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Simplifying Transfer via Starting Point Mentorship Program

Special Populations, Partnerships & Collaboration

The Starting Point Mentorship Program (SPMP) at UC Berkeley was created to simplify the transfer process for non-traditional student populations. The program is driven by a cohort of current UC Berkeley transfer student mentors. Our program forms a network of support to make the transferring process smoother and to empower students to pursue higher education. We hope to inspire you to implement a mentorship program at your home institution to increase access for non-traditional students

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Agenda

- Higher Education in California
- Transfers at Cal
- Overview of Centers for Educational Equity and Excellence (CE3)
- History of Starting Point Mentorship Program (SPMP)
- SPMP Model
- Strength/ Challenges/ Outcomes
- Tips
- Q & A Session

Higher Education in California



Transfer Student Demographics

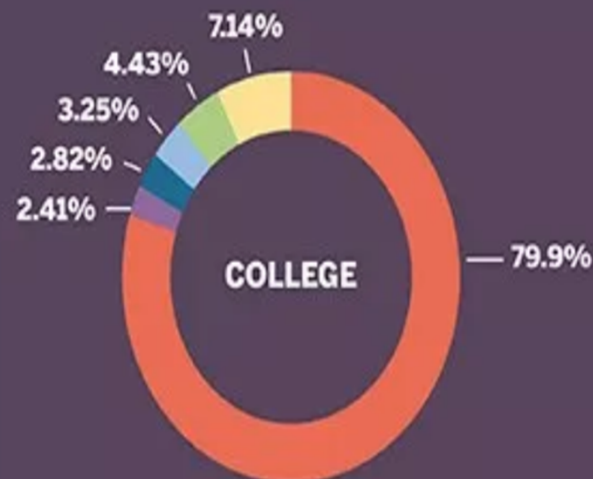
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Total Admitted: 4,503

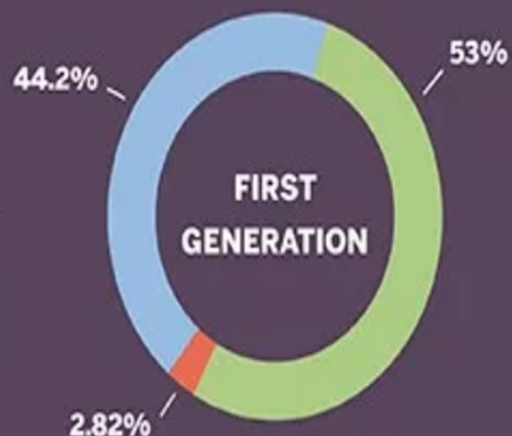
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Age		
Youngest	Average	Oldest
16	23	71

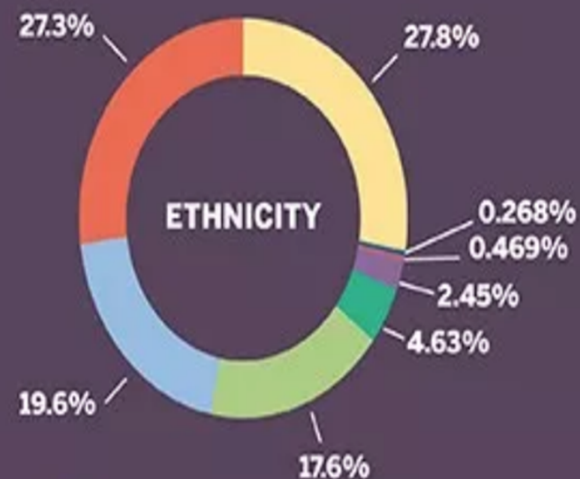
DEMOGRAPHICS *of the* TRANSFER CLASS OF 2020



- College of Letters & Science
- College of Engineering
- College of Natural Resources
- Haas School of Business
- College of Environmental Design
- College of Chemistry



- No
- Yes
- Unknown



- White
- Asian
- Chicano/Latino
- International
- African American
- Decline to State
- Native American / Alaska Native
- Pacific Islander



Transition. Transform. Transcend.

