

# Academic Integrity Week: Strategic Programming to Decrease Scholastic Dishonesty Cases

## Abstract

Academic Integrity Week was developed due to the rising number of scholastic dishonesty cases that have been adjudicated by the Office of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution. The office has specifically seen increasing numbers of scholastic dishonesty violations since the 2013-2014 academic year, with the number of cases adjudicated in 2017-2018 reaching an all-time high of 675.

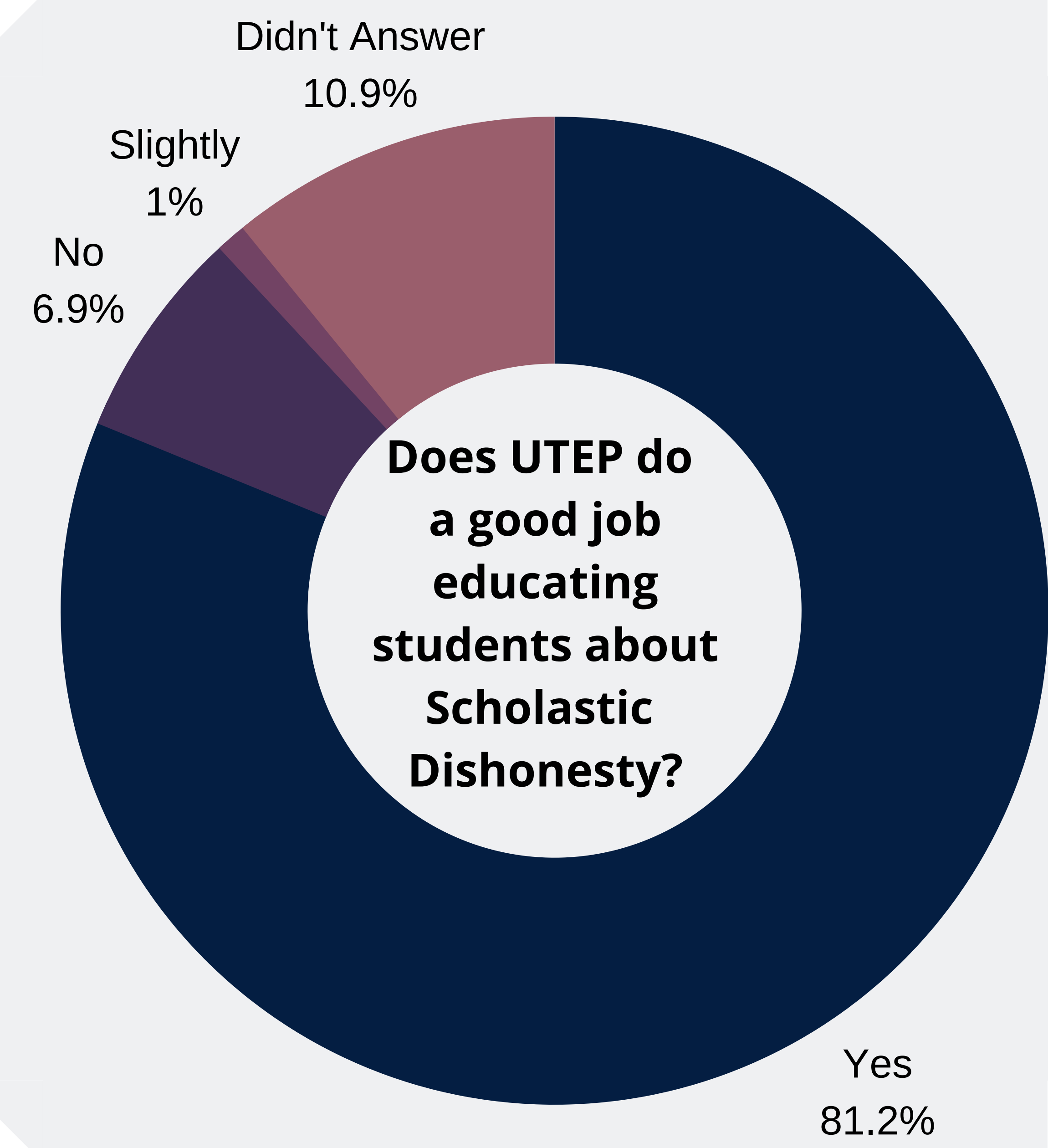


## Learning Outcomes

1. Students will be knowledgeable of the scholastic dishonesty policy at UTEP.
2. Students will be able to identify academic resources on campus.

