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Community College Partnership Overview

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Position created in the Office of Academic Affairs and responsible for leading, initiating and coordinating all NIU transfer partnerships with community college partners.

- Establish academic pathways into NIU baccalaureate degree programs
- Collaborate with partner stakeholders to develop customized pathways
- Increase access and reduce barriers to degree attainment
Types of Partnerships

- Guaranteed Admission Program
- Articulation Agreement (Program Based)
- Transfer Guide
- Reverse Transfer Agreement
- Specialized Partnerships
### Paradigm Shift in Higher Education

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<td>• Stable Enrollment</td>
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<td>• Transfer efforts narrow in scope</td>
<td>• Transfer initiatives more broad</td>
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<td>• Began at 4 Year College</td>
<td>• More begin BA/BS at CC</td>
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<td>• CC’s sought partnerships with 4 Year institutions</td>
<td>• 4 Year proactively seeking CC partnerships</td>
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<td>• Transfer pathways originated at CC</td>
<td>• Pathways conversation originating at high school</td>
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NIU Student Data Fall 2019

Student population: 16,609

- 12,131 undergraduate students
- Nearly half of undergraduate students transfer from other institutions
- 1,611 new transfer students enrolled
Community College Feeder Snapshot

Transfers: Spring 2015 - Fall 2019

Elgin: 1092
COD: 1008
Rock Valley: 926
Waubonsee: 798
Harper: 669
Kish: 651
McHenry: 563
JJC: 406
College of Lake Co: 312
Illinois Valley: 239
Top Transfers by Program

Average Number of Annual Transfers by Program
Spring 2015 - Fall 2019

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Highlights

93 Agreements
- Articulation Agreements
- Guaranteed Admission
- Reverse Transfer
- Transfer Guides

23 Partners
- Community Colleges
- Four-Year Institutions
- High Schools

4 Innovations
- Harper University Center
- Seamless Transfer Pathway
- 2 Degrees In 3 Years
- Engineering Pathways
Bright Spots

➢ NIU Bachelor Programs
➢ Comp Sci, Psych, Mktg
➢ Fall 2019 Inaugural Cohort
➢ 52 students

➢ Kish & Six School Districts
➢ High School < Kish < NIU
➢ Earn up 32 early credits
➢ 5 NIU Degree Programs
Bright Spots

- The Dell Foundation
- Highly Competitive Grant
- NIU, Harper & D211
- Business Degree in Three
- 8 NIU Business Degrees

- CPS students 3.0 GPA
- Free tuition City Colleges
- Transfer to NIU for BA/BS
- Eligible for scholarships
Long-term Strategy

- Dedicated focus on quality of partnership
- Execute more innovative partnership solutions
- More coordination with Admissions & Marketing
- Greater collaboration with institutions on rollout, marketing and advising initiatives
- Leverage student Success Coaches
- Financial Aid options for Transfer Students
- Implement SEM plan
Goals

- Simple Process
- Strategic Pathways
- Saves Time & Cost
- Transfer Graduates
Questions