

# FSU's Center for Academic Retention and Enhancement (CARE): Pipelines of Excellence from Elementary through Graduate School

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## HISTORY OF CARE

Two of Florida State University's initial support programs designed to support the transition and success of underrepresented populations were Horizon's Unlimited (1968) and Summer Enrichment Program (1978). Over time, these two programs spawned similar support programs and gave birth to offices such as Multicultural Student Affairs and Minority Academic Programs.

In 2000, University leaders made a conscious and impactful decision to merge multiple offices and respective programs into a comprehensive support service, the Center for Academic Retention and Enhancement (CARE).

## STUDENT SUCCESS

Student Success is engrained in the fabric of FSU's identity and has been a decades-long commitment inclusive of underrepresented student populations such as first-generation college students.

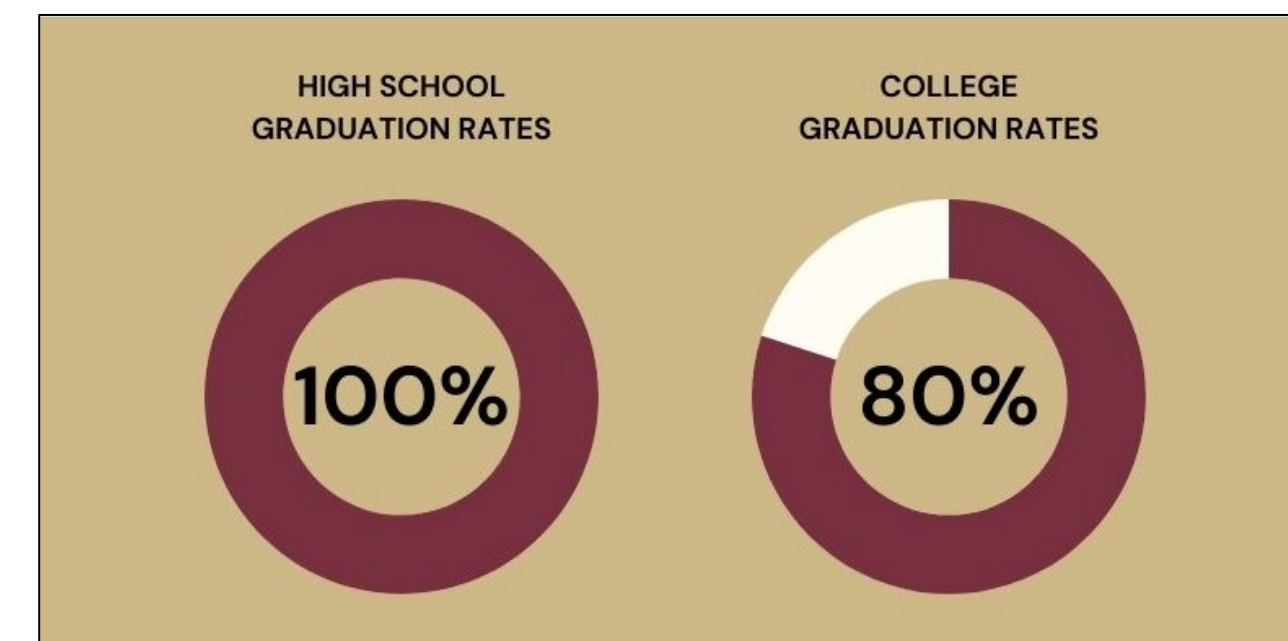
CARE is one of the most comprehensive centers addressing college readiness and completion among underrepresented students.

## COLLEGE READINESS

**CARE offers multiple pre-collegiate programs, including:**

- A summer reading enrichment program for elementary and middle school students
- Multiple TRIO Upward Bound Programs for high school students
- A college readiness summer program for rising high school seniors

**Through our high school-based programs, we have achieved:**



## CARE ON CAMPUS

**CARE centralizes and strengthens the necessary work on transitioning students into college and provides a consistent "home" for students to have as they navigate the campus.**

**CARE's collegiate efforts to support students from various underrepresented identities (first-generation, Pell-Grant recipients, former foster youth, students from rural or limited resourced communities) include five institutionally funded programs:**

- FGEN Noles Living-Learning Community
- Summer Bridge
- Unconquered Scholars
- QUEST Scholars
- Illuminate
- Two federal grant programs – Student Support Services and Student Support Services STEM

## RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

**Many of the programs above have been launched since 2021 to bolster our efforts to strengthen the college-going pipeline and ensure each student has access to a robust success team.**

**FGEN NOLES LIVING-LEARNING COMMUNITY:**

- First-year first-generation students live together
- Provides an environment that promotes diversity, inclusion, academic engagement, and campus community

**QUEST SCHOLARS PROGRAM:**

- Offers scholarships and enrichment funds to first-generation students
- Total current enrollment: 541

**ILLUMINATE:**

- Offers scholarships and experiential learning funds to Federal Pell Grant recipients
- Hosts college success workshops
- Inaugural enrollment: 252.

