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**2009-2010 MINORITY UNDERGRADUATE RETENTION GRANT ANNUAL
REPORT**

MINORITY UNDERGRADUATE RETENTION GRANT
2009-2010
Higher Educational Aids Board
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 a 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 797 Minority Undergraduate Retention Grant recipients in the 2009-2010 academic year. 310 recipients attended a non-profit, independent college or university, or tribal college, and 487 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 2009-2010 academic year. Participating schools report that 79% of student recipients either completed their degree/certificate programs or will continue to work towards obtaining their degree/certificate in 2010-2011.

Of recipients who responded to the survey, 90% 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 89% of the respondents indicated that they plan on living in Wisconsin for their working career.

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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	183	22.96%
Students continuing toward degree/certificate	452	56.71%
Students not returning to school attended in 09-10	162	20.33%
TOTALS	800	100%

Independent Colleges and Universities/Tribal Colleges

	Number	Percentage
Students who completed a degree/certificate	66	21.29%
Students continuing toward degree/certificate	193	62.26%
Students not returning to school attended in 09-10	51	16.45%
TOTALS	326	100%

Technical College System Schools

	Number	Percentage
Students who completed a degree/certificate	117	24.02%
Students continuing toward degree/certificate	259	53.18%
Students not returning to school attended in 09-10	111	22.79%
TOTALS	474	100.00%

Note: The students reported as "not returning to school" did not return to the school they attended in 2009-2010. They could be attending a different school or working on an advanced degree.

TABLE II

**TOP FIVE COLLEGES OR UNIVERSITIES
BASED ON FUNDING PROVIDED TO STUDENTS**

College or University	Dollars Spent	Number of Awards	Average Award
MILWAUKEE AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE	\$258,620	256	\$1,010
MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY	\$87,000	39	\$2,231
CARDINAL STRITCH UNIVERSITY	\$70,175	50	\$1,404
ALVERNO COLLEGE	\$60,072	46	\$1,306
GATEWAY TECHNICAL COLLEGE	\$36,180	85	\$426
TOTALS	\$512,047	476	\$1,076

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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	\$60,072	46	\$1,306	15.57%
BELLIN COLLEGE	\$1,100	2	\$550	0.29%
BELOIT COLLEGE	\$2,600	4	\$650	0.67%
CARDINAL STRITCH UNIVERSITY	\$70,175	50	\$1,404	18.19%
CARROLL UNIVERSITY	\$7,000	7	\$1,000	1.81%
CARTHAGE COLLEGE	\$15,350	36	\$426	3.98%
COLLEGE OF THE MENOMINEE NATION	\$14,178	15	\$945	3.68%
CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY	\$11,250	7	\$1,607	2.92%
EDGEWOOD COLLEGE	\$9,644	7	\$1,378	2.50%
LAC COURTE OREILLES	\$25,573	12	\$2,131	6.63%
LAKELAND COLLEGE	\$11,300	10	\$1,130	2.93%
LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY	\$3,100	2	\$1,550	0.80%
MARIAN UNIVERSITY	\$7,700	15	\$513	2.00%
MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY	\$87,000	39	\$2,231	22.55%
MILWAUKEE SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING	\$9,200	7	\$1,314	2.38%
MOUNT MARY COLLEGE	\$35,200	33	\$1,067	9.13%
RIPON COLLEGE	\$4,775	6	\$796	1.24%
ST NORBERT COLLEGE	\$1,680	3	\$560	0.44%
SILVER LAKE COLLEGE	\$1,550	1	\$1,550	0.40%
VITERBO UNIVERSITY	\$4,000	3	\$1,333	1.04%
WISCONSIN LUTHERAN COLLEGE	\$3,300	5	\$660	0.86%
TOTAL	\$385,747	310	\$1,244	100.00%

YEAR IN SCHOOL	DOLLARS SPENT	NUMBER OF AWARDS	AVERAGE AWARD	PERCENTAGE OF DOLLARS SPENT
SOPHOMORES	\$105,676	87	\$1,215	27.40%
JUNIORS	\$157,544	120	\$1,313	40.84%
SENIORS	\$99,177	83	\$1,195	25.71%
5TH YEAR STUDENTS	\$23,350	20	\$1,168	6.05%
TOTAL	\$385,747	310	\$1,244	100.00%

