

# TheDream.US 2018 Progress Report

## Appendix

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### Academic Outcomes Definitions

#### Overall persistence

Percentage of Scholars who were enrolled in college, transferred colleges and enrolled, have an approved break in enrollment, or graduated as of Fall 2018.

#### First-year persistence

Percentage of first-time college students who enrolled for the first time in a Fall semester and were re-enrolled the following Fall semester. In other words, Scholars who returned to college for their second year.

### Data Sources

#### TheDream.US Scholar profile

TheDream.US application and scholarship renewal data, enrollment data submitted by Partner Colleges, and National Student Clearinghouse data.

#### TheDream.US overall and first-year persistence

Enrollment data submitted by Partner Colleges and National Student Clearinghouse data.

#### National Student Clearinghouse Comparisons

National Student Clearinghouse Research Center

- “Yearly success and progress rates (Fall 2011 entering cohort).” Persistence rates refer to overall persistence in year 4 for first-time, full-time degree-seeking students starting in Fall 2011. (<https://nscresearchcenter.org/wp-content/uploads/SnapshotReport32.pdf>)
- “First-year persistence and retention.” First-year persistence refers to all students who started college in Fall 2016 and persisted at any U.S. institution in Fall 2017. (<https://nscresearchcenter.org/wp-content/uploads/SnapshotReport33.pdf>).

#### Graduates by field of study

TheDream.US scholarship renewal data, enrollment data submitted by Partner Colleges, and National Student Clearinghouse data.

#### Graduate employment and salary data

TheDream.US Alumni Survey, conducted between July and August, 2018. There were 214 out of 314 graduate respondents (68% response rate).

