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**2007-2008 ANNUAL MINORITY UNDERGRADUATE RETENTION
GRANT REPORT AND SURVEY RESULTS**



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Executive Secretary Michael Morgan
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Dear Secretary Morgan:

Enclosed is the Annual Status Report for the Minority Undergraduate Retention Grant. Submission of the report is in compliance with Section 39.44(5) of the Wisconsin Statutes, which requires an annual report on the effectiveness of this program.

If you have any questions about the report or about the Minority Undergraduate Retention Grant, please contact me at any time.

Sincerely,

Connie Hutchison
Executive Secretary

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MINORITY UNDERGRADUATE RETENTION GRANT

2007-2008

Annual Report

The Minority Undergraduate Retention Grant (MRG) Program was established by the State of Wisconsin Legislature in the 1985-87 biennial budget. The first award was made in 1986-87.

Minority Retention Grants are awarded to Wisconsin resident minority undergraduates, excluding first year students, enrolled at least half-time in Wisconsin Technical College System schools, non-profit independent colleges and universities, and tribal colleges. All sixteen technical colleges, twenty-two non-profit colleges and universities, and both tribal colleges participate in the program. (The University of Wisconsin System Administration has a similar program, the Lawton Grant, for students attending those institutions.) According to statutes, a minority student is defined as a student who is Black American, American Indian, Hispanic, or Southeast Asian from Laos, Cambodia, or Vietnam admitted to the United States after December 1, 1975.

Awards are based on financial need, with a minimum grant of \$250 and a maximum grant of \$2,500 per year. If eligible, a student may receive the grant for up to eight semesters or 12 quarters. Assignment of funds to sectors (WTCS, Tribal, and Private/Independent) is based on the minority student population reported annually by each participating school.

There were 792 Minority Undergraduate Retention Grant recipients in the 2007-2008 academic year. 291 recipients attended a non-profit, independent college or university, or tribal college, and 501 recipients attended a Wisconsin technical college. To help gauge the effectiveness of this program an annual survey is sent to grant recipients and participating schools. The survey and results are found on page 5. Tables and graphs on pages 2-9 illustrate where and how the grant money is spent, and shows the progress of the recipients.

- Table I illustrates the educational progress of grant recipients who responded to the survey.
- Table II identifies the five schools with the highest grant distribution.
- Tables III and IV break out spending by schools and student demographics.
- Graphs I and II illustrate distribution of funds by dependency status.
- Page 6 provides the student survey and the results of the survey.
- Graphs III through XI illustrate the survey results.

The data that was collected and the results of the grant recipient survey show that the Minority Undergraduate Retention Grant is very successful. Individuals who were surveyed included students who received MRG dollars during the 2007-2008 academic year. Participating schools report that 77.78% of student recipients either completed their degree/certificate programs or continued to work towards obtaining their degree/certificate in 2008-2009.

Of recipients who responded to the survey, 83.53% indicated that the grant positively affected their decision to return to or stay in school, and all respondents indicated they either have earned or are continuing to work toward a degree or certificate. Finally, over 94.12% of the respondents plan on living in Wisconsin for their working career.

**MINORITY UNDERGRADUATE RETENTION GRANT
2007-2008 ANNUAL SURVEY**

TABLE I

Educational Progress of Grant Recipients		
Independent Colleges and Universities/ Technical Colleges/Tribal Colleges Combined Data		
	Number	Percentage
Students who completed a degree/certificate	200	25.25%
Students continuing toward degree/certificate	416	52.53%
Students not returning to school attended in 07-08	176	22.22%
TOTALS	792	100.00%
 Independent Colleges and Universities/Tribal Colleges		
	Number	Percentage
Students who completed a degree/certificate	65	22.34%
Students continuing toward degree/certificate	188	64.60%
Students not returning to school attended in 07-08	38	13.06%
TOTALS	291	100.00%
 Technical College System Schools		
	Number	Percentage
Students who completed a degree/certificate	135	26.95%
Students continuing toward degree/certificate	228	45.51%
Students not returning to school attended in 07-08	138	27.54%
TOTALS	501	100.00%
<p>Note: The students reported as "not returning to school" did not return to the school they attended in 2007-08. They could be attending a different school or working on an advanced degree.</p>		

TABLE II

TOP FIVE COLLEGES OR UNIVERSITIES BASED ON FUNDING PROVIDED TO STUDENTS			
College or University	\$ Spent	# of Awards	Average Award
Milwaukee Area Technical College	\$217,505	240	\$906
Alverno College	\$96,322	84	\$1,147
Cardinal Stritch University	\$42,100	33	\$1,276
Madison Area Technical College	\$41,000	45	\$911
Marquette University	\$39,910	20	\$1,996
TOTALS	\$436,837	422	\$1,035