STATUS OF RECIPIENTS	DOLLARS SPENT	NUMBER OF AWARDS	AVERAGE AWARD	PERCENTAGE OF DOLLARS SPENT
DEPENDENT	\$201,345	156	\$1,291	52.20%
INDEPENDENT	\$184,402	154	\$1,197	47.80%
TOTAL	\$385,747	310	\$1,244	100.00%

MINORITY UNDERGRADUATE RETENTION GRANT BY GROUP	DOLLARS SPENT	NUMBER OF AWARDS	AVERAGE AWARD	PERCENTAGE OF DOLLARS SPENT
AFRICAN-AMERICAN	\$211,439	164	\$1,289	54.81%
AMERICAN INDIAN	\$47,411	42	\$1,129	12.29%
ASIAN-AMERICAN	\$32,380	24	\$1,349	8.39%
HISPANIC	\$94,517	80	\$1,181	24.50%
TOTAL	\$385,747	310	\$1,244	100.00%

MINORITY UNDERGRADUATE RETENTION GRANT INDEPENDENT BY SECTOR	DOLLARS SPENT	NUMBER OF AWARDS	AVERAGE AWARD	PERCENTAGE OF DOLLARS SPENT
INDEPENDENT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES	\$345,996	283	\$1,223	89.70%
TRIBAL COLLEGES	\$39,751	27	\$1,472	10.30%
TOTAL	\$385,747	310	\$1,244	100.00%

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TABLE IV

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

COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY	DOLLARS SPENT	NUMBER OF AWARDS	AVERAGE AWARD	PERCENT OF DOLLARS SPENT
BLACKHAWK TECHNICAL COLLEGE	\$12,210	12	\$1,018	3.05%
CHIPPEWA VALLEY TECHNICAL COLLEGE	\$5,900	4	\$1,475	1.47%
FOX VALLEY TECHNICAL COLLEGE	\$6,505	15	\$434	1.63%
GATEWAY TECHNICAL COLLEGE	\$36,180	85	\$426	9.04%
INDIANHEAD TECHNICAL COLLEGE	\$4,730	3	\$1,577	1.18%
MADISON COLLEGE	\$38,200	45	\$849	9.55%
MILWAUKEE AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE	\$258,620	256	\$1,010	64.65%
NORTHEAST TECHNICAL COLLEGE	\$17,080	19	\$899	4.27%
NORTHCENTRAL TECHNICAL COLLEGE	\$5,665	20	\$283	1.42%
SOUTHWEST WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE	\$800	1	\$0	0.20%
WAUKESHA COUNTY TECHNICAL COLLEGE	\$5,500	13	\$423	1.37%
WESTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE	\$8,660	14	\$619	2.16%
TOTALS	\$400,050	487	\$821	100.00%

YEAR IN SCHOOL	DOLLARS SPENT	NUMBER OF AWARDS	AVERAGE AWARD	PERCENTAGE OF DOLLARS SPENT
2 ND YEAR STUDENTS	\$287,460	337	\$853	71.86%
3 RD YEAR STUDENTS	\$82,720	108	\$766	20.68%
4 TH YEAR STUDENTS	\$23,270	31	\$751	5.82%
5 TH YEAR STUDENTS	\$6,600	11	\$600	1.65%
TOTAL	\$400,050	487	\$821	100.00%

STATUS OF RECIPIENTS	DOLLARS SPENT	NUMBER OF AWARDS	AVERAGE AWARD	PERCENTAGE OF DOLLARS SPENT
DEPENDENT	\$57,954	64	\$906	14.49%
INDEPENDENT	\$342,096	423	\$809	85.51%
TOTAL	\$400,050	487	\$821	100.00%

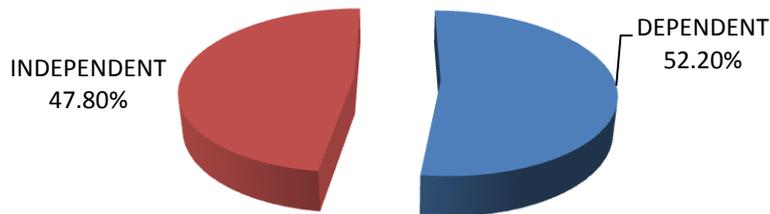
MINORITY UNDERGRADUATE RETENTION GRANT BY GROUP	DOLLARS SPENT	NUMBER OF AWARDS	AVERAGE AWARD	PERCENTAGE OF DOLLARS SPENT
AFRICAN-AMERICAN	\$257,082	295	\$871	64.26%
AMERICAN INDIAN	\$13,290	16	\$831	3.32%
ASIAN-AMERICAN	\$62,058	80	\$776	15.51%
HISPANIC	\$67,620	96	\$704	16.90%
TOTAL	\$400,050	487	\$821	100.00%