Centers for Educational Equity and Excellence

***Over 13,000 students
are part of one or more
units of our community***

- Berkeley Hope Scholars
- Berkeley Underground Scholars
- Cal Nerds
- Cal Veteran Services Center
- Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)
- George Miller Scholars Program
- McNair Scholars Program
- Professional Development Program (PDP)
- POSSE
- Re-Entry Student Program
- Student Parent Center (SPC)
- Student Support Services (SSS)
- Transfer Student Center
- Undocumented Student Program (USP)
- UC Berkeley Food Pantry and Basic Needs Security



History of Starting Point Mentorship Program (SPMP)

SPMP was founded by Kathleen Jones West, a first generation college student, Social Welfare major, who was working on a community focused research project. Her intention was to open pathways and create greater access to the university for non-traditional students. Her goal was to establish mentoring as a means to simplify the transfer process for non-traditional students.



SPMP Model



SPMP Program Model

- Academic credit bearing (pass/not pass)
 - 1 – 2 units of service learning academic credit
 - Assignments and other requirements
- Training Seminar Course is mandatory.
- Two to Five hours of mentoring per week on average.
- Participation in events/programming, workshops, community college visits, and yield.

SPMP Program Model

- **Partnerships**

- Workshops that focus on preparing mentees for the application process and one-on-one reviews of personal insight question with an admissions advisor
- Guest speakers from various colleges and campus resources serve as presenters in the seminar
- Community college counselors

SPMP Program Info

- SPMP serves students enrolled at community colleges throughout California
- In 2018-2019, 140 UC Berkeley student mentors and over 750 California community college mentees enrolled
- The program budget is roughly \$15,000 annually