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**TABLE III
SPENDING BY SCHOOL AND STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS
INDEPENDENT COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES AND TRIBAL COLLEGES**

COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY	DOLLARS SPENT	NUMBER OF AWARDS	AVERAGE AWARD	PERCENTAGE OF DOLLARS SPENT
ALVERNO COLLEGE	\$96,322	84	\$1,147	25.67%
BELLIN COLLEGE	\$810	1	\$810	0.22%
BELOIT COLLEGE	\$2,100	3	\$700	0.56%
CARDINAL STRITCH UNIVERSITY	\$42,100	33	\$1,276	11.22%
CARROLL COLLEGE	\$14,310	11	\$1,301	3.81%
CARTHAGE	\$7,270	7	\$1,039	1.94%
COLLEGE OF THE MENOMINEE NATION	\$18,600	15	\$1,240	4.96%
CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY	\$1,718	2	\$859	0.46%
EDGEWOOD COLLEGE	\$15,850	8	\$1,981	4.22%
LAC COURTE OREILLES	\$31,840	13	\$2,449	8.49%
LAKE LAND COLLEGE	\$10,900	6	\$1,817	2.90%
LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY	\$4,580	2	\$2,290	1.22%
MARANATHA	\$135	1	\$135	0.04%
MARIAN COLLEGE	\$8,600	19	\$453	2.29%
MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY	\$39,910	20	\$1,996	10.64%
MILWAUKEE INSTITUTE OF ART AND DESIGN	\$11,600	8	\$1,450	3.09%
MILWAUKEE SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING	\$10,440	9	\$1,160	2.78%
MOUNT MARY COLLEGE	\$38,410	26	\$1,477	10.24%
NORTHLAND COLLEGE	\$2,290	2	\$1,145	0.61%
RIPON COLLEGE	\$4,710	5	\$942	1.26%
ST NORBERT COLLEGE	\$4,816	7	\$688	1.28%
SILVER LAKE COLLEGE	\$940	2	\$470	0.25%
VITERBO COLLEGE	\$4,290	2	\$2,145	1.14%
WISCONSIN LUTHERAN COLLEGE	\$2,700	5	\$540	0.72%
TOTAL	\$375,241	291	\$1,289	100.00%

YEAR IN SCHOOL	DOLLARS SPENT	# OF AWARDS	AVERAGE AWARD
SOPHOMORES	\$132,101	102	\$1,295
JUNIORS	\$130,445	100	\$1,304
SENIORS	\$90,475	72	\$1,257
5TH YEAR STUDENTS	\$22,220	17	\$1,307
TOTAL	\$375,241	291	\$1,289

STATUS OF RECIPIENTS	DOLLARS SPENT	# OF AWARDS	AVERAGE AWARD
DEPENDENT	\$166,317	128	\$1,299
INDEPENDENT	\$208,924	163	\$1,282
TOTAL	\$375,241	291	\$1,289

MINORITY UNDERGRADUATE RETENTION GRANT BY GROUP	DOLLARS SPENT	# OF AWARDS	AVERAGE AWARD
AFRICAN-AMERICAN	\$132,101	102	\$1,295
AMERICAN INDIAN	\$22,220	17	\$1,307
ASIAN-AMERICAN	\$90,475	72	\$1,257
HISPANIC	\$130,445	100	\$1,304
TOTAL	\$375,241	291	\$1,289

MINORITY UNDERGRADUATE RETENTION GRANT INDEPENDENT BY SECTOR	DOLLARS SPENT	# OF AWARDS	AVERAGE AWARD
INDEPENDENT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES	\$324,801	263	\$1,235
TRIBAL COLLEGES	\$50,440	28	\$1,801
TOTAL	\$375,241	291	\$1,289

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**TABLE IV
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SPENDING BY SCHOOL AND STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS
WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM**

COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY	DOLLARS SPENT	NUMBER OF AWARDS	AVERAGE AWARD
CHIPPEWA VALLEY TECHNICAL COLLEGE	\$12,700	17	\$747
FOX VALLEY TECHNICAL COLLEGE	\$8,300	13	\$638
GATEWAY TECHNICAL COLLEGE	\$12,300	12	\$1,025
INDIANHEAD TECHNICAL COLLEGE	\$31,300	74	\$423
LAKESHORE TECHNICAL COLLEGE	\$4,500	3	\$1,500
MADISON AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE	\$41,000	45	\$911
MIDSTATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE	\$4,900	12	\$408
MILWAUKEE AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE	\$217,505	240	\$906
MORAIN PARK TECHNICAL COLLEGE	\$4,000	5	\$800
NORTHEAST TECHNICAL COLLEGE	\$11,200	10	\$1,120
NORTHCENTRAL TECHNICAL COLLEGE	\$5,800	19	\$305
SOUTHWEST WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE	\$650	1	\$0
WAUKESHA COUNTY TECHNICAL COLLEGE	\$13,750	32	\$430
WESTERN WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE	\$8,750	18	\$486
TOTALS	\$376,655	501	\$752

