



*A Brighter Future
for All Students*

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Providence Marriott**

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The Alliance was established to raise awareness about the connection between college and career readiness, the success of individual students, and the economic prosperity of our state and to address racial, ethnic, and income disparities.

The Alliance identifies and advocates for legislative and regulatory changes and budgetary investments needed to increase college and career readiness and access.



Founding Members

- Rhode Island KIDS COUNT
- The College Crusade of Rhode Island
- Young Voices
- College Visions
- The College Advising Corps at Brown University's Swearer Center
- The NAACP – Providence Branch
- The Latino Policy Institute at Roger Williams University



Remarkable Progress

- Postsecondary attainment goal
- RI Promise Initiative
- PrepareRI initiative
- Increase in PSAT and SAT taking
- Increase in dual and concurrent enrollment
- Increase in AP course taking



Students Value the Opportunity to Take College Courses While in High Schools

“I’m actually taking a college class [in public health] and I think it is really good...It actually gives you a hint about what it’s going to be like in college.”

“College is expensive and you get the opportunity to take a class that counts as college credit. That is one less college class to pay for.”

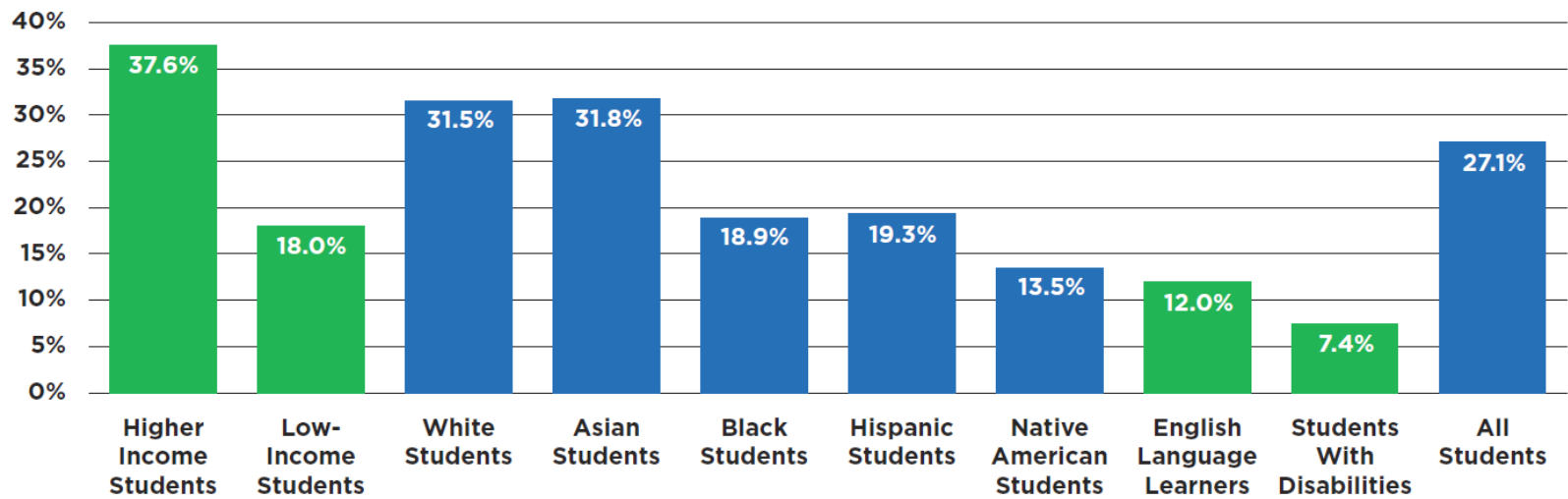
Student-Centered Learning: Learning That is
Personalized



But More Work Needed...



College Credits Earned by Students Enrolled in 12th Grade, 2016-2017



Source: *PrepareRI 2018 annual report*. (2018). Retrieved September 19, 2018, from www.prepare-ri.org.



