

FY 2026



Student Fee Advisory Committee (SFAC) Presentation

# Center for Student Empowerment

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# Mission

- The Center for Student Empowerment (CSE) is dedicated to promoting the success of University of Houston students through holistic support.
- Our mission is to empower students to excel academically, personally, and professionally by providing the resources they need to thrive.



#RealHelp

- Financial Advising
- Grants & Scholarships

- Career Counseling
- Internship Placement

- Personal Development Workshops
- Mentoring



- Tutoring
- Academic Planning
- Mentoring Tailored for Academic Success

- Community Service Opportunities



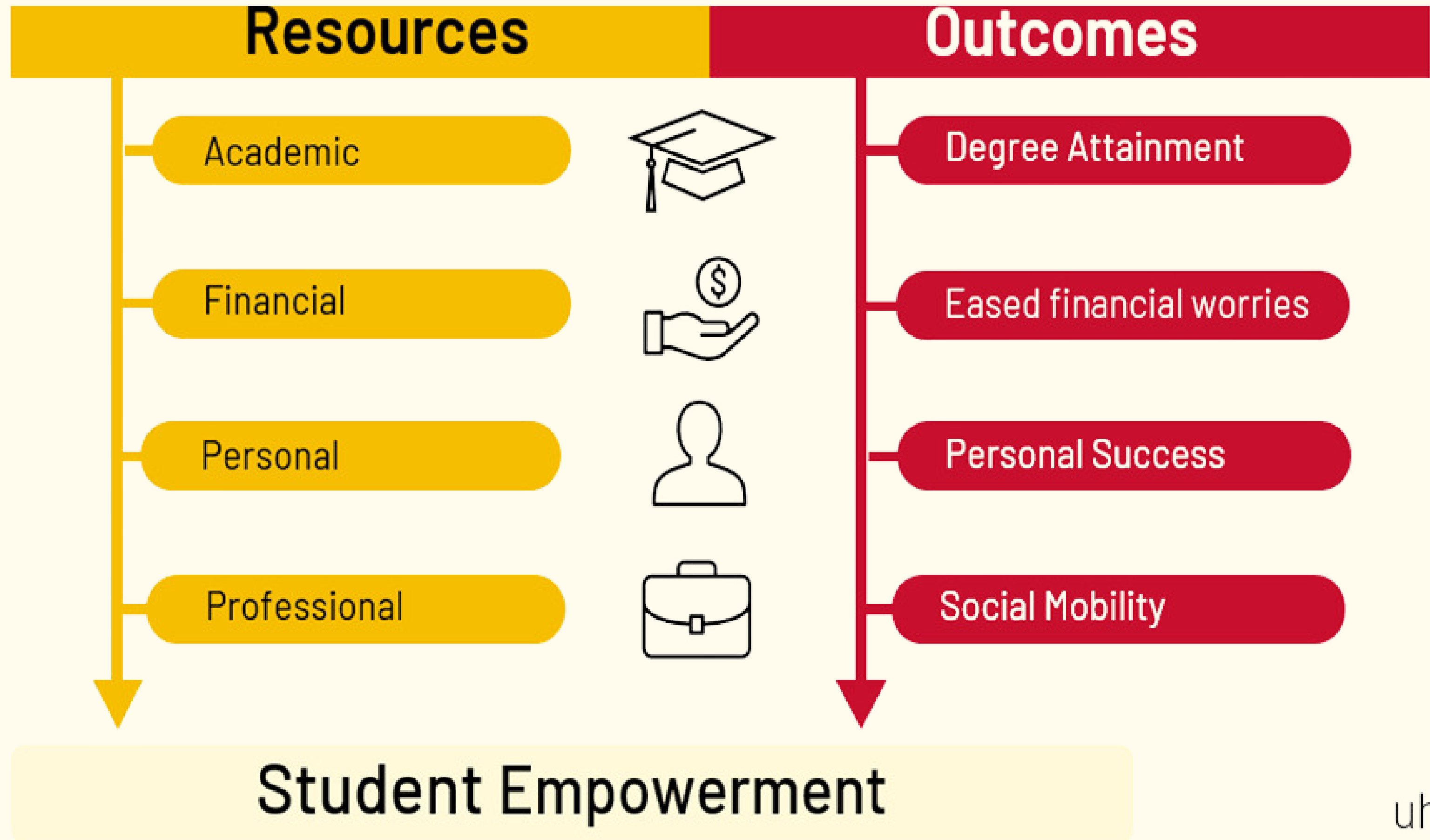
Center for Student Empowerment  
Division of Student Affairs

# BUILDING A COMMUNITY IN COLLEGE

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- Current Retention Rate: 93%
- Increased student enrollment 25%
- Avg. UH student first generation GPA- 2.4 v.s. CSE student first generation GPA - 3.02.
- \$1.2 Million Awarded to students a semester
- CSE has awarded over \$15 million+ to date.

