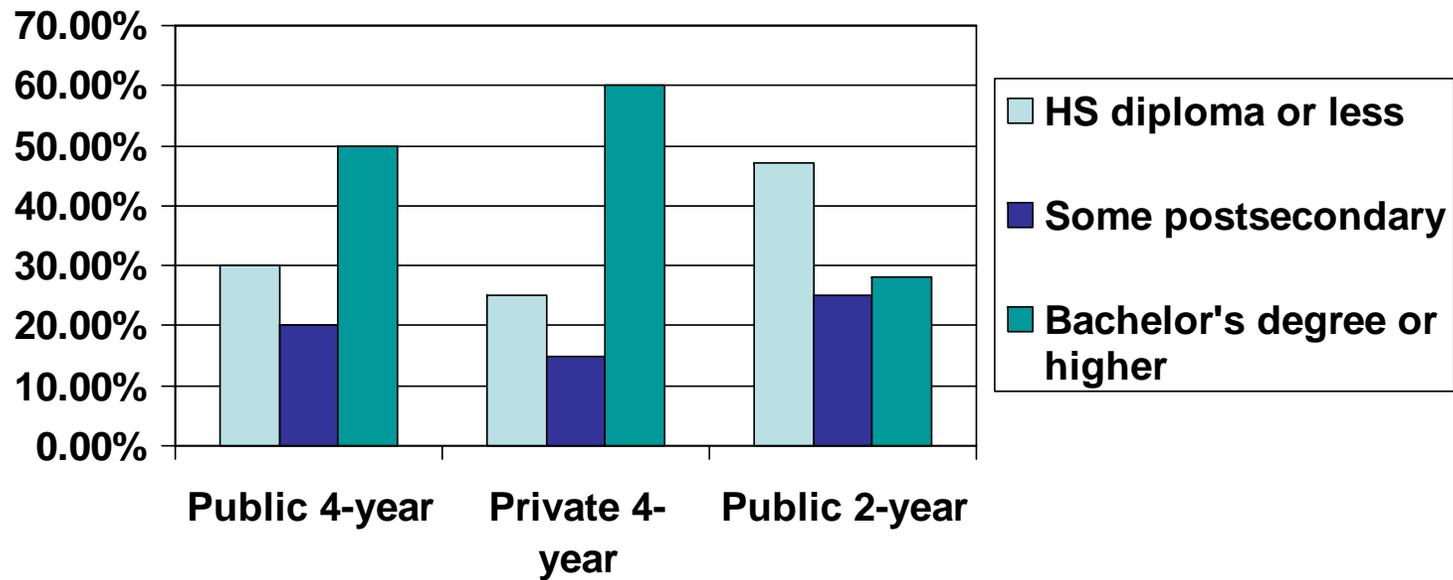


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More first generation students begin at a community college.