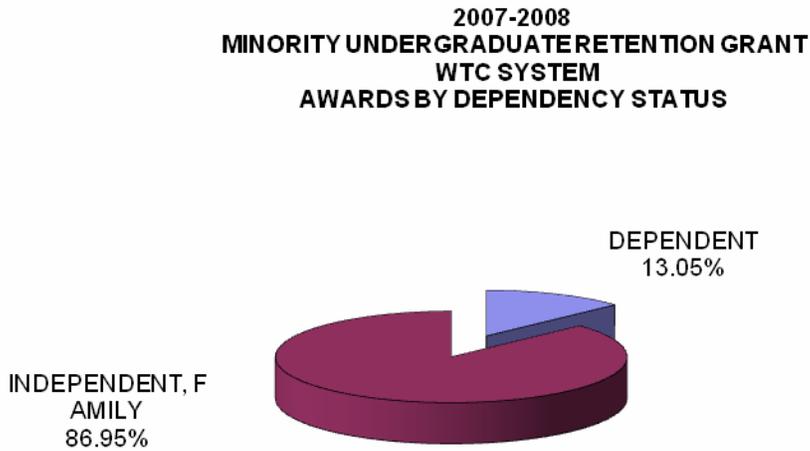
YEAR IN SCHOOL	DOLLARS SPENT	# OF AWARDS	AVERAGE AWARD
SOPHOMORES	\$322,176	418	\$771
JUNIORS	\$36,754	54	\$681
SENIORS	\$16,375	27	\$606
5TH YEAR STUDENTS	\$1,350	2	\$0
TOTAL	\$376,655	501	\$752

STATUS OF RECIPIENTS	DOLLARS SPENT	# OF AWARDS	AVERAGE AWARD
DEPENDENT	\$49,137	65	\$756
INDEPENDENT	\$327,518	436	\$751
TOTAL	\$376,655	501	\$752

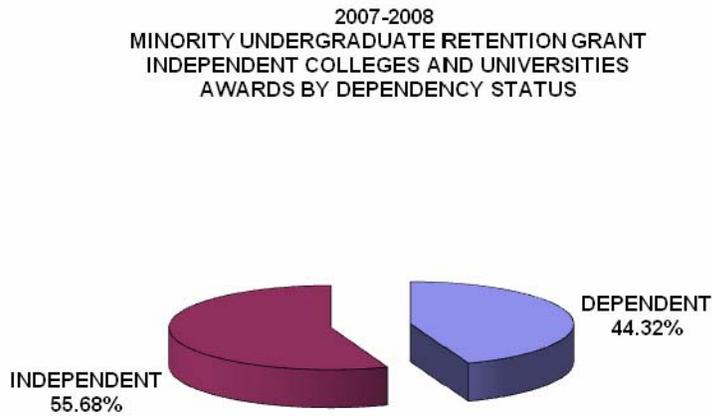
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AFRICAN-AMERICAN	\$1,350	2	\$675
AMERICAN INDIAN	\$16,375	27	\$606
ASIAN-AMERICAN	\$36,754	54	\$681
HISPANIC	\$376,655	501	\$752
TOTAL	\$1,350	2	\$675

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**GRAPH I
AWARDS BY DEPENDENCY STATUS**



**GRAPH II
AWARDS BY DEPENDENCY STATUS**



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**MINORITY UNDERGRADUATE RETENTION GRANT
2007 – 2008
GRANT RECIPIENTS SURVEY
AND RESPONSES**

Responses by Student Recipients

1. Did receiving the Minority Retention Grant positively influence your decision to return to school?		
YES	71	83.53%
NO	14	16.47%
2. Have you earned a bachelor or an associate degree/certificate?		
YES	28	32.94%
NO	57	67.06%
3. If you have not earned a degree or certificate, do you anticipate doing so?		
YES	92.98%	92.98%
NO	7.02%	7.02%
4. Are you or will you be enrolled at a college or university during the 2007-08 academic year?		
YES	70	82.35%
NO	15	17.65%
5. If yes, are you or will you be enrolled:		
Full-time	53	62.35%
Part-time	17	20.00%
Not enrolled	15	17.65%
6. Are you employed?		
YES	60	70.59%
NO	25	29.41%
7. If yes, are you employed:		
Full-time	36	42.35%
Part-time	22	25.88%
Not employed	27	31.76%
8. Do you plan to be a Wisconsin resident for most of your working career?		
YES	80	94.12%
NO	5	5.88%

The majority of recipients who responded are still in school. Some are continuing their work on a degree/certificate or are working on an advanced degree or certificate. This continuing work may or may not be at the school the recipient attended in 2007-08.

