• UHD is one of the most diverse universities in the country. Our student population is 38% Hispanic and 29% African American.

• UHD ranks 37th in the country for all colleges and universities in graduating both Hispanic and African American students.
Focus on Student Success
Intended Outcomes

1.) Increased Retention of FTIC Students
2.) Increased Graduation Rates
3.) Reducing Student Dropout Rates and Indebtedness
4.) UHD Becomes a “Preferred” University
The Challenge

- THECB advised UHD to develop admission standards
- UHD has one of the lowest six-year graduation rates (15%) of all four-year universities in Texas
- 41% of our freshmen drop out by the end of the first year, especially the least prepared
- 80% of UHD freshmen must take developmental courses
- Freshmen drop-outs leave with significant debt
Rationale for Automatic Admission Standards

• New Federal “Ability to Benefit” Guidelines are more stringent

• UHD is Liable for Unpaid Federal Loans

• State incentive funding may be based on graduation rates and other success measures in the future
# Proposed Admission Standards
## Fall 2013

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UHD Student Success Initiatives

• A New Focus on High Impact Experiences (Service Learning, Internships, Research with Faculty)
• Peer Tutoring & Supplemental Instruction
• Expanded Freshman Success Programs
• Restructured Advising and Mentoring Programs
• Common Read Program Integrated with Freshman Courses
• Learning Communities
• Scholars’ Academy
  (160 minority STEM students)