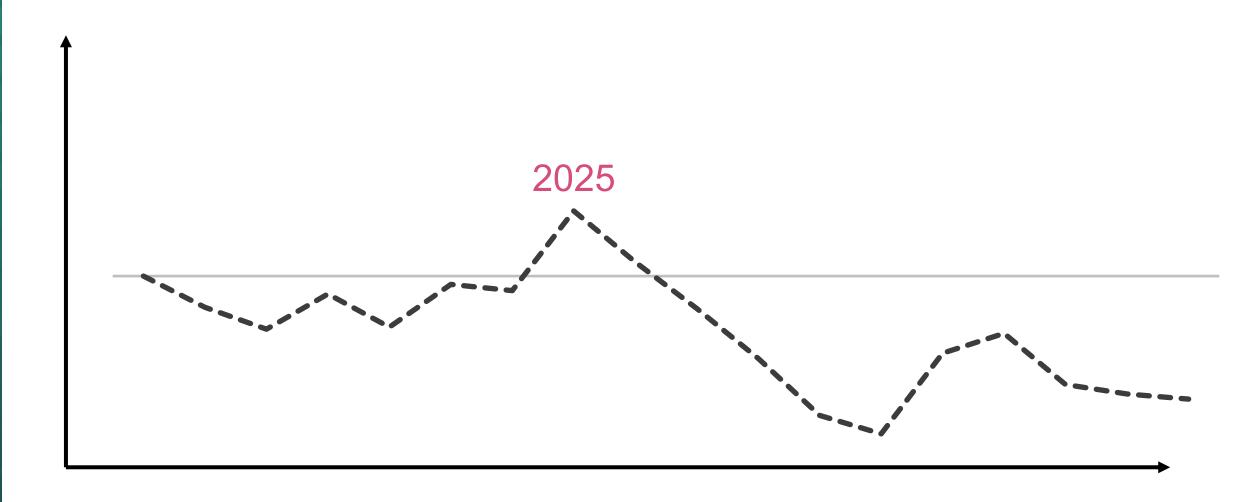


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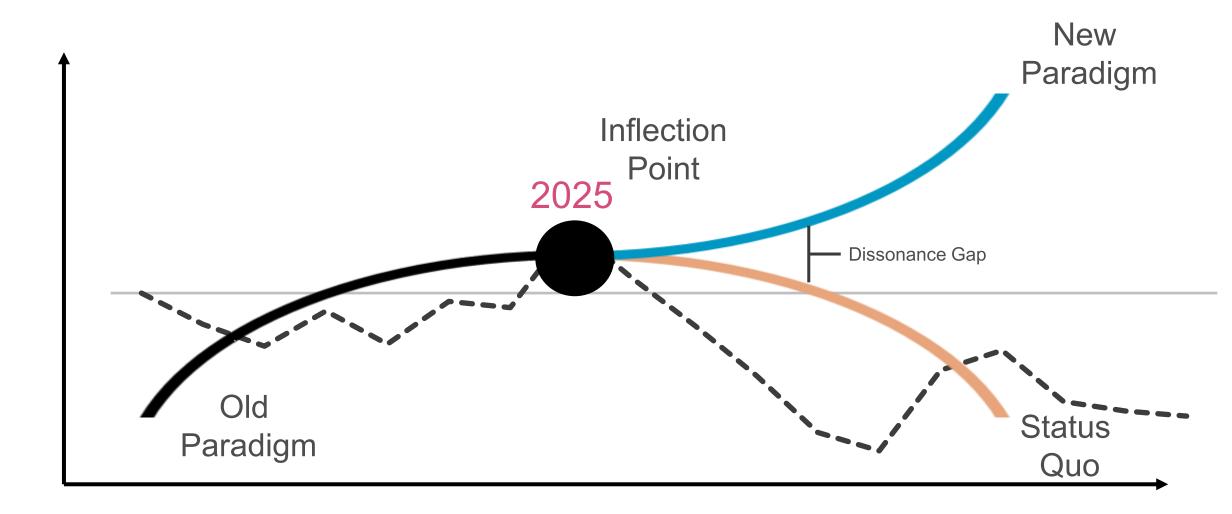


