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**2002-2003 ANNUAL MINORITY UNDERGRADUATE RETENTION GRANT
PROGRAM REPORT AND SURVEY RESULTS**



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Dear Secretary Marotta:

Enclosed is the Annual Status Report for the Minority Undergraduate Retention Grant (MURG) Program. Submission of this report is in compliance with Section 39.44(5) of the Wisconsin Statutes, which requires a yearly report regarding the effectiveness of the MURG Program.

If you have any questions about this report or about the MURG Program, please feel free to contact me by phone at 267-2944 or by e-mail at sherrie.nelson@heab.state.wi.us.

Sincerely,

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2002-03
MINORITY UNDERGRADUATE RETENTION GRANT PROGRAM
Annual Effectiveness Report

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

Awards under the MURG Program are made 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. There are 15 technical colleges, 21 non-profit colleges and universities, and 2 tribal colleges participating in the program. According to statutes, a minority student is defined as a student who is either 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. There is 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 is made based on the minority population at each participating school. This information is based on an annual survey of the schools. The University of Wisconsin System Administration has a similar program, the Lawton Grant, for students attending those institutions.

Nine pages of tables and graphs are attached. They show final figures for the 2002-03 academic year and the results of surveys of participating schools and student recipients.

- Pages 3 and 4 show the spending for the MURG Program for 2002-03 by sector and school.
- Page 5 shows the top five colleges or universities based on funding provided to students enrolled. 67.01 percent of the funds available were spent funding students enrolled at these schools. While the assignment is evenly divided between the two sectors, there are usually more awards for smaller amounts utilized in the Technical College Sector.
- Page 6 shows the results of the survey of participating schools.
- Pages 7 to 11 show the results of the survey of student recipients.

There were 658 recipients of an MURG in the 2002-03 academic year. 259 recipients attended a non-profit, independent college or university or tribal college and 399 recipients attended a Wisconsin technical college. 18.54% of the recipients responded to the survey.

The results of the survey of school and student recipients show that the MURG Program is very successful. Those individuals who were surveyed included students who received MURG Program grants during the 2001-02 academic year. Participating schools report that 78.75 percent of student recipients either completed their degree/certificate programs or continued to work towards obtaining their degree/certificate in 2002-03.

Among student recipients surveyed, 88.52 percent indicated that the grant positively affected their decision to return to or stay in school. 100 percent of the respondents either have earned a degree/certificate or continue to work towards obtaining a degree/certificate. In addition, over 90 percent of the recipients plan on living and working in Wisconsin for their working career.

2002-2003**MINORITY UNDERGRADUATE RETENTION GRANT****INDEPENDENT COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES
AND TRIBAL COLLEGES**

COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY	DOLLARS SPENT	NUMBER OF AWARDS	AVERAGE AWARD	PERCENTAGE OF DOLLARS SPENT
ALVERNO COLLEGE	\$81,399	56	\$1,454	22.64%
BELLIN COLLEGE	\$1,160	1	\$1,160	0.32%
BELOIT COLLEGE	\$1,870	2	\$935	0.52%
CARDINAL STRITCH UNIVERSITY	\$57,730	44	\$1,312	16.05%
CARROLL COLLEGE	\$10,360	8	\$1,295	2.88%
CARTHAGE COLLEGE	\$5,546	5	\$1,109	1.54%
COLLEGE OF THE MENOMINEE NATION	\$18,850	8	\$2,356	5.24%
CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY	\$26,228	16	\$1,639	7.29%
EDGEWOOD COLLEGE	\$3,400	4	\$850	0.95%
LAC COURTE OREILLES	\$39,550	20	\$1,978	11.00%
LAKELAND COLLEGE	\$7,300	4	\$1,825	2.03%
LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY	\$2,210	2	\$1,105	0.61%
MARANATHA COLLEGE	\$2,660	4	\$665	0.74%
MARIAN COLLEGE	\$5,600	10	\$560	1.56%
MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY	\$35,820	17	\$2,107	9.96%
MILWAUKEE INSTITUTE OF ART AND DESIGN	\$10,360	7	\$1,480	2.88%
MILWAUKEE SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING	\$10,399	6	\$1,733	2.89%
MOUNT MARY COLLEGE	\$18,000	19	\$947	5.01%
NORTHLAND COLLEGE	\$1,000	1	\$1,000	0.28%
RIPON COLLEGE	\$1,530	2	\$765	0.43%
ST NORBERT COLLEGE	\$9,442	9	\$1,049	2.63%
SILVER LAKE COLLEGE	\$2,620	5	\$524	0.73%
VITERBO COLLEGE	\$4,750	5	\$950	1.32%
WISCONSIN LUTHERAN COLLEGE	\$1,800	4	\$450	0.50%
TOTAL	\$359,584	259	\$1,388	100.00%