Many recipients of the MRG are continuing to pursue degrees. The continuing recipients are:

- * Transferring from a technical college to a 4-year college
- * Transferring from one technical college program to a different technical college program
- * Moving from a 4-year college program to a Masters Degree program.
- * Moving from one 4-year college program to a second 4-year college program.

It is also of note that most of these students are working at least 20 hours a week if not full time while pursuing their education.

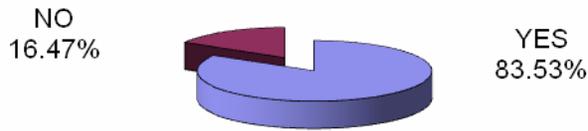
Many of these students work in health care professions.

Many students are having a more difficult time completing programs due to expenses, books, transportation and tuition costs.

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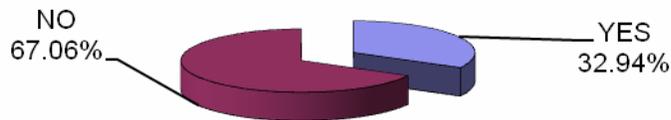
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Recipients responded if the MRUG had a positive affect on their decision to remain in school.



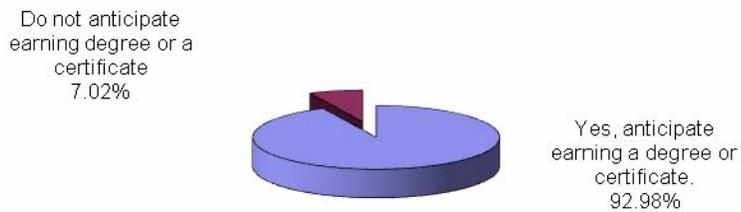
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Recipients who earned a degree/certificate



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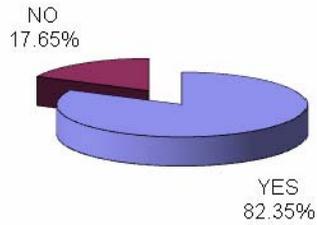
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Recipients anticipation to earn a degree/certificate



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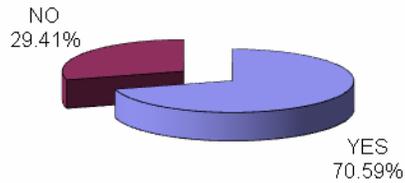
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Recipients's enrollment status for the 2008-09 academic year



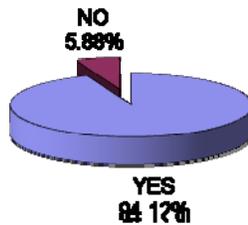
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RECIPIENTS**
Recipient's employment status for the 2008-09 academic year



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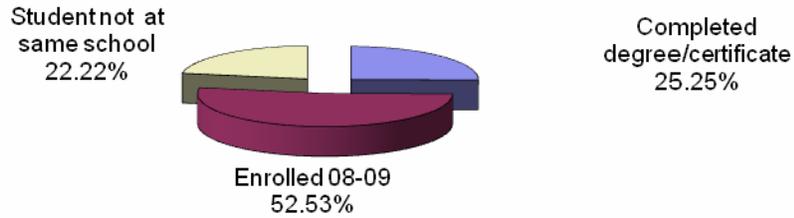
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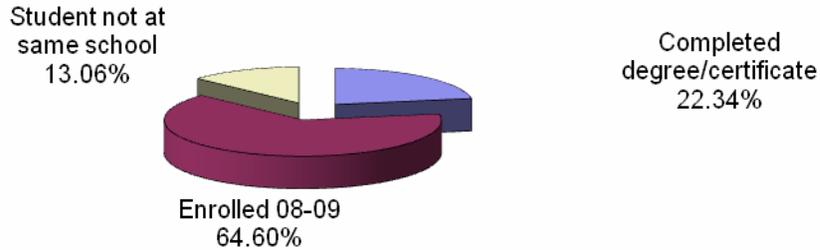
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INDEPENDENT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES,
TECHNICAL COLLEGES AND TRIBAL COLLEGES
Enrollment Status of Recipients**



GRAPH X

**2007-08
MINORITY UNDERGRADUATE RETENTION GRANT SURVEY
INDEPENDENT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES
AND TRIBAL COLLEGES
Enrollment Status of Recipients**



GRAPH XI

**2007-08
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TECHNICAL COLLEGES
Enrollment Status of Recipients**

