



UW Summer Bridge Programs

Expanding for a purpose

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All **In** Wisconsin

Expanded Access

- *“It’s the right thing to do... it’s our duty not only to educate everybody but be able to solve problems.”*
- *UW System President*
- *Tommy G. Thompson*



UW to the Rescue

- National response to impact of COVID-19 in K-12
- Commitment of President Thompson and Board of Regents
- HERCULEAN efforts on UW System campuses
- Opportunity for greater statewide impact
- Expanded engagement

COVID-19's Impact on High School Seniors

While the pandemic has taken a toll on students across-the-board, recent polling by Third Way and New America reveal that high school (HS) seniors already seem much more disillusioned than their college-going peers. Below are three major findings that may impact HS seniors' views of higher education in the years to come.

High School Seniors Think Twice About College

32% of HS seniors say the pandemic has made them less likely to enroll in college

40% of HS seniors planning not to enroll say the pandemic played a significant role in that decision

High School Seniors' Views of Higher Ed are Souring

70% of HS seniors say "higher ed is not worth the cost to students anymore," compared to **49%** of college students overall

75% of HS seniors think "institutions are looking out for their bottom lines first" before student health

Online Learning has Already Taken a Toll on High School Seniors

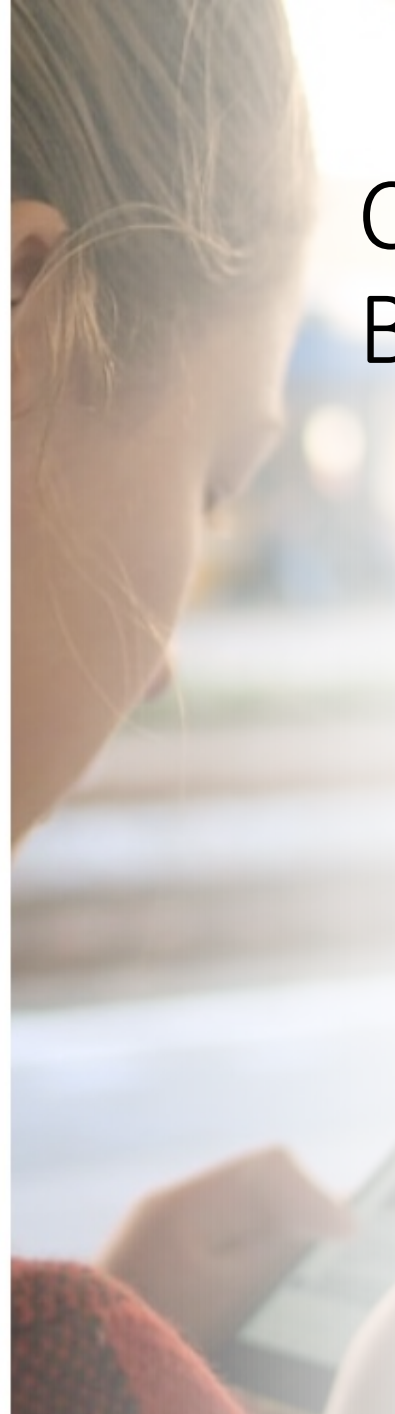
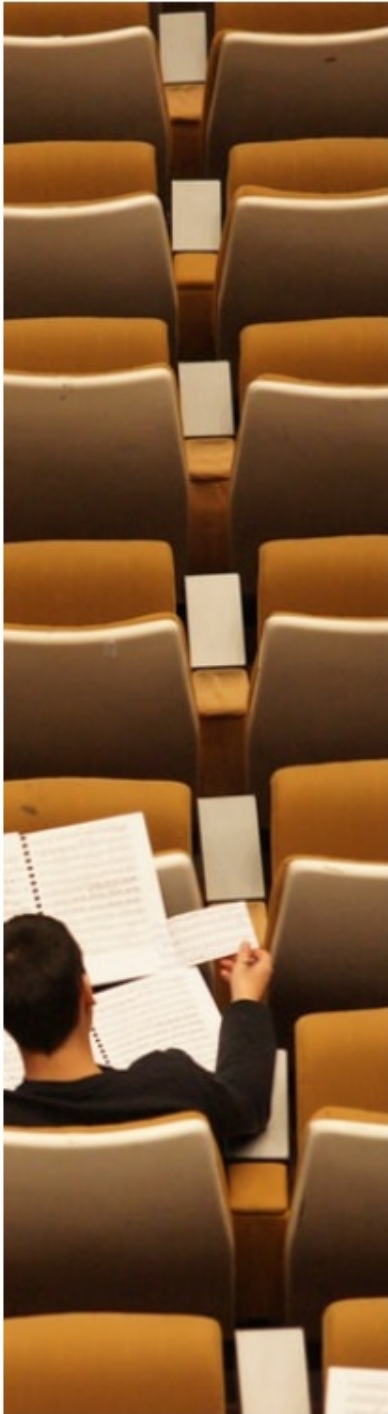
Only **39%** of HS seniors report being set up for success by their school's online experience