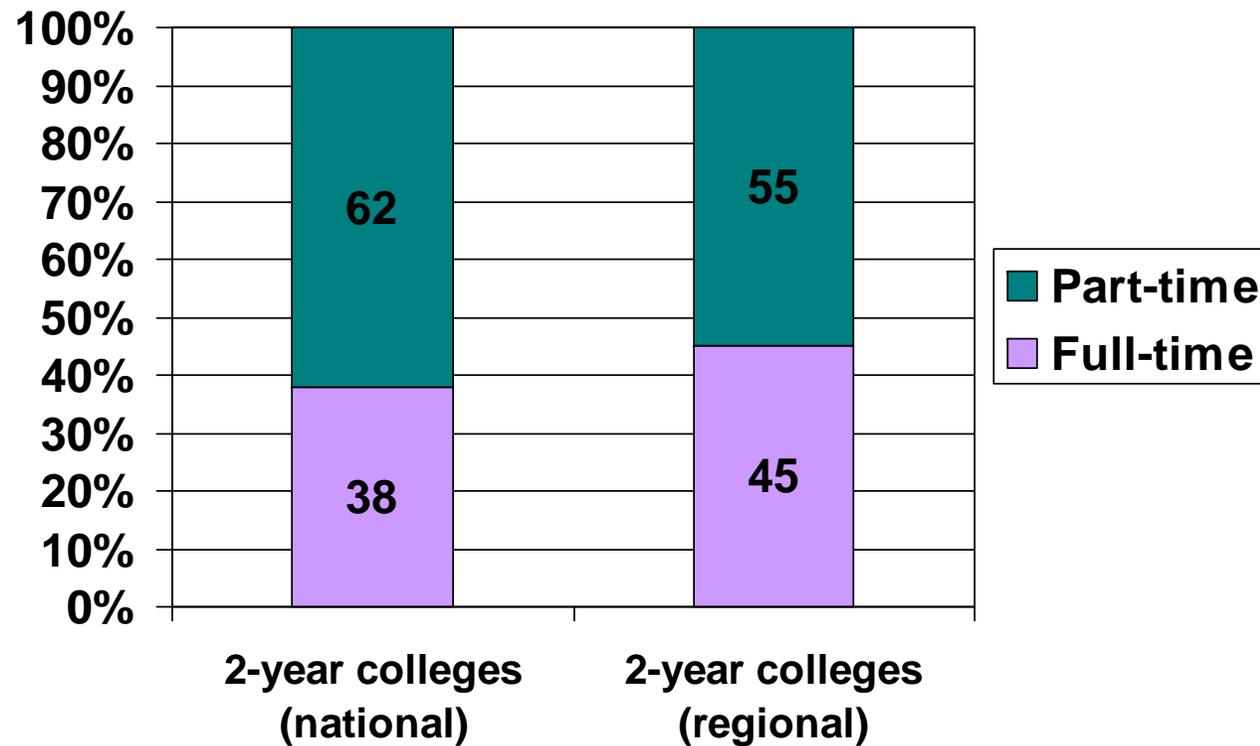
### Highest level of parent's education



# The Research Says...



More community college students attend part-time, nationally and regionally.



Note: National data is based on Fall 2001; Regional on Fall 2003.





## Transfer Adjustment Issues

- Culture shock
- Re-establishing support networks
- Cost of university education
- Fewer services for non-traditional students
- Less flexible course offerings
- New rules and policies
- Larger classes and more red tape





## Transfer Patterns

Mid-1990's research at Portland State found that:

Many "swirl" among the colleges and universities in the area (mid-1990's study found that nearly  $\frac{1}{2}$  of our students made 2 or more changes or switches between institutions, and 17% made four or more changes.

22% of these students started at PSU and then swirled elsewhere.

51% had a linear pattern





## Co-Admission Partnerships that Serve Swirling Students

Clackamas Community College, 1997  
Mt. Hood Community College, 1999  
Portland Community College, 2001  
Chemeketa Community College, 2003  
Clark College, 2006  
Clatsop Community College, 2006

Nearly 90% of PSU's transfer students come from 4 of these schools.

# Benefits of Co-Admission

- One application for full admission to the community college and Portland State.
- Full evaluation of transfer credits and access to electronic, self-serve degree audits
- Coordinated financial aid and scholarships (WUE)
- Access to Portland State academic advisors at the community college
- Shuttle is provided between PCC and PSU
- Access to the library, computer labs and most student services at both campuses
- CC's offer services such as placement testing and remediation not available at the University
- Increased opportunities for study abroad and internships
- May live in on-campus housing at Portland State
- Completion of PSU degrees at the CC campus





# Office of Community College Relations

Three full-time advisors and a graduate assistant

Provide four-year planning for students who begin at community college, including the understanding of general university requirements and requirements for the major.