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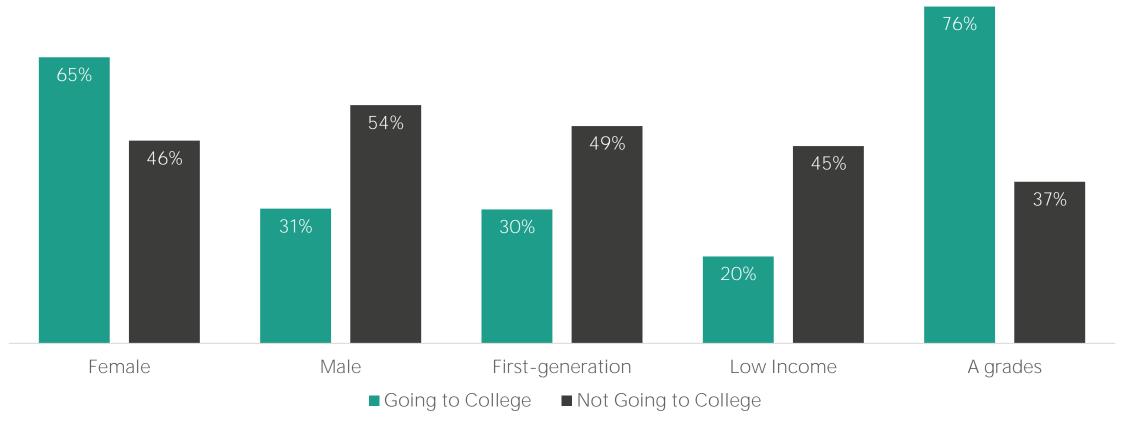
# Who Goes to College?





# 38% of HS Graduates Do Not Immediately Attend College

Demographics of High School Students by College Intention



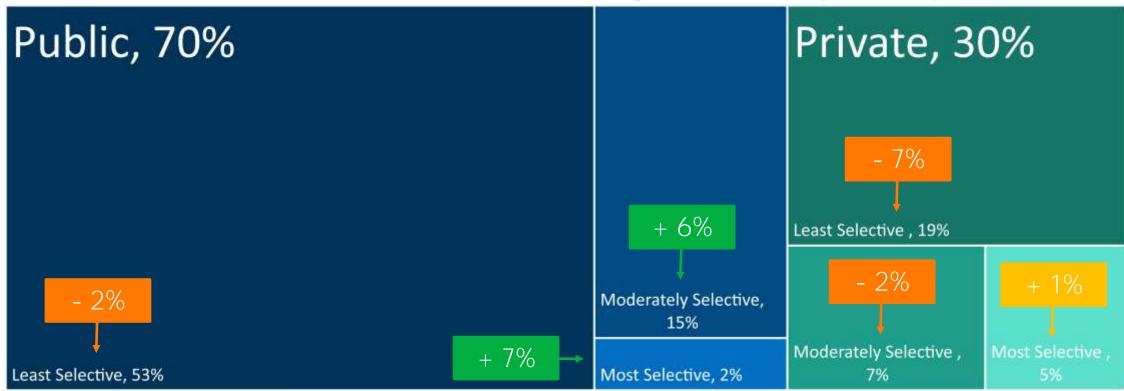
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#### Most Who Attend Go to Less Selective Institutions

Yet, the public narrative on traditional undergraduate enrollment is driven by selective institutions