## Program Highlights

- Integrity Pledge Signing
- Introduction to copyright and plagiarism
  - Time management and technology
- Avoiding plagiarism and citing sources
  - Academic Resource Fair
  - Quick Citation Tools

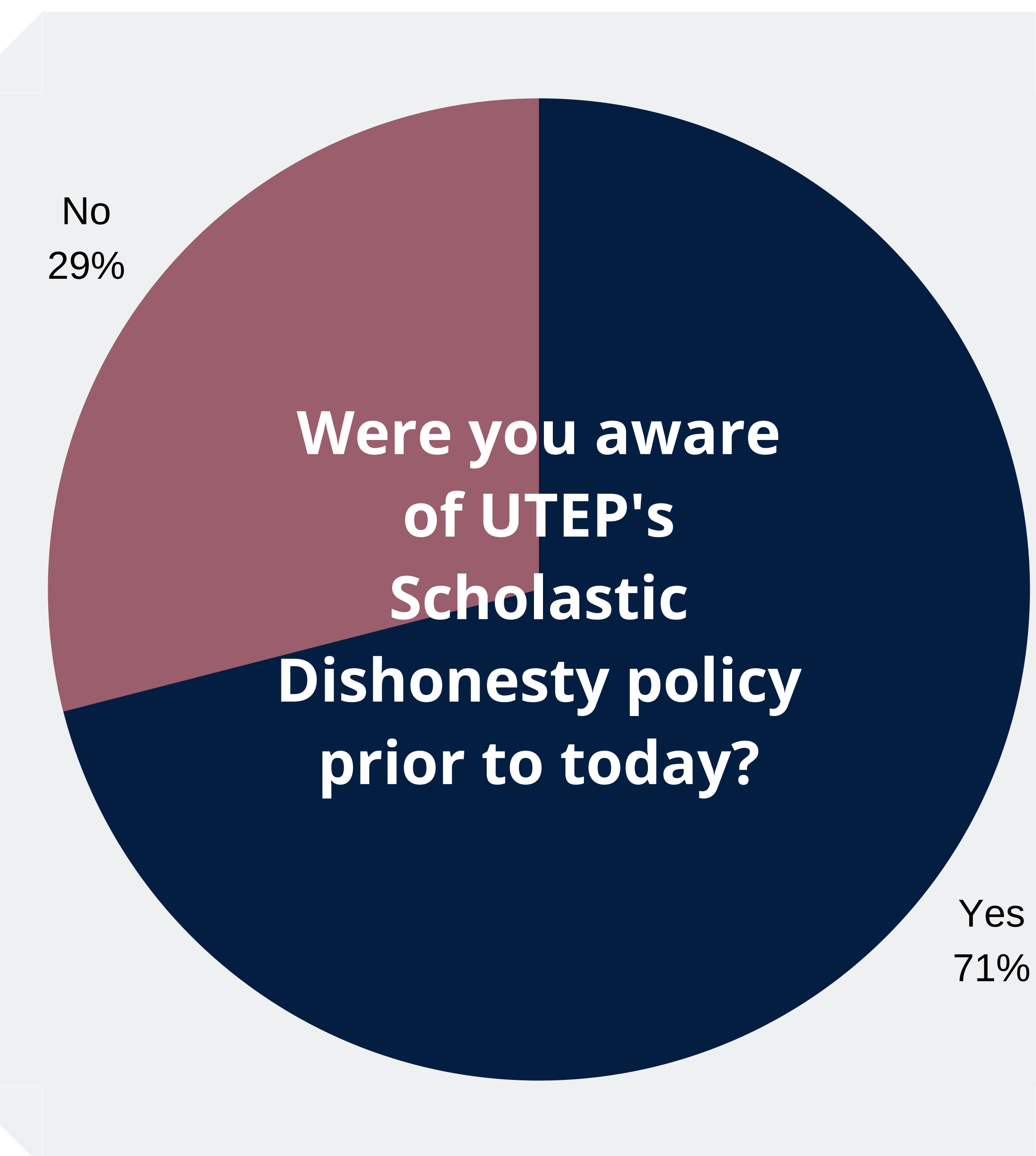


- "If another student cheats on my exam essay and I don't know how to deal with it"
- "Have a presentation in core classes"
- "Update me electronically"
- "Putting flyers around campus about dishonesty"



450 Students Surveyed

- "Present available websites for more resources"
- "There are more than enough ways that we are helped with. The resources are there for those who want them."
- "Mention it on the syllabus."



## Next Steps

1

Utilize two new methods to disseminate information about scholastic dishonesty and policies in the Handbook of Operating Procedures.

Top three options based on survey data:

1. Email Campaigns
2. Social Media
3. UTEP/OSCCR Website

2

Continue classroom presentations to all levels of students. Many students noted that presentations are a great way to be informed about the Scholastic Dishonesty policy and the Handbook of Operating Procedures. Based on data from our conduct management software, there has been an uptick in cases from juniors and seniors. We will reach out to more upper division instructors to get our presentation or a "refresher" in those classes.

3

Hold the 2nd Annual Academic Integrity Week in September. Focus on assessment, specifically utilize more types of assessment outside of surveys, include more demographic information so that future programs/marketing/education can be tailored to each student population.

