

Virginia State University Board of Visitors

Academic Affairs & Student Affairs Committee

November 20, 2025





Committee Agenda

I. Fall 2025 New Trojan Enrollment and Retention

Dr. Alexis Brooks-Walter

Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management

II. Fall 2025 Census Report

Dr. Tia A. Minnis

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

III. VSU 2025-2026 – 2028-2029 Strategic Plan Approval

Dr. Tia A. Minnis

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs



Fall 2025 New Student Enrollment

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Fall 2025 ENROLLMENT

New Student Profile

1459

NEW UG STUDENTS

1206 - *Joining the Class of 2026*

1190 - **FTIC**

253 - *Transfer Students*

PELL ELIGIBLE

1,050 – 72%

FIRST-GENERATION TROJANS

662 – 45%



RESIDENCY (Tuition)

IN-STATE – 1,076 (74%)

OUT-OF-STATE – 383 (26%)

TOP STATES OUTSIDE VA

Maryland	90	24%
New York	57	15%
Washington, DC	38	10%
New Jersey	32	8%
Pennsylvania	20	5%



FEMALE:

846 – 58%

MALE:

613 – 42%

TOP DEGREE PROGRAMS

Psychology	153 (11%)
Biology	147 (10%)
Criminal Justice	129 (9%)
Management	103 (7%)
Health/Physical Ed	99 (7%)

254

NEW GRADUATE STUDENTS

219 – **MASTERS**

27 – **DOCTORAL**

5 – **GRAD CERT.**

3 – **CONT. ED.**

Fall 2026 Applications

Freshman	Fall 2024	Fall 2025	Fall 2026
Admits	2351	2174	2256
Engaged	116	106	117
Deposits	34	n/a	55

One Big Beautiful Bill Act

Student Impact



- **Parent PLUS Loans:** Annual borrowing is capped at \$20,000 per student, with a \$65,000 lifetime limit per child.
- **Part-Time Students:** Annual loan limits will be reduced in proportion to a student's enrollment.
- **Institutional accountability measures & borrowing tied to student earnings**
 - Colleges may be held more accountable for student outcomes and earnings
 - The bill expands “Workforce Pell” style grants for short-term training programs.

One Big Beautiful Bill Act

Major Impact on Graduate Students

- **Graduate and professional student loan limits**
 - The bill eliminates the Grad PLUS program.
 - It imposes annual borrowing caps for graduate students (~\$20,500/year) and lifetime maximums in many cases.
 - Parent PLUS loans and other types of borrowing for graduate/professional degrees face limits.



Changes in Admission

New Approaches for 2025

- Adoption of Common App
- Focus on Commonwealth students/ Utilization of Alumni
- Purchase of additional 20K names of high school students