2022 Market Share and Traditional Undergraduate Growth (from 2018)





#### Less Selective Serve Those with Reason to Question Value

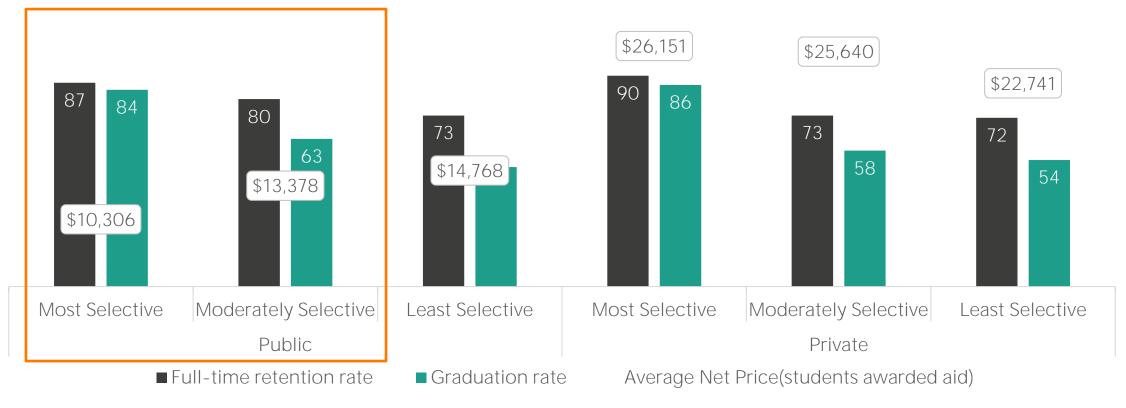
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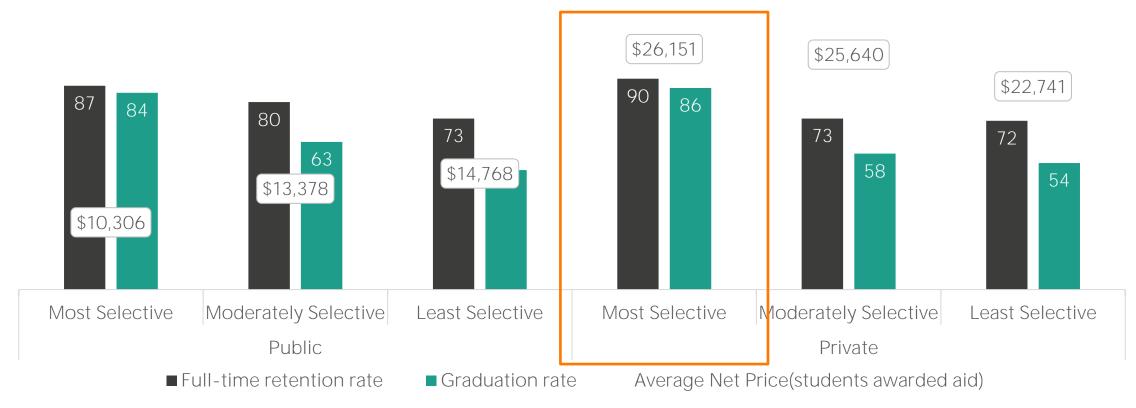
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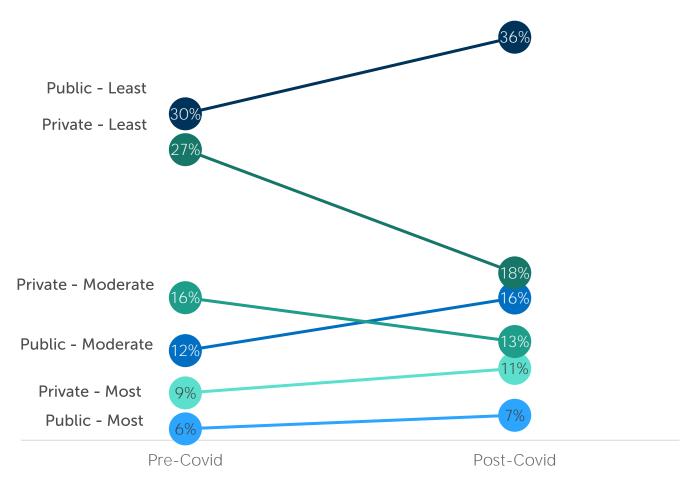
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# Soft Demand for Least Selective Privates