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GRAPH I

**AWARDS BY DEPENDENCY STATUS
INDEPENDENT COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES AND TRIBAL COLLEGES**

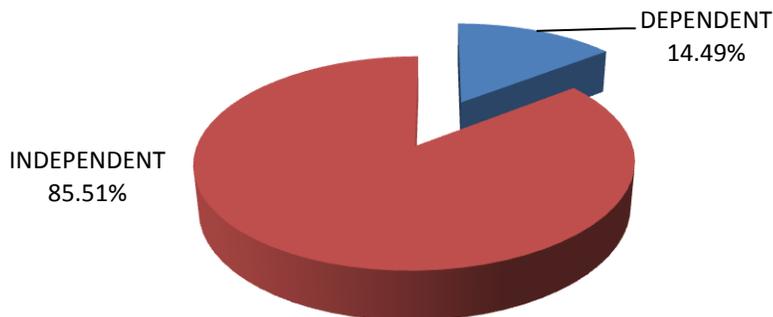
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GRAPH II

**AWARDS BY DEPENDENCY STATUS
Wisconsin Technical College System**

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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	66	90.41%
NO	7	9.59%

2. Have you earned a bachelor or an associate degree/certificate?

YES	23	31.51%
NO	50	68.49%

3. If you have not earned a degree or certificate, do you anticipate doing so?

YES	50	92.98%
NO	2	7.02%

4. Are you or will you be enrolled at a college or university during the 2010-11 academic year?

YES	62	84.93%
NO	11	15.07%

5. If yes, are you or will you be enrolled:

Full-time	47	64.38%
Part-time	15	20.55%
Not enrolled	11	15.07%

6. Are you employed?

YES	54	73.97%
NO	19	26.03%

7. If yes, are you employed:

Full-time	18	24.66%
Part-time	36	49.32%

8. Do you plan to be a Wisconsin resident for most of your working career?

YES	65	89.04%
No Answer	8	10.96%

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.

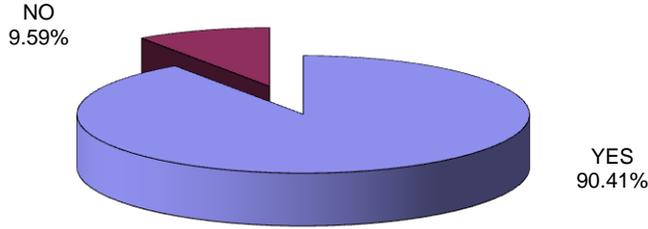
Many students are having a more difficult time completing programs due to expenses, books, transportation and tuition costs.

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GRAPH III

**2009-2010
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SURVEY**

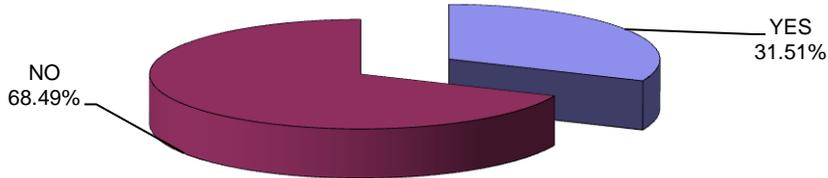
Recipients indicated that MRUG had a positive effect on their decision to remain in school.



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SURVEY**

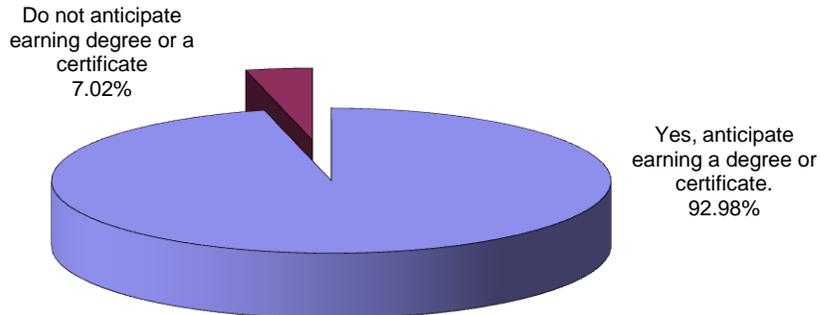
Recipients who earned a degree/certificate



