

San Mateo County
Community College District

PROMISE SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The SMCCCD **Promise Scholars Program** provides financial, academic and personalized student services including dedicated counseling and transportation assistance for first-time college students who enroll full-time at any college within the District to earn a certificate or degree. The program is based on the ASAP model developed by the City University of New York which has doubled graduation rates. Since the first cohort in 2018, the Promise Scholars Program has been expanded to serve up to 2,000 students Districtwide, annually.

BENEFITS OF THE PROGRAM



Tuition Waived for 2-3 years



Textbook Support



Priority Enrollment



Individualized Academic Support



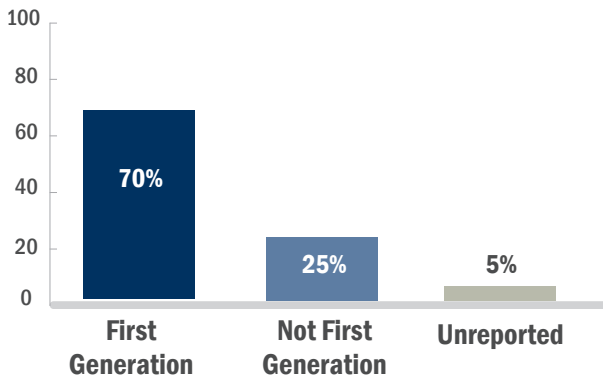
Exclusive Events and Workshops



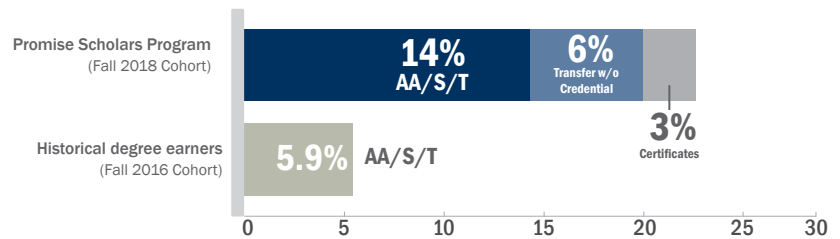
Food and Transportation Incentives

PROMISE SCHOLAR METRICS

FIRST GENERATION STATUS

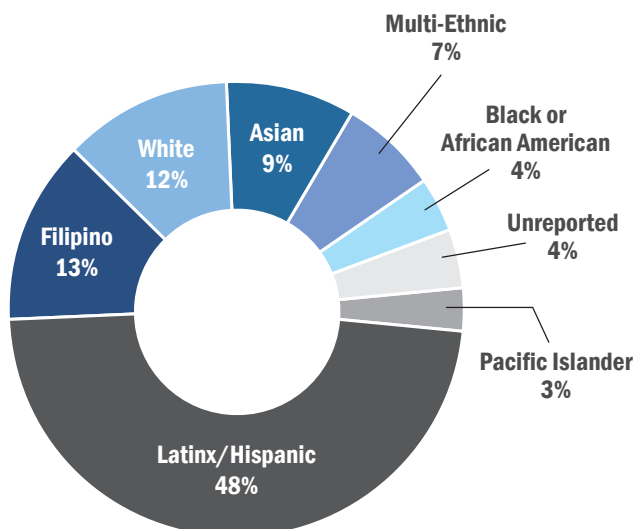


FALL 2018 COHORT 2-YEAR COMPLETION



The Fall 2018 PSP cohort served 1,327 students. Within two years, 23% of students completed their educational goal of earning an Associate degree, Certificate, or Transfer. Of these students 14%, specifically, earned an Associate degree which is significantly higher than the historical two-year degree completion rate of 5.9%. (Comparison group: first-time, full time students that started college in Fall 2016, prior to the launch of the Promise Scholars Program.)

ETHNICITY



FEEDER HIGH SCHOOLS

| HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT | COUNT | PERCENTAGE |
|---|-------|------------|
| San Mateo Union High School District | 712 | 24% |
| Jefferson Union High School District | 464 | 16% |
| Sequoia Union High School District | 432 | 15% |
| South San Francisco Unified School District | 430 | 15% |

Approximately **74%** of Promise scholars are eligible for the **CALIFORNIA COLLEGE PROMISE GRANT (CCPG)**

