

# Success @ TLU

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## Welcome Bulldog Family & Friends!

The Student Success Committee would like to introduce the Success@TLU newsletter! Success@TLU will highlight the key updates and retention efforts which are taking place on campus.

*Did you know that TLU had a significantly larger response rate to the Noel-Levitz Student Satisfaction Inventory (SSI) than the national average? Our response rate was 34% compared to the 20% national average.*



## Here's What We Learned:

**Strengths:** TLU students are significantly more satisfied with their intellectual growth than other students who responded to the survey nationally.

**Challenges:** Computer labs are not perceived as adequate and accessible.

**Next steps:** Computers are located in Tschoepe Hall, the Library, Krost and the MASA Center in Langner Hall. There are also computer labs in Centennial and Seguin Halls for residents and the ASC is accessible 24 hours a day with 17 computers and two printers. The Instructional Technology Committee is actively investigating potential locations to add another computer lab. Email your suggestions to [success@tlu.edu](mailto:success@tlu.edu).

Each Fall and Spring we will highlight a strength and challenge from the Noel-Levitz SSI. Stay tuned!

## In Athletics....

"Winning" helps to promote retention in student-athletes. Hopefully, winning seasons in TLU football, cross country, men's and women's soccer, and volleyball during the fall of 2013 will have a significant impact on the retention rate in the TLU Athletics program as we enter the spring semester of 2014. Men's and women's tennis, softball, and women's cross country, each currently have a five year retention rate of over 80%. The Athletic Support Workshops that Malika Harvey and Lisa Cradit have initiated have been effective retention tools. We have several sports programs that actively participate in these athletic support workshops.



## So...what were our Fall 2013 First Time Freshmen Incoming Characteristics?

- Of the 346 incoming freshmen, 55% are men and 45% are women.
- 35% of the class is Hispanic, 8% are Black or African American, and 52% are White.
- 86% live on campus.
- Athletes make up 39% of the class.
- First generation students make up 51% of the class. Of these students, 47% are Hispanic, 9% Black or African American, and 40% White.



## How Did We Do???



This semester, 97% of all required midterm grades were submitted on time. That was over 3500 grades! Thank you to all who took time out to help our students have an idea of how they are doing in their classes as well as recommend our resources to students in need.

As of Fall 12th class day, we had awarded a total of \$29,434,833 in scholarships, grants and loans.

93.3% of students file the FAFSA of which 83.8% demonstrate some level of financial need.

97.5% of all students receive some type of financial aid – scholarships, grants or loans.



We welcome your input! If you have anything you would like to include in Success@TLU, please send it to us at [success@tlu.edu](mailto:success@tlu.edu). We will be happy to hear about retention efforts taken place throughout the campus!