# Mission



# Current Challenges



- UH Sugarland and UH Katy
- Marketing/Outreach to specific populations
- Office Space—located in SSC1
- Growth in Populations that we serve
  - First Generation, low income, middle class, squeezed, post traditional



# Future Opportunities

## UH Sugarland

- Offering tailored programs and resources to enhance student engagement and empowerment at the satellite location.
- Strengthening collaboration with local offices and faculty to create a seamless, connected experience for satellite campus students.



# BENCHMARK institutions

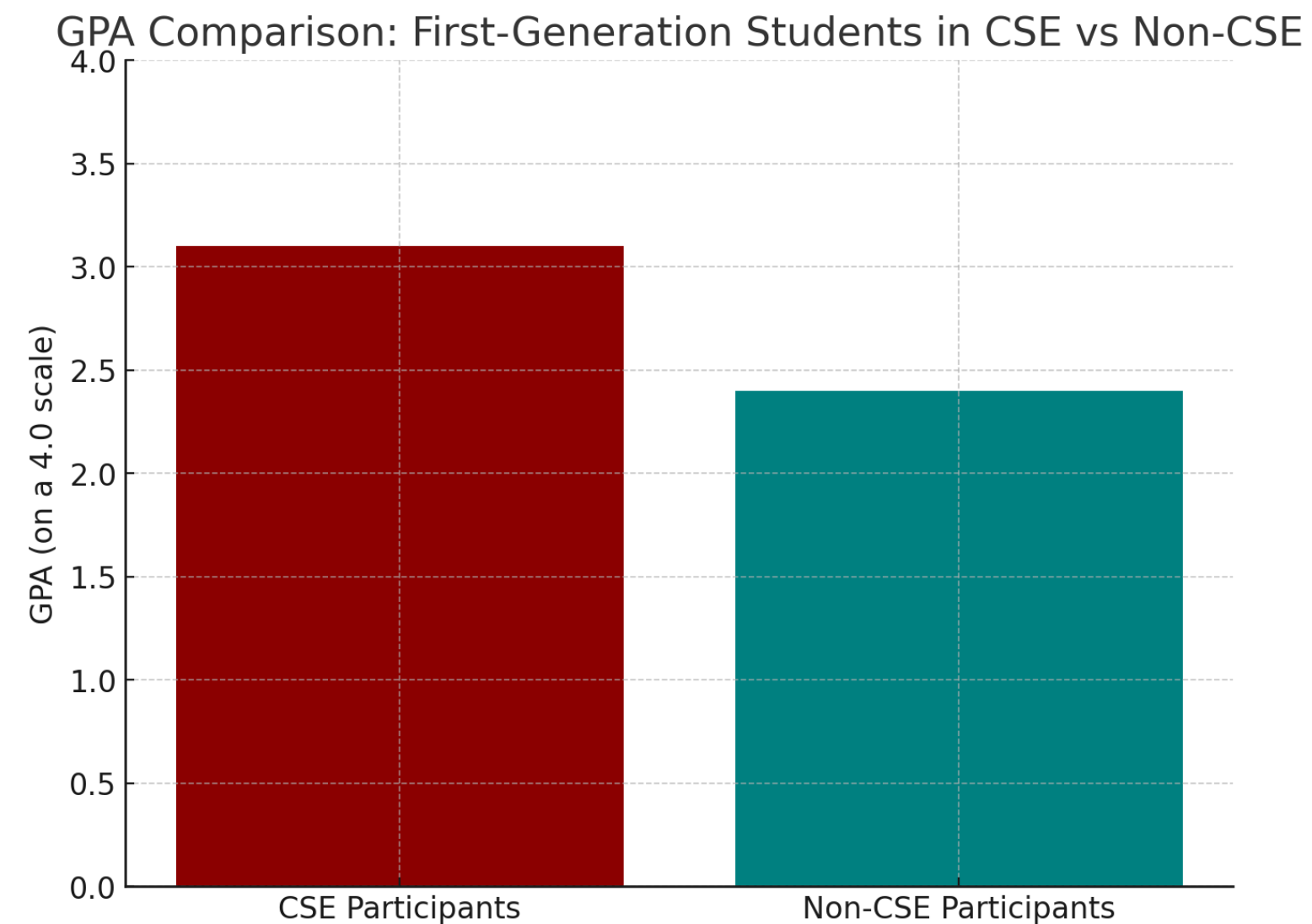


University	Areas	Staff
University of Houston	Fast Forward Designation First Generation Grant Programming Holistic Advising Scholarships	5 Full Time Staff 2 graduate assistants
Texas A&M University, College Station	LLC First Gen Center- Endowment Donor Programming Leadership	3 full time staff
Texas Tech University	Programming Mentoring	5 full time staff
Texas State University	Graduation-First Gen First Gen RSO Programming	5 full time
University of Texas, Austin	LLC Programming Newsletter Donation First-Gen Experience Program	5 full time