2025 Fall FTIC Retention

**Data and
Communication**

**Counseling and
Advising**



Entry and Transition

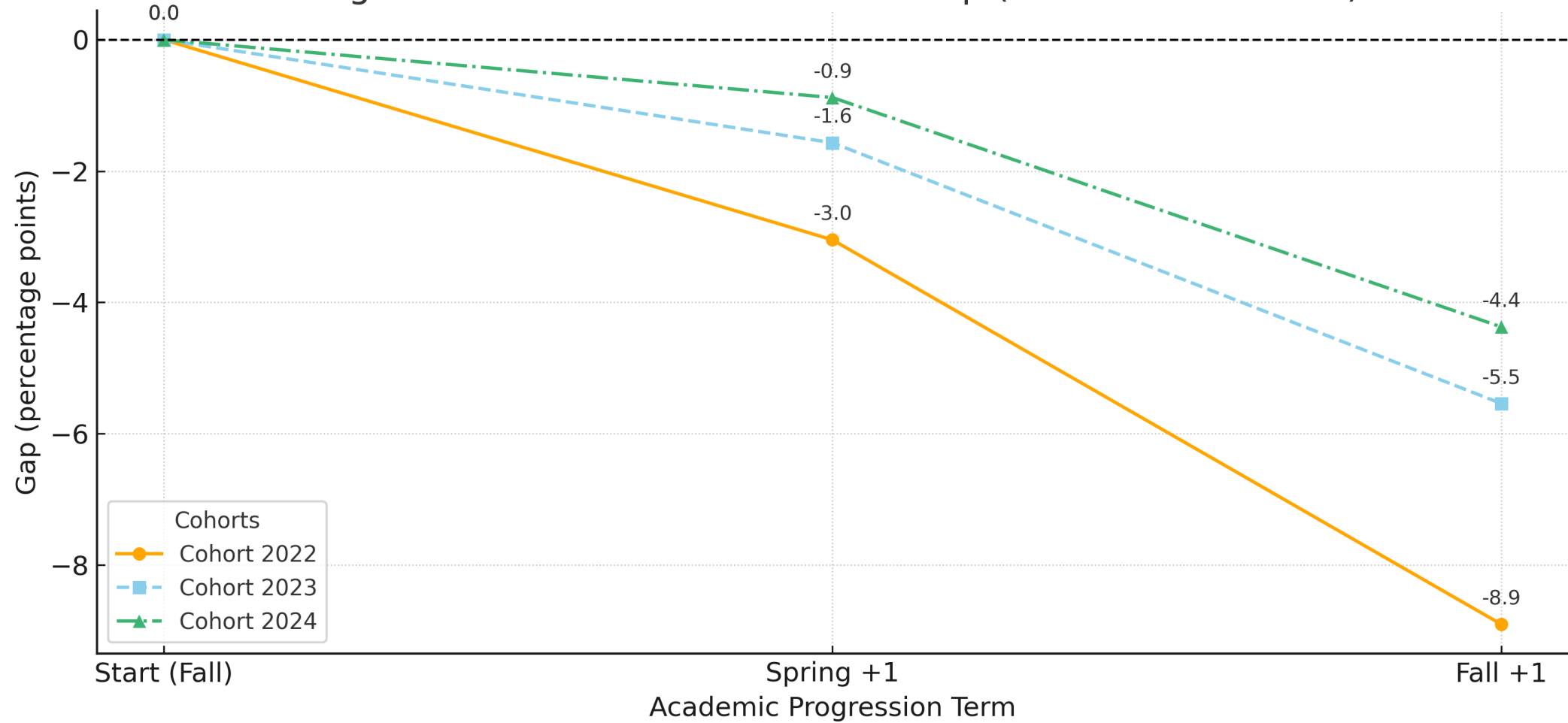
Community Building

**Learning and
Academic Support**

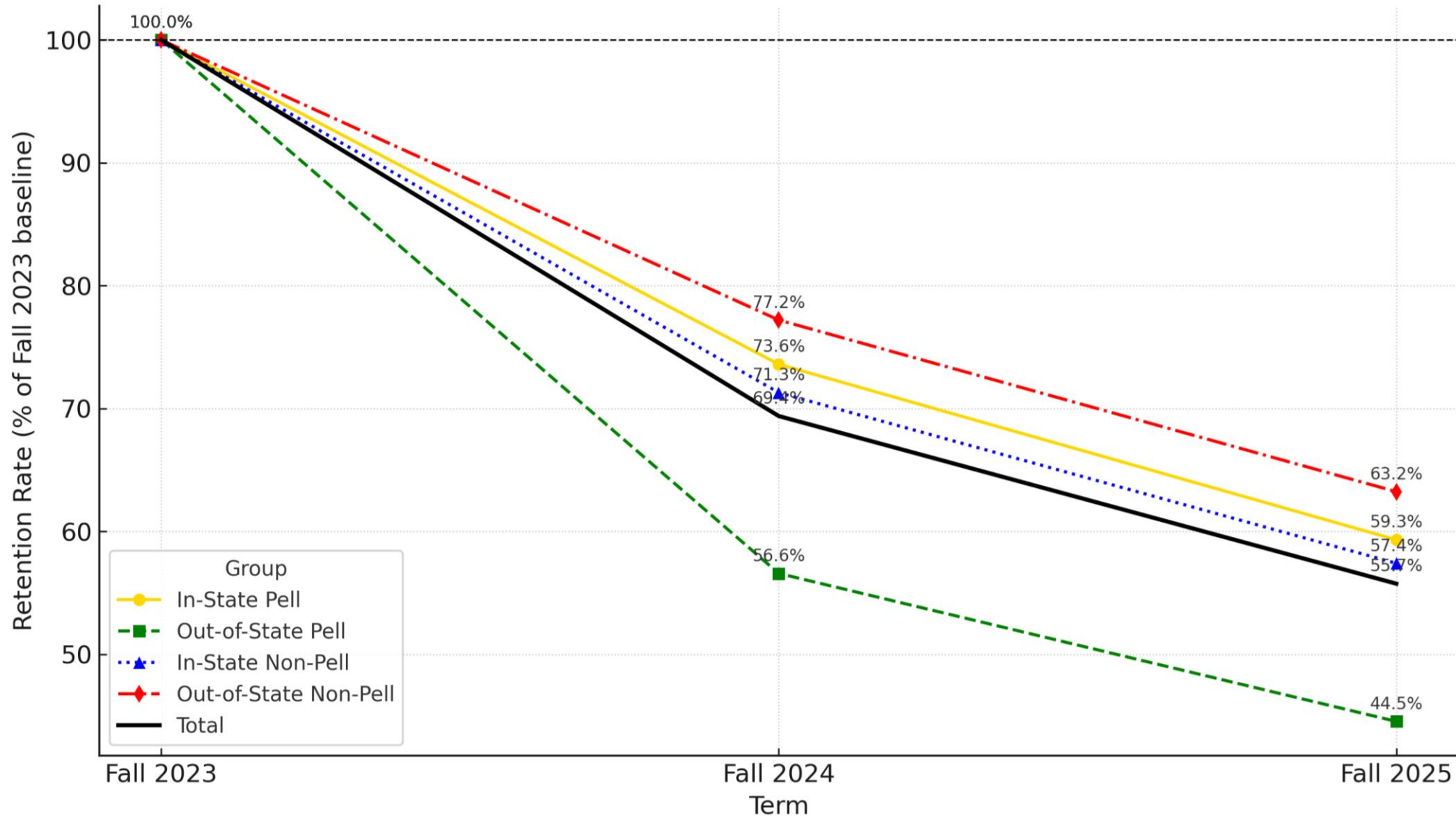
Fall Retention

	Fall 2019	Fall 2020	Fall 2021	Fall 2022	Fall 2023	Fall 2024	Fall 2025
Freshman	1,065	882	913	1,374	1,444	1,482	
# returning		665 (62%)	668 (76%)	667 (73%)	978 (71%)	1002 (69%)	1090 (74%)

Aligned Pell vs Non-Pell Retention Gap (Pell % - Non-Pell %)



2023-2025 Fall to Fall Retention by Pell and Residency





Questions?

Fall 2025 Enrollment Census Report

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Fall 2025 ENROLLMENT

TOTAL ENROLLMENT

5754  **NEW TROJANS**
1765 (31%)



RETURNING TROJANS
3,989 (69%) 

UNDERGRADS: 5,202 (90%)

FULL-TIME: 5,316 (92%)

FEMALE: 3,487 (61%)

IN-STATE: 4,246 (74%)

GRADUATES: 552 (10%)

PART-TIME: 438 (8%)

MALE: 2,267 (39%)

OUT-OF-STATE: 1,508 (26%)



TOP DEGREE PROGRAMS

Psychology	550 (11%)
Management	426 (8.2%)
Biology	419 (8.1%)
Criminal Justice	308 (7.8%)
Health/Physical Ed.	354 (6.8%)

AVERAGE AGE - 22.4 Years

Under 18	75	(1%)
18-24	4812	(84%)
25-39	609	(11%)
40 +	258	(5%)



DIVISION OF Academic Affairs

LEADERSHIP TEAM



Academic Affairs New Team Members

Dr. Desmond Stephens



Vice Provost
Academic Affairs

Lt. Col. (ret.) Forrest Black



**Exec. Director for Distance
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Academic Affairs

Dr. Brian Sayre