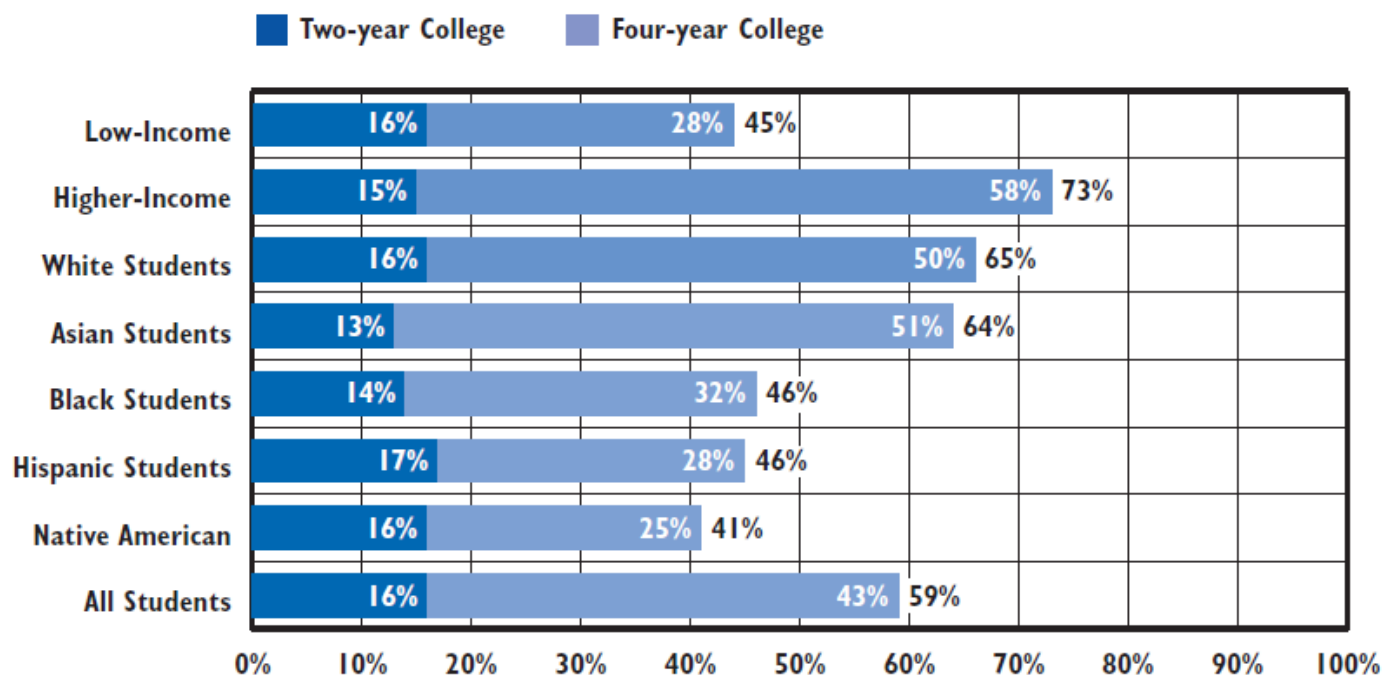
Need to Address Barriers to Access

“I have heard some students who are English language learners saying they felt that they weren’t getting exposed to as many opportunities as the other English speaking students. They can be kind of segregated from the other part of the school.”

“I wanted to do this program on the weekends, but me and my mom struggled to find the right schedule where she could pick me up, so transportation is a problem.”

College Enrollment by Race, Ethnicity, and Income

Immediate College Enrollment by Family Income, Race, Ethnicity, and Type of College, Class of 2016, Rhode Island



Source: Rhode Island Department of Education, Class of 2016. Percentages may not sum exactly due to rounding.



We cannot make continued progress without...

Focused attention on policy strategies and investments to close disparities in education outcomes by race, ethnicity, and income and further investment in high-quality English-language learner instruction and supports.

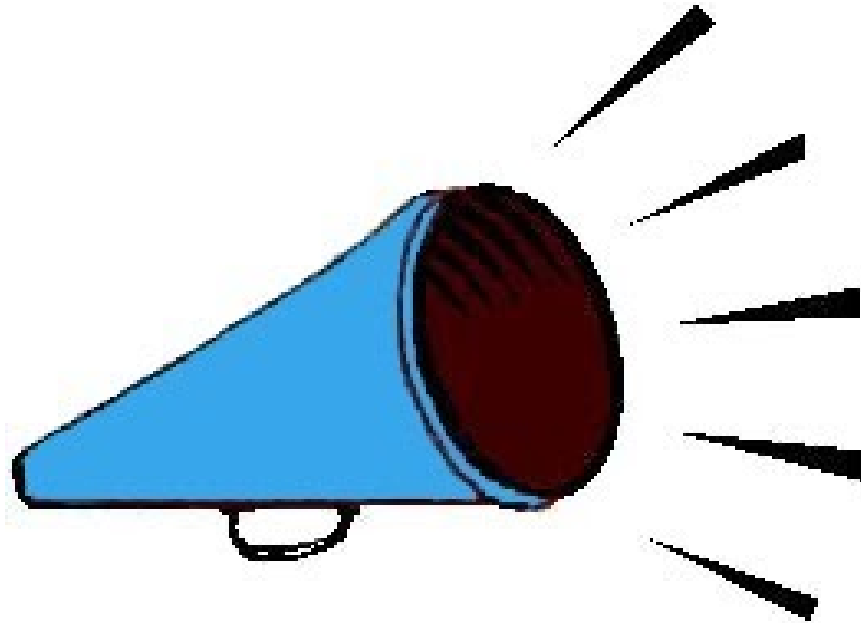


Policy Agenda

- Increase access to **advanced coursework** at the middle and high school level and reduce barriers to access these programs, particularly for low-income students
 - Dual and Concurrent Enrollment
 - Advanced Coursework Network
 - AP courses
- Ensure that the implementation of **Individual Learning Plans (ILPs)** supports student exploration of college and careers and the building of skills to reach their personal, academic, and career goals
- Expand the **RI Promise Scholarship**
 - Include students attending four-year colleges
 - Pay for living expenses in addition to tuition and fees for the lowest income students



Call to Action!



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