# Success-CSE by the Numbers

GPA

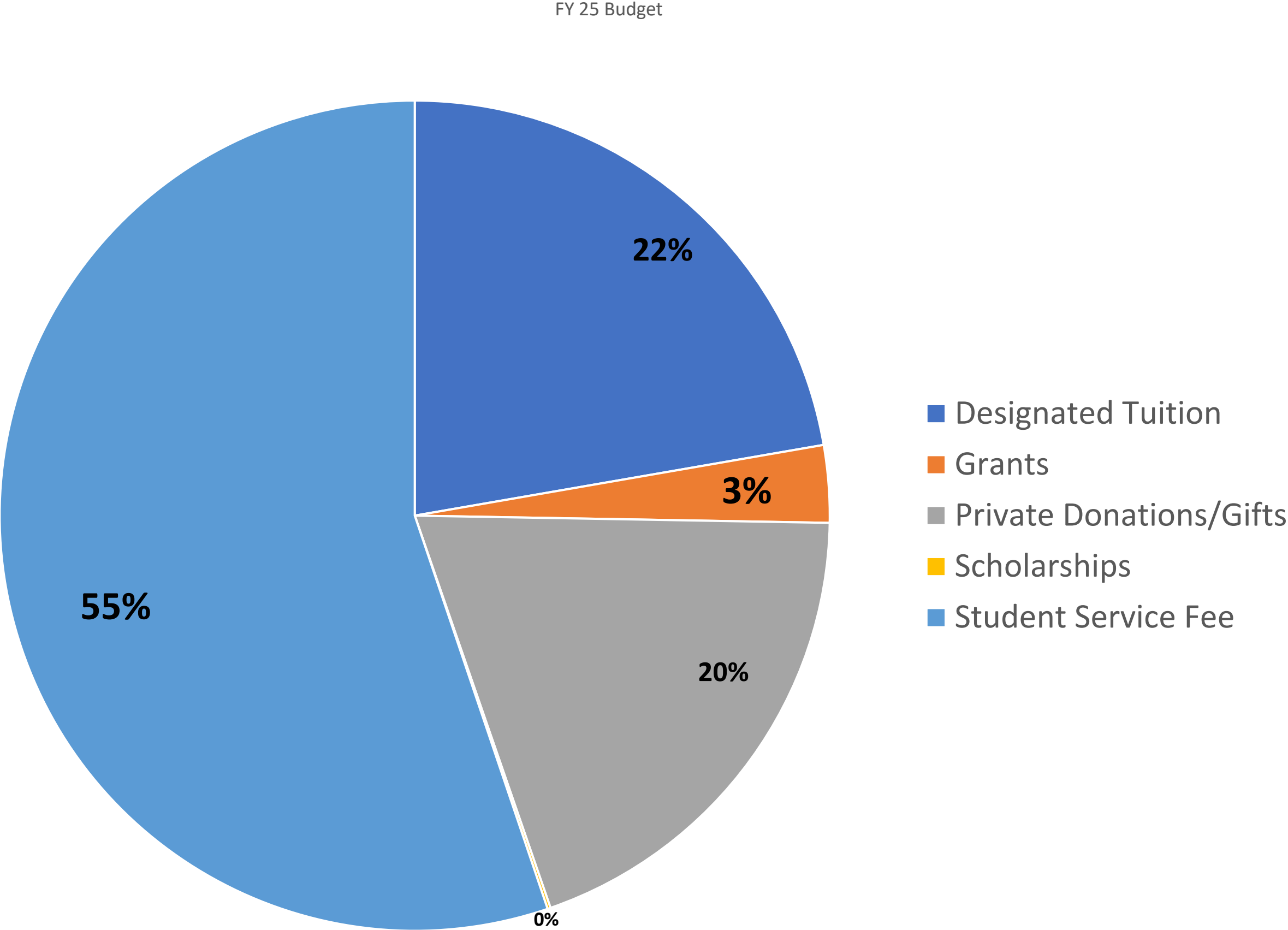


Retention Rate

88-95%

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# Base Budget Overview



# FY 25 One Time Requests

1. PAL Conference	\$21,058.00
2. Circle Time with CSE	\$1,602.80
3. CSE Office Move	\$8,050.53
4. Post Traditional	\$1,000.00
5. First Gen Initiative	\$5,035.00
6. Financial Empowerment	\$500.00

<b>Total</b>	<b>\$36,973.33</b>
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# FY 26 One Time Requests

1. Post Traditional	\$1,000.00
2. First Gen Bash	\$28,620.00
3. Circle Time with CSE	\$3,205.60
4. First Generation Success	\$10,070.00
5. Financial Empowerment	\$1,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$43,895.60</b>



# FY 26 Budget Augmentation Request



1. First Generation Summer Bridge	\$10,918.00
2. First Generation Initiatives	\$10,070.00
3. Fostering Success Initiative	\$6,000.00
4. AD Bruce Lunch	\$3,710.00

## **Total**

**\$30,698.00**

Base Budget 449,058 +30, 698 (Requests)

In addition to funding 5 FTE, 2 GA, student workers; the requested amount will provide programming support, marketing materials, professional development, supplies, and needed curriculum.

**\$479,756.00**



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Questions?