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COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

Phase II Reach Grant Update: Leveraging PLA to Support Student Enrollment & Completion

Chancellor's Summit on Adult Education

May 30, 2024

Why PLA?

Adult students credential completion rates:

49% with PLA, 27% without

PLA boost for adult student completion controlling for other factors:

17% All PLA methods, 30% Methods not ACE military recommendations

Source: *PLA Boost Report, CAEL 2020*

Welcome!

Today's Presenters & FRCC PLA Workgroup Representatives:

- Michael Gulliksen, Senior Director of Advising
- Janel Highfill, Associate Vice President Workforce Development
- Dolly Rosenbrook, Department Chair, Business for Creative Industries
- Xinyu Zhang, Assistant Director of Academic Services

Session Agenda

- **Phase I Grant Highlights - Dolly**
- **Phase II Results vs Phase I: Impact Data - Xinyu**
- **Phase II Project: Building on Phase I & Project Expansion – Michael & Janel**
- **Q&A**



Phase 1 July 2022–July 2023 Grant Highlights

Leveling the Field: *Expanding Access to Prior Learning Assessment @FRCC*

Students who are awarded CPL/PLA credit take on average 17 credits more with the institution.

FRCC's Hispanic adult learner population historically underutilized CPL/PLA.

Three institutional barriers inhibiting adult learners of color from accessing CPL/PLA:

lacking student awareness | cost of utilization | institutional staff knowledge gaps

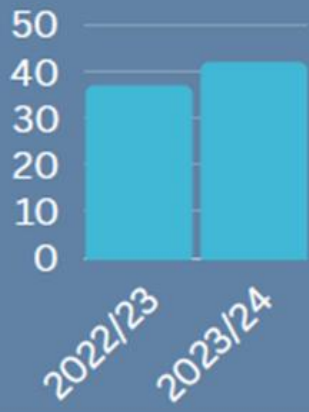
Phase I: FRCC was awarded a CCCS mini-grant of \$48K through a REACH sub-grant funded by Lumina Foundation and the following actions were implemented:

- **Targeted Student Marketing & Communications:** email, social media, blog posts, student engagement department, college-wide events calendar, press releases, 3 bilingual student info sessions, website updates, new position, Assistant Director Academic Services
- **Fee Waiver to remove financial barriers and increase access and CLEP testing vouchers**
- **Coordinated college-wide communication, information sharing and collaboration:** Faculty and Instructor Info sessions, training, pay for creation of assessment tools, advising, TRIO, outreach, admissions, COSI, testing centers, registrar's office, cashiers, & the Academic Services Department.

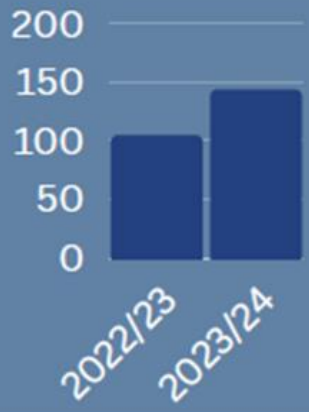
Adult Learners' Success Reach Grant Report

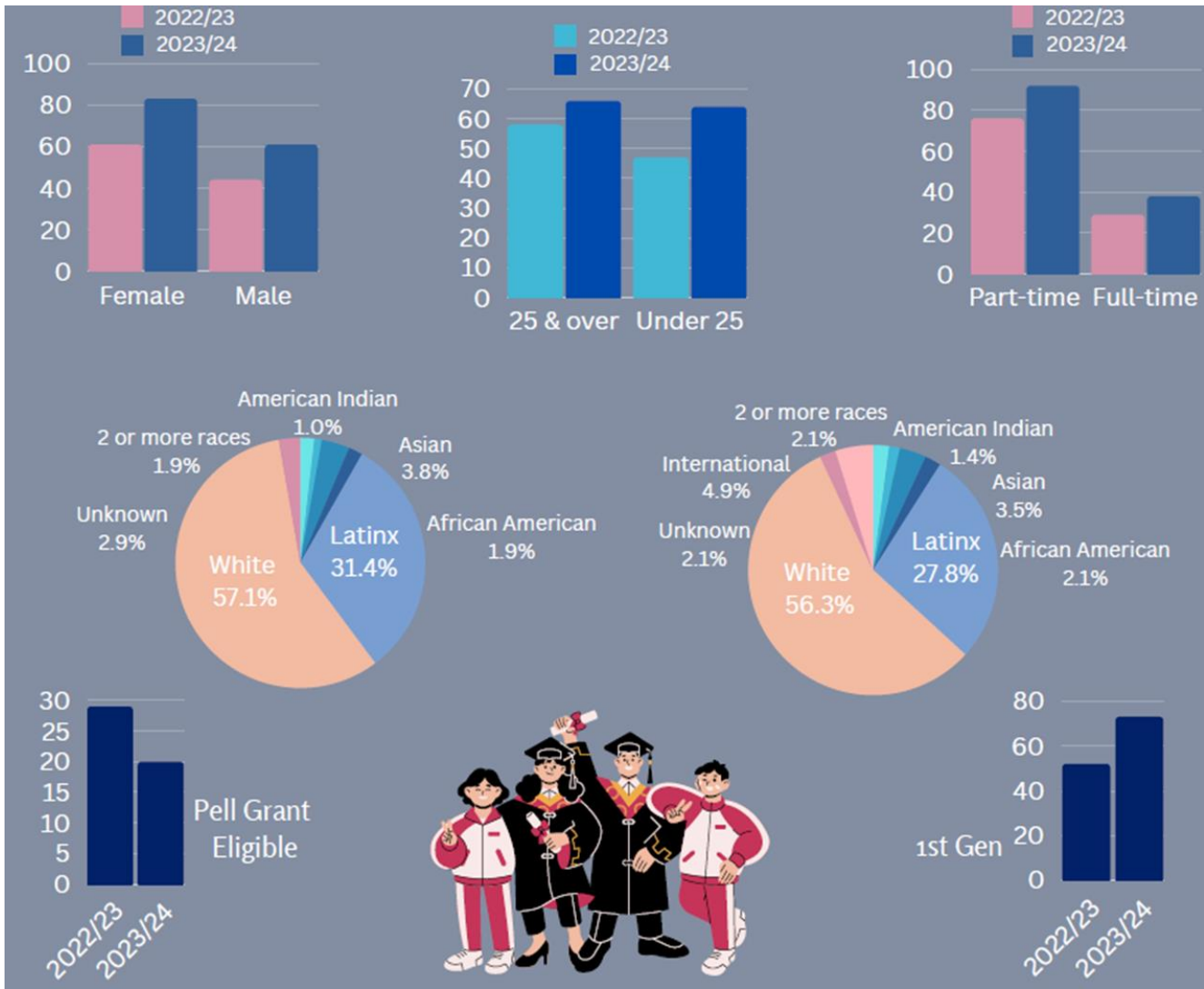
11/8/2023 - 5/16/2024

42 credentials are awarded.



144 students completed PLA through a CLEP/challenge exam/portfolio.





Building on Phase I

Phase 1—Foundations

- Increased awareness, understanding, and engagement
- Improved communication and messaging
- Identified and clearly articulated sticking points that need to be addressed
- Created a cross-functional working group with high level support

Phase 2—Building and Expanding

- Continuing to increase awareness, understanding, and engagement
- Continuing to improve communication and messaging
- Leveraging working group and college support to develop solutions to sticking points
- Weaving PLA into the fabric of student onboarding and academic planning



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