Mentors

Transformational/
Impact

Mentorship

Leadership

Commitment
to Service

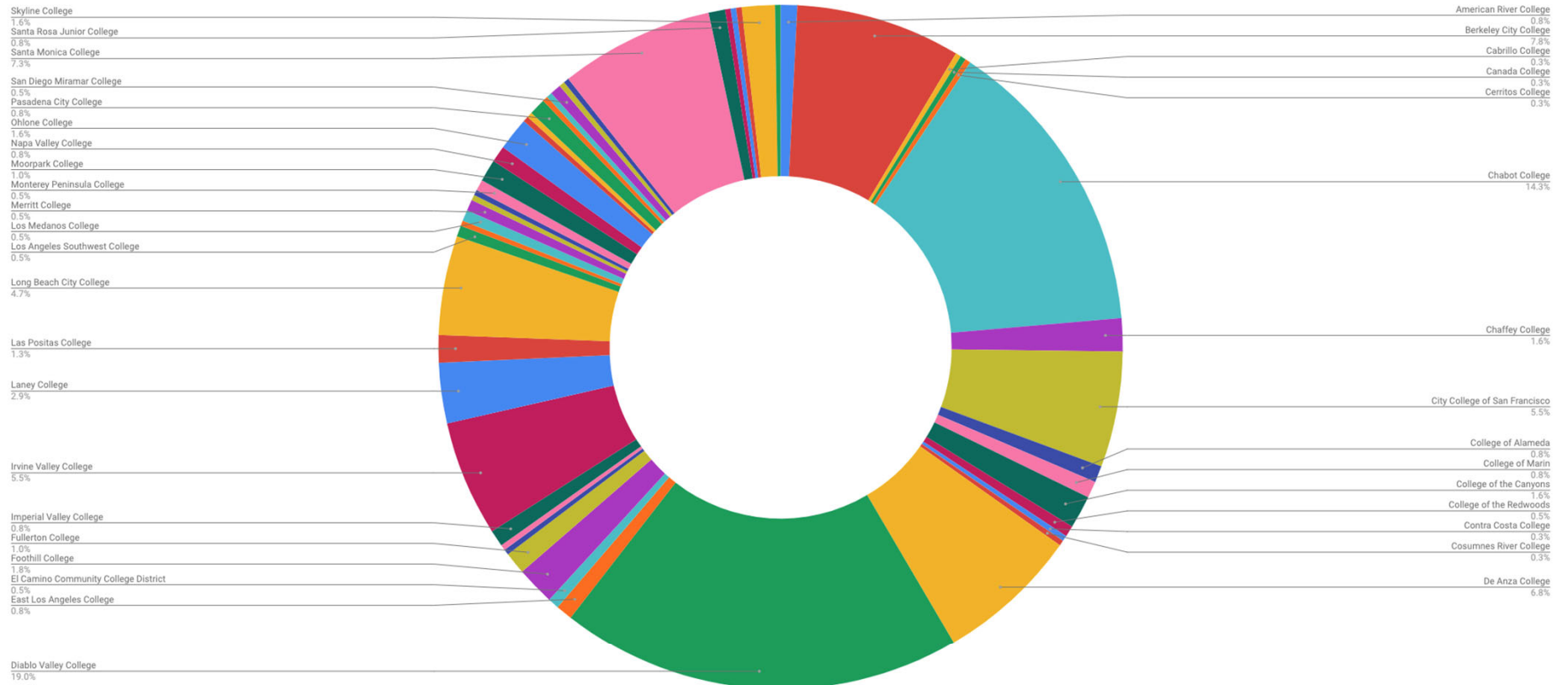


Mentees



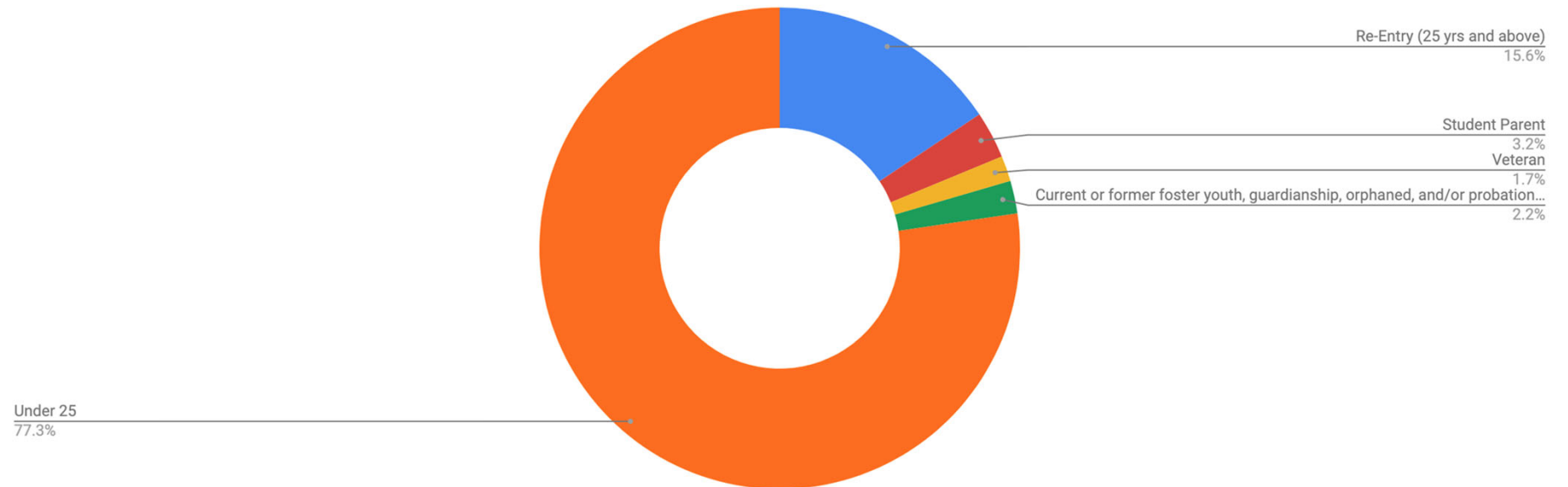
Program Data

Count of Community Colleges Served:



Data based on Fall 2018 Enrollment - 343 mentees

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Challenges

Limited Funding

Outreach

Location and
Access

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Mentee
Enrollment

Limited Capacity

Berkeley
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Outcomes

- Exposure to the four-year university
- A recognized enrichment program for the UC Application
- Mentees can make more informed and confident decisions
- Simplify the admissions selection and eligibility process
- Mentees return as Mentors
- Students forge lasting relationships



Areas of Continued Growth

- Specific yield events for SPMP mentees
- Incorporating Technology into the program
- Tracking data - strengthen relations with admissions to collect data
- Local grants (technology grants at Berkeley to benefit students) - expand resources
- expand opportunities



Tips on starting a Mentorship Program on your Campus

- Starting with your local feeder college!
- Find ways both institutions can collaborate/fund a similar type of mentorship program
- Create transfer-allies on campus
- Identified Institutional Support/Structure
- Allow for student innovation
- Grants – APPLY, APPLY, APPLY





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Questions?



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