HS seniors appear more alarmed than their college peers that online learning will cause them to fall behind

Just **33%** report being able to ask questions of their instructors and **36%** report getting proper instruction as big challenges



Global Strategy Group conducted an online survey August 6-17, 2020 of 1,407 college students nationwide, including oversamples of 223 caregivers, 253 Black students, and 311 Latinx students. The survey also included 211 high school seniors nationwide.



Case for Summer Bridge

- Imperative for underprepared, underrepresented, first-generation students
- Eases transition from high school to college
 - Boosts academic and social readiness
 - Fosters academic momentum
 - Addresses critical mental health imperatives
- Positive correlation between summer bridge and persistence

UW's Bridge Profile

Chancellors stepped up

UW System committed to \$1.3M in bridge loans



Expected to add approximately 1,400 additional students

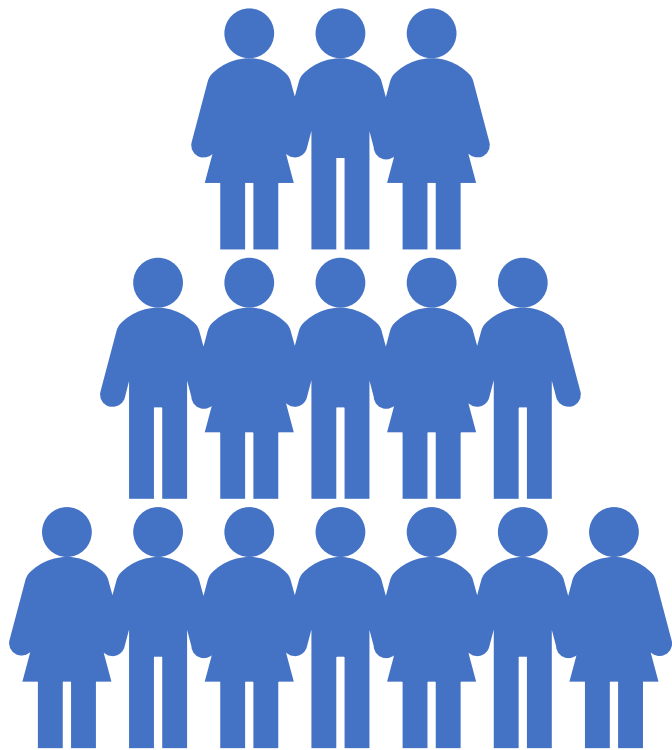
A variety of focus areas and student participants

Expectations and outcomes

Critical Imperatives



- Continuous funding
- Enhanced focus on targeted populations
- Mission-driven access
- Substantial role in future for targeted, underrepresented, underserved, and underprepared populations at UW
- Access, retention, and success imperatives



Questions

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