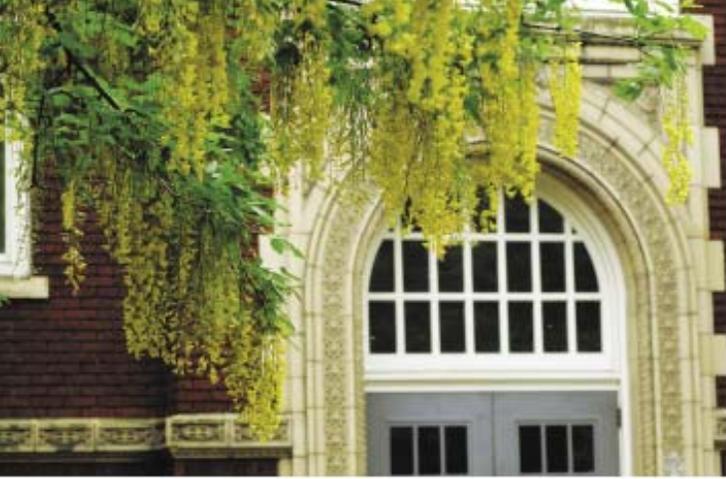
Available at the community college campus or at Portland State by appointment.

Coordinate Tau Sigma, transfer students honor society

On-line for credit orientation course offered each term for co-admitted students.

Open late one night per week.





# Seamless Transition from CC to U

Promotes relationship building with University advisors that reduces culture shock and establishes support networks before transferring

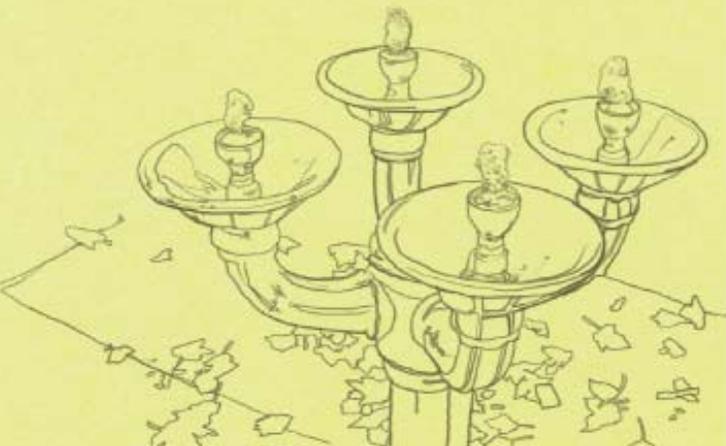
Establishes support network at CC and U early in the student's academic career

Reduces cost of degree attainment by allowing students to maximize the number of courses taken at the community college and ensuring transferability of courses

Provides flexibility in course offerings because students have access to courses at CC and U interchangeably

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## Is it working?

Nearly 800 students currently participate in co-admission programs with Portland State, and over 600 of those are with Portland Community College.

Since the beginning of this program, 74% of co-admitted students have matriculated to the University

54% of students who were co-admitted in 2003 or earlier have earned bachelor's degrees (71% of all cc students expect to complete a bachelor's degree, but only 25% of them do).

Co-admitted students experience less transfer shock, were more likely to make friends at PSU and to feel a part of the campus community that dual enrolled students or direct transfer students.

Surveyed students indicate that saving money and preventing credit loss are the most important benefits of the program.



## Co-Admission beyond Portland State

“Students who began in public 2-year institutions who had co-enrolled had higher rates of bachelor’s degree attainments and persistence at 4-year institutions than their counterparts who did not co-enroll.” (p. 19)

Peter, K. and Carroll, C.D. (2005). “The road less traveled? Students who enroll in multiple institutions.” National Center for Education Statistics, U.S. Department of Education, NCES 2005-157.