#### Top Consideration Type – Pre- and Post-COVID



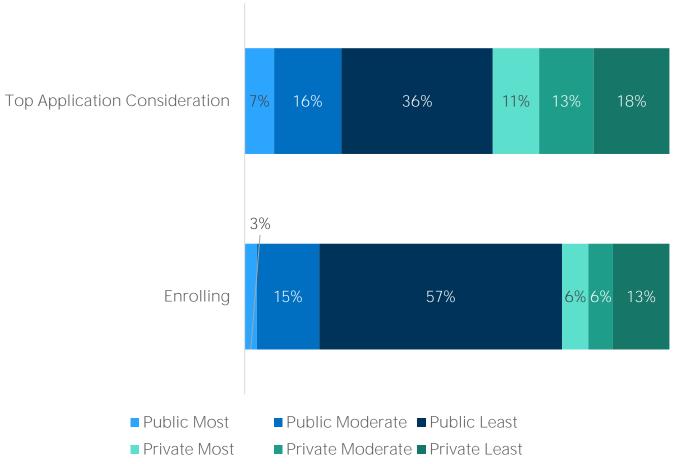
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# Reality Sets in at Enrollment

- Many more attend least selective publics than intend to
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  - t least the price is right





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## College Is Not for Me. It's Not Worth It

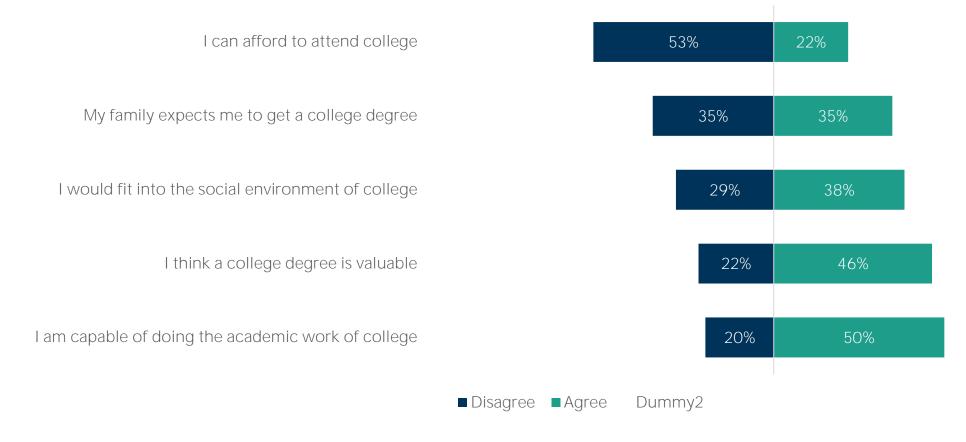
How do we re-engage a lost demographic?

"I don't see myself attending a 2- or 4year college because it costs a lot of money and time and thanks to my stepfather leaving my mother, I don't have time or money to spend on education. I need to help support my family."



# Principally, These Students Cannot Afford College

High School Graduates Deciding to Forgo College - Attitudes about College



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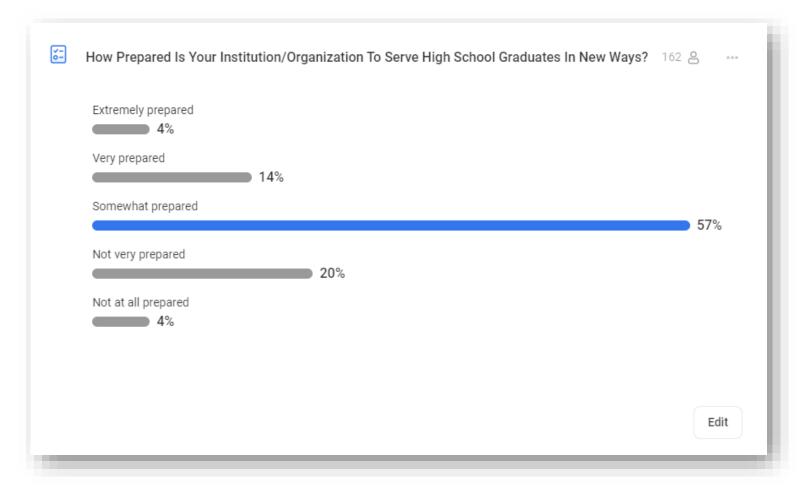
# Disconnection