**Director for Academic &
Operational AI Integration**
Academic Affairs

Dr. Michelle Mosely



**Director of General
Education & Faculty
Excellence**
Academic Affairs

Dr. Sharon Lassiter



**Director of DE, Online Learning,
& Offsite Educational Programs**
Academic Affairs

Academic Affairs New Team Members

Dr. Jewel Bronaugh



Interim Dean

College of Agriculture

Dr. Kristal M. Clemons



Interim Assoc. Dean

College of Education

Dr. Jessica Brooks



Interim Dean

*College of Natural & Health
Sciences*

Dr. Lachelle Waller



Interim Assoc. Dean

*College of Natural & Health
Sciences*

Dr. Benedict Uzochukwu



Interim Dean

College of Graduate Studies

VSU Strategic Plan
2025 – 2028

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VSU Strategic Plan Overview

GREATER by DESIGN 2025-2028



VSU Strategic Priority 1: Advance Student Success through AI-Enhanced Inclusive Access, Learning Innovation, and Holistic Support.



VSU Strategic Priority 2: Optimize Institutional Operations, Fundraising, and Financial Performance through Strategic AI Implementation and Infrastructure Enhancement.



VSU Strategic Priority 3: Advance VSU's Mission and Academic Excellence by building a dedicated and high-quality faculty and staff through effective recruitment, development, and retention strategies.



VSU Strategic Priority 4: Expand the Visibility and Impact of Virginia State University's distinct value, brand, and Land-Grant Mission.



QUESTIONS