# Next Steps

Portland Metro Area Consortium

Will offer full admission to 4 community colleges and Portland State University

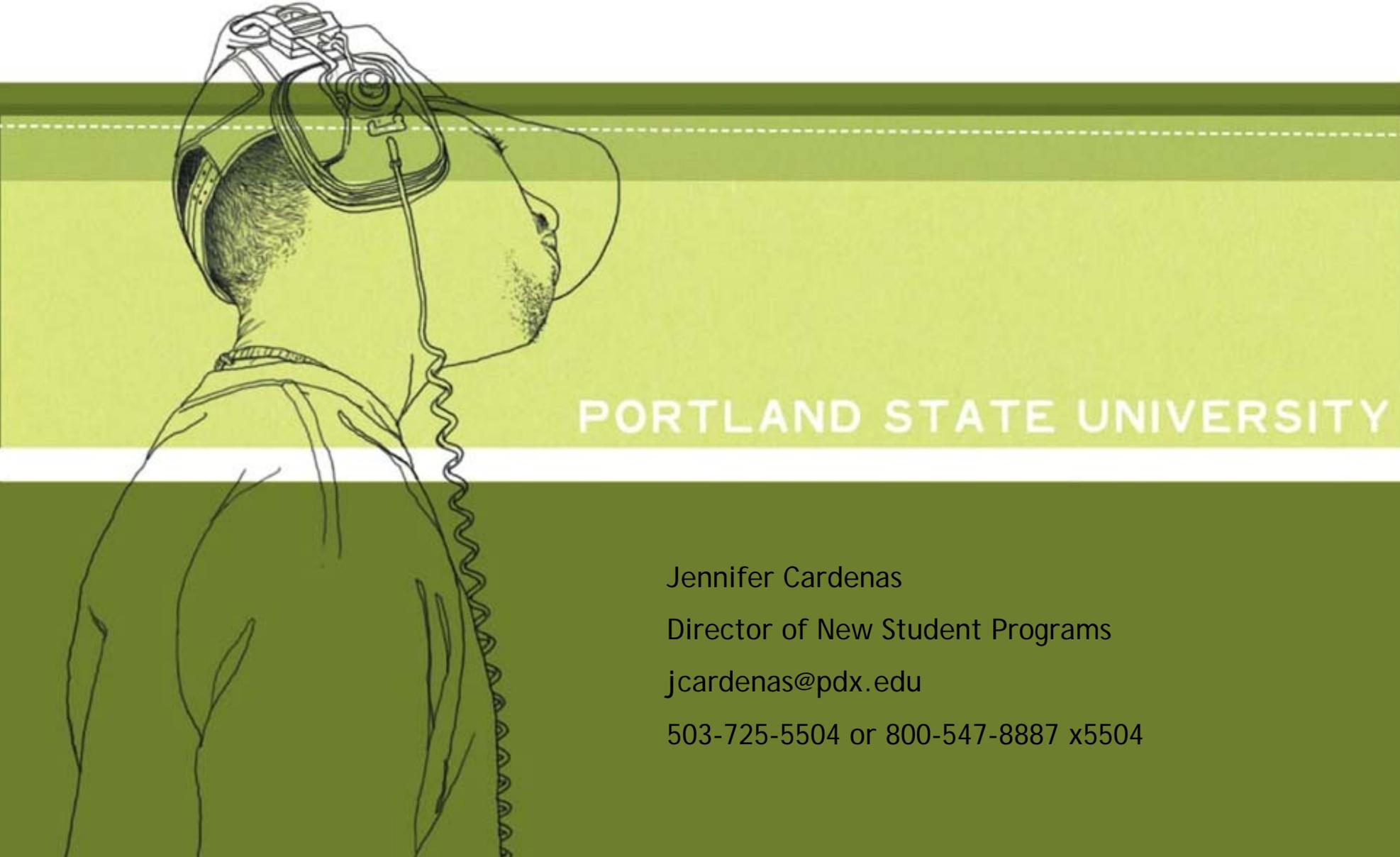
Urban Transfer Research Network (UTRN), funded by the Lumina Foundation

The goal of the UTRN is to increase the transfer and success rates of community college students who intend to earn a bachelor's degree, specifically low-income and minority students. UTRN is a partnership among 9 colleges and universities in Oregon, Arizona and Florida.

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