# Poll: How Prepared Is Your Institution/Organization To Serve High School Graduates In New Ways?

- Extremely prepared
- Very prepared
- Somewhat prepared
- Not very prepared
- Not at all prepared



# New Paradigm



# #1. It's Time to Put Up the Big Tent

To serve more students, institutions will have to expand the definition of "college"





# Education or Training?

Traditional undergraduate serving institutions are hurting themselves by too slowly dismantling this false dichotomy



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# Arizona State University Keeps The Connection

# "Building and ecosystem for lifelong learning"

Keeps high school students focused on advancing their educational needs

- P20 learning solutions
- No application, no transcript, credits
- Dual enrollment



https://learning.asu.edu/

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# #2. Low-Cost Professional Programs Belong in the Tent

These programs will open the addressable market to students who would have skipped college

- Career-focused
- Low barrier to entry
- Shorter time to degree
- Lower cost-per-credit
- Non-degree



# Many Colleges are Making the Effort



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# Many Colleges are Making the Effort

#### **CONVERSE**

## Here's what you need to know

- We put your future first.
- We are affordable.
- We guarantee you will graduate in four years.
- We are test-optional.

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- Why Healthcare Administration at Converse?
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## But It's Difficult to Shift the Paradigm



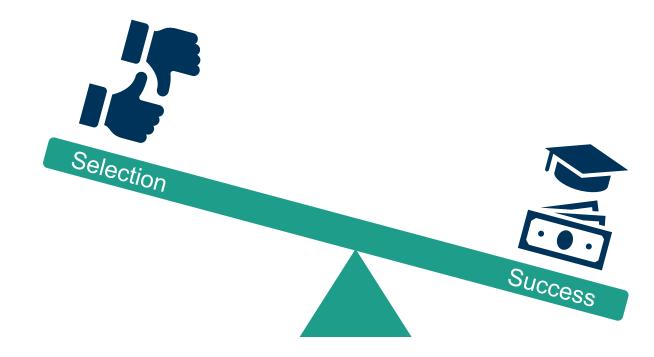
#### BOSTON COLLEGE

#### Pine Manor Institute for Student Success

- → The Academy is a two-part experience, which includes a Summer Enrichment Program for students in grades 8–12 and school year tutoring and mentoring.
- → Alumni Support is an ongoing outreach initiative for graduates of the Academy and Messina College, featuring year-round mentoring and life/success coaching.
- → Mentoring and Academic Achievement is the home of several academic support programs at Boston College, including the College Transition Program (CTP), Options Through Education (OTE), TRiO Student Support Services and the Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program.
- Messina College is Boston College's ninth school, offering a residential associate's degree program to first-generation and high financial need students.



# #3. Tip the Balance from Selection to Success





# Students Want to Be Seen for Who they Are

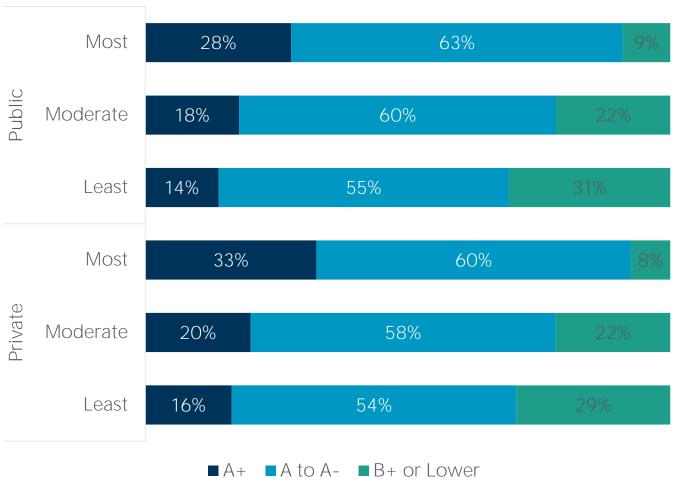
Top Ways Students Believe Schools Should Evaluate their Applications