YEAR IN SCHOOL	DOLLARS SPENT	NUMBER OF AWARDS	AVERAGE AWARD	PERCENTAGE OF DOLLARS SPENT
SOPHOMORES	\$112,795	76	\$1,484	31.37%
JUNIORS	\$120,794	87	\$1,388	33.59%
SENIORS	\$91,657	71	\$1,291	25.49%
5TH YEAR STUDENTS	\$34,338	25	\$1,374	9.55%
TOTAL	\$359,584	259	\$1,388	100.00%

STATUS OF RECIPIENTS	DOLLARS SPENT	NUMBER OF AWARDS	AVERAGE AWARD	PERCENTAGE OF DOLLARS SPENT
DEPENDENT	\$136,013	102	\$1,333	37.83%
INDEPENDENT, FAMILY	\$167,145	117	\$1,429	46.48%
SINGLE, INDEPENDENT	\$56,426	40	\$1,411	15.69%
TOTAL	\$359,584	259	\$1,388	100.00%

MINORITY UNDERGRADUATE RETENTION GRANT BY GROUP	DOLLARS SPENT	NUMBER OF AWARDS	AVERAGE AWARD	PERCENTAGE OF DOLLARS SPENT
AFRICAN-AMERICAN	\$186,905	142	\$1,316	51.98%
AMERICAN INDIAN	\$67,628	36	\$1,879	18.81%
ASIAN-AMERICAN	\$40,463	34	\$1,190	11.25%
HISPANIC	\$64,588	47	\$1,374	17.96%
TOTAL	\$359,584	259	\$1,388	100.00%

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MINORITY UNDERGRADUATE RETENTION GRANT

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COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY	DOLLARS SPENT	NUMBER OF AWARDS	AVERAGE AWARD	PERCENTAGE OF DOLLARS SPENT
BLACKHAWK TECHNICAL COLLEGE	\$7,400	8	\$925	1.96%
CHIPPEWA VALLEY TECHNICAL COLLEGE	\$1,800	13	\$138	0.48%
FOX VALLEY TECHNICAL COLLEGE	\$10,331	19	\$544	2.73%
GATEWAY TECHNICAL COLLEGE	\$6,100	16	\$381	1.61%
INDIANHEAD TECHNICAL COLLEGE	\$2,500	2	\$1,250	0.66%
LAKESHORE TECHNICAL COLLEGE	\$4,300	6	\$717	1.14%
MADISON AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE	\$108,615	51	\$2,130	28.71%
MIDSTATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE	\$2,600	4	\$650	0.69%
MILWAUKEE AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE	\$219,870	253	\$869	58.13%
MORAIN PARK TECHNICAL COLLEGE	\$1,100	2	\$550	0.29%
NICOLET AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE	\$2,700	2	\$1,350	0.71%
NORTHEAST TECHNICAL COLLEGE	\$3,300	5	\$660	0.87%
NORTHCENTRAL TECHNICAL COLLEGE	\$1,500	5	\$300	0.40%
SOUTHWEST WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE	\$0	0	\$0	0.00%
WAUKESHA COUNTY TECHNICAL COLLEGE	\$2,900	6	\$483	0.77%
WESTERN WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE	\$3,250	7	\$464	0.86%
TOTALS	\$378,266	399	\$948	100.00%

YEAR IN SCHOOL	DOLLARS SPENT	NUMBER OF AWARDS	AVERAGE AWARD	PERCENTAGE OF DOLLARS SPENT
2ND YEAR	\$313,992	335	\$937	83.01%
3RD YEAR	\$45,541	45	\$1,012	12.04%
4TH YEAR	\$14,233	16	\$890	3.76%
5TH YEAR STUDENTS	\$4,500	3	\$1,500	1.19%
TOTAL	\$378,266	399	\$948	100.00%