GRAPH V

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Recipients' anticipation to earn a degree/certificate

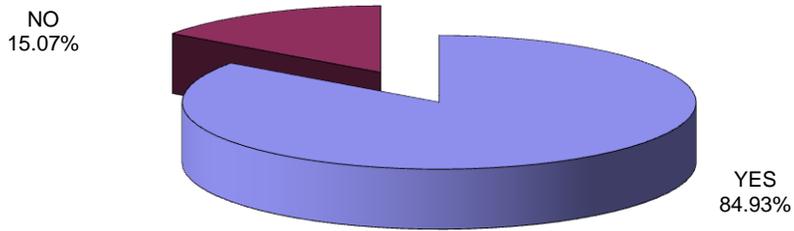


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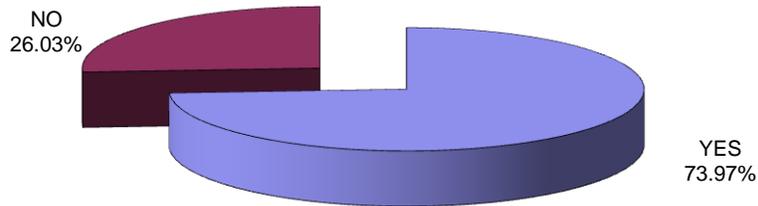
Recipients who plan to be enrolled the 2010-2011 academic year



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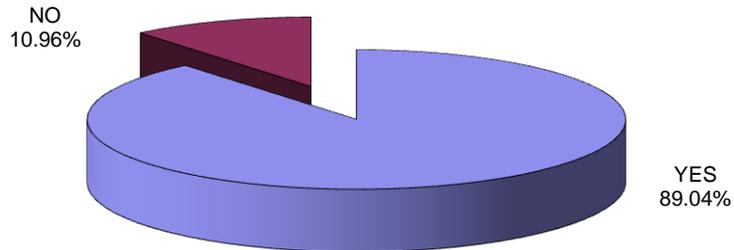
Recipients' employment status for the 2010-2011 academic year



GRAPH VIII

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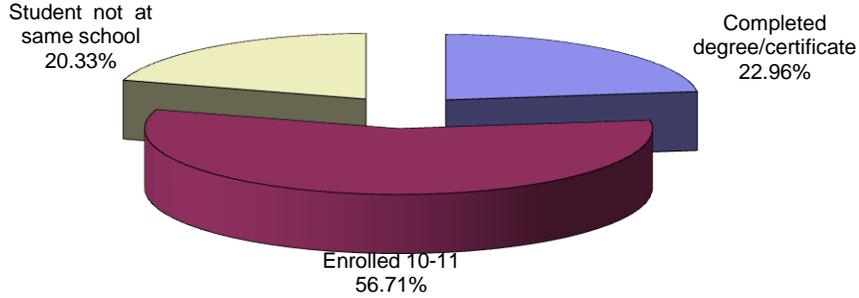
Recipients' plans to stay in Wisconsin for most of their career



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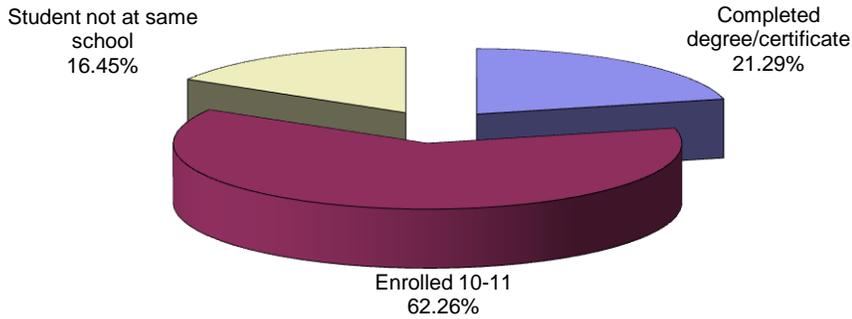
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SURVEY
INDEPENDENT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES,
TECHNICAL COLLEGES AND TRIBAL COLLEGES
Enrollment Status of Recipients



GRAPH X

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MINORITY UNDERGRADUATE RETENTION GRANT RECIPIENT
SURVEY
INDEPENDENT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES
AND TRIBAL COLLEGES
Enrollment Status of Recipients



GRAPH XI

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SURVEY
TECHNICAL COLLEGES
Enrollment Status of Recipients