# Selectivity Is the Answer for a Select Few

# Reported Grades by Top Consideration School Category



Source: Eduventures Prospective Student Research



## #4. Moving From Advising to Coaching

Students need more help and better help

- Academic
- Career
- Stress
- Social
- Mental Health





### If You Want Performance, Hire a Coach

Advising can not speak to all that is necessary for student success



### Focused Expertise

- Policies
- Procedures
- Degree requirements
- Sequencing



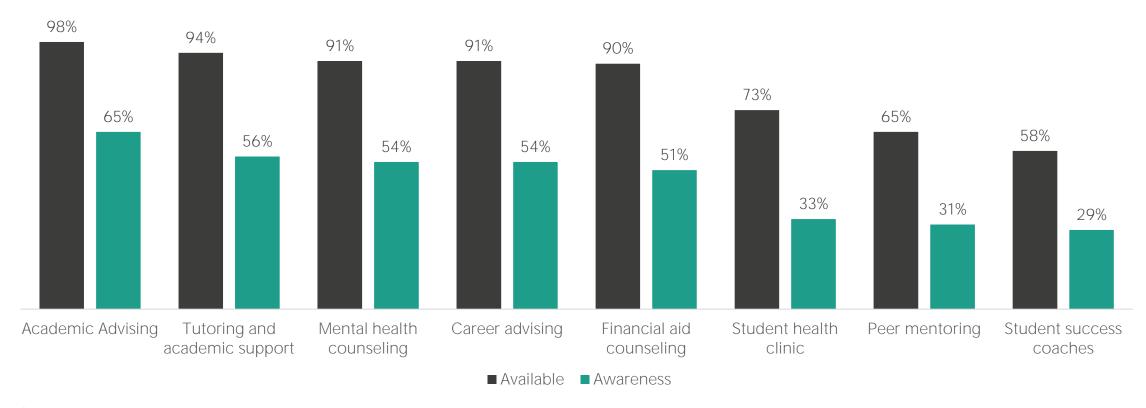
#### Holistic Performance

- Discovery
- Goal Setting
- Skill development
- Outcomes



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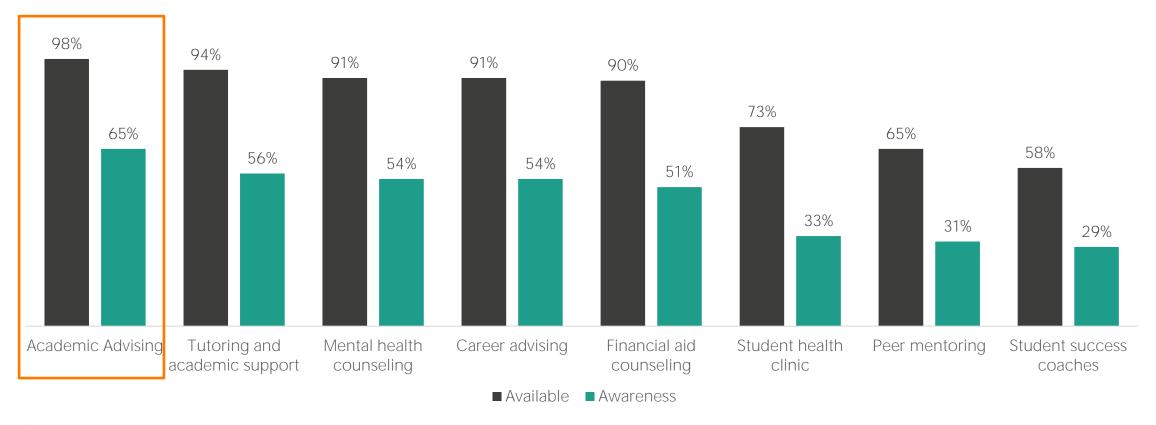