STATUS OF RECIPIENTS	DOLLARS SPENT	NUMBER OF AWARDS	AVERAGE AWARD	PERCENTAGE OF DOLLARS SPENT
DEPENDENT	\$58,567	66	\$887	15.48%
INDEPENDENT, FAMILY	\$241,833	263	\$920	63.94%
SINGLE, INDEPENDENT	\$77,866	70	\$1,112	20.59%
TOTAL	\$378,266	399	\$948	100.00%

MINORITY UNDERGRADUATE RETENTION GRANT BY GROUP	DOLLARS SPENT	NUMBER OF AWARDS	AVERAGE AWARD	PERCENTAGE OF DOLLARS SPENT
AFRICAN- AMERICAN	\$229,393	234	\$980	60.64%
AMERICAN INDIAN	\$12,601	14	\$900	3.33%
ASIAN-AMERICAN	\$72,292	79	\$915	19.11%
HISPANIC	\$63,980	72	\$889	16.92%
TOTAL	\$378,266	399	\$948	100.00%

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MINORITY RETENTION GRANT REPORT**

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

College or University	\$ Spent	# of Awards	Average Award
Milwaukee Area Technical College	\$219,870	253	\$869
Madison Area Technical College	\$108,615	51	\$2,130
Alverno College	\$81,399	56	\$1,454
Cardinal Stritch University	\$57,730	44	\$1,312
Lac Courte Oreilles	\$39,550	20	\$1,978
TOTALS	\$507,164	424	\$1,196

**2002-03
 MINORITY RETENTION GRANT SURVEY
 INDEPENDENT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES
 TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM SCHOOLS
 TRIBAL COLLEGES**

Independent Colleges and Universities/ Technical Colleges/Tribal Colleges

	Number	Percentage
Students who completed a degree/certificate	219	33.23%
Students continuing toward degree/certificate	300	45.52%
Students not returning to school attended in 2002-03	140	21.25%
TOTALS	659	100.00%

Independent Colleges and Universities/Tribal Colleges

	Number	Percentage
Students who completed a degree/certificate	83	31.92%
Students continuing toward degree/certificate	152	58.46%
Students not returning to school attended in 2002-03	25	9.62%
TOTALS	260	100.00%

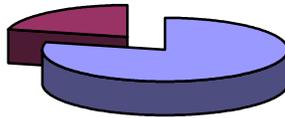
Technical College System Schools

	Number	Percentage
Students who completed a degree/certificate	136	34.09%
Students continuing toward degree/certificate	148	37.09%
Students not returning to school attended in 2002-03	115	28.82%
TOTALS	399	100.00%

Note: The students reported as "not returning to school" did not return to the school they attended in 2002-03. They could be attending a different school or working on an advanced degree.

**2002-03
MINORITY UNDERGRADUATE RETENTION GRANT SURVEY
INDEPENDENT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES,
TECHNICAL COLLEGES AND TRIBAL COLLEGES
Enrollment Status of Recipients**

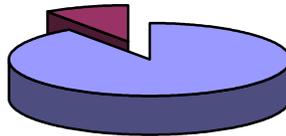
**DID NOT RETURN TO
SCHOOL IN 2003-04
21.25%**



**GRADUATED OR
STILL ENROLLED
78.75%**

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

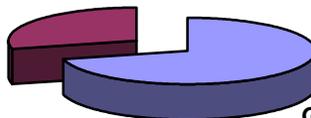
**DID NOT RETURN TO
SCHOOL IN 2003-04
9.62%**



**GRADUATED OR STILL
ENROLLED
90.38%**

**2002-03
MINORITY UNDERGRADUATE RETENTION GRANT SURVEY
TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM SCHOOLS
Enrollment Status of Recipients**

**DID NOT RETURN TO
SCHOOL IN 2003-04
28.82%**



**GRADUATED OR
STILL ENROLLED
71.18%**

NOTE: The students reported "not returning to school" did not return to the school they attended in 2002-03. They could now be attending a different school.