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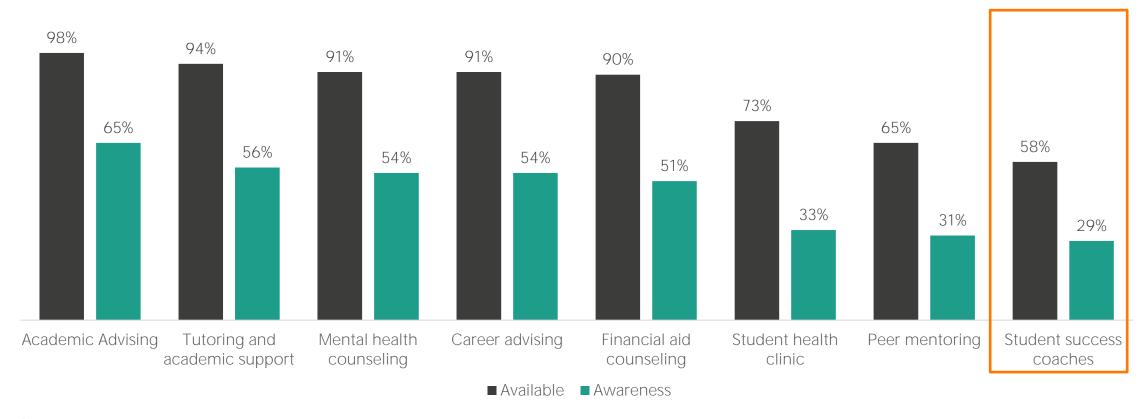


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# What Can Success Coaching Look Like?

Assigned to All New Undergrads



https://coaching.gmu.edu/



# What Can Success Coaching Look Like?

Outcomes-focused

# **Benefits of meeting with a Success Coach:**



Help students transition to college and identify resources to enhance their experience.



Make the most of their Mason experience by helping them develop academic, personal, and career goals.



Help students define their own version of success on their Mason journey.



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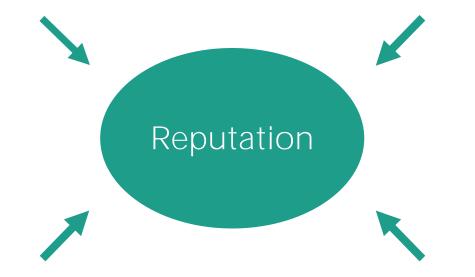
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## #5. Moving from Reputation to Outcome

From external to internal locus of control





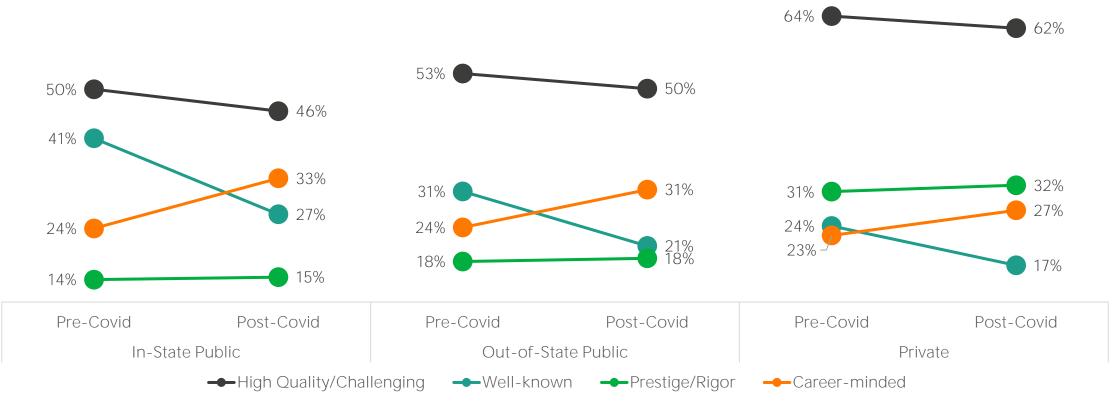
Others control my destiny

I control my destiny



# Quality First, Career Rising In Importance

Brand Constructs of Institution Most Likely to Attend - Pre- and Post-Covid



Source: Eduventures Prospective Student Research







# New Paradigm: Getting to the Outcome is Everything

Outcomes for all kinds of high school graduates

- #1. Put up the big tent
- #2. Low-cost professional programs belong in the tent
- #3. Tip the balance from selection to success
- #4. Move from advising to coaching
- #5. Move from reputation to outcome



# For More on This Topic

- Diverse Futures (Life After High School Mindsets)
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