**2002-03
MINORITY RETENTION GRANT SURVEY
OF RECIPIENTS**

Responses by Student Recipients

1. Did receiving the Minority Retention Grant positively influence your decision to return to school?

YES	108	88.52%
NO	14	11.48%

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

YES	49	40.16%
NO	73	59.84%

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

YES	75	96.15%
NO	3	3.85%

4. Are you or will you be enrolled at a college or university during the 2003-04 academic year?

YES	96	82.76%
NO	20	17.24%

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

Full-time	72	62.07%
Part-time	24	20.69%
Not enrolled	20	17.24%

6. Are you employed?

YES	86	76.79%
NO	26	23.21%

7. If yes, are you employed:

Full-time	47	40.87%
Part-time	42	36.52%
Not employed	26	22.61%

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

YES	110	90.16%
NO	12	9.84%

Note:

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 2002-03.

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

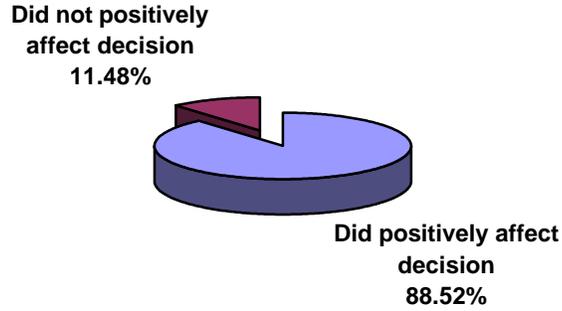
Transferring from a technical college to a 4-year college

Transferring from one technical college program to a different technical college program

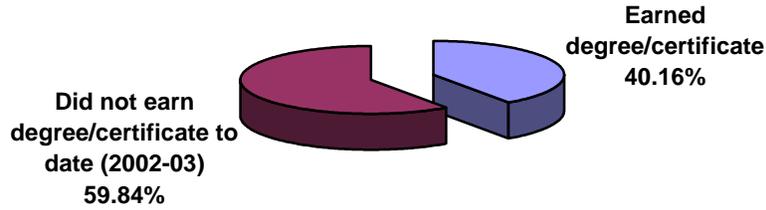
Moving from a 4-year college program to a Masters Degree program.

Moving from one 4-year college program to a second 4-year college program.

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MINORITY UNDERGRADUATE RETENTION GRANT SURVEY OF RECIPIENTS
Recipients who responded to whether or not the grant positively affected their decision to return to or stay in school



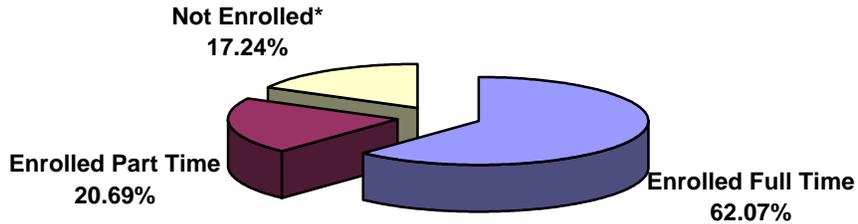
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MINORITY UNDERGRADUATE RETENTION GRANT SURVEY OF RECIPIENTS
Recipients who earned a Bachelor or an Associate Degree or Certificate



2002-03
MINORITY UNDERGRADUATE RETENTION GRANT SURVEY OF RECIPIENTS
Recipients anticipation to earn a degree or certificate

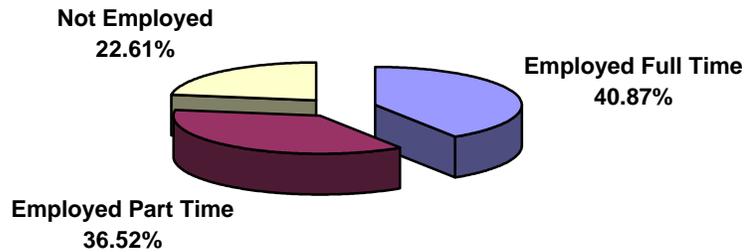


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MINORITY UNDERGRADUATE RETENTION GRANT SURVEY OF RECIPIENTS
 Recipient's enrollment status for the 2003-04 academic year



* Includes students who completed their degree/certificate in 2002-03.

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MINORITY UNDERGRADUATE RETENTION GRANT SURVEY OF RECIPIENTS
 Recipient's employment status for the 2003-04 academic year**



** Includes recipients who are enrolled in 2003-04 as well as recipients who are no longer enrolled in 2003-04 due to graduation, etc.

2002-03
MINORITY UNDERGRADUATE RETENTION GRANT SURVEY OF RECIPIENTS
 Recipient's plans to stay in Wisconsin for most of working career

