Fontbonne Promise:  
What we’ve learned and what’s next

Fontbonne Promise at a glance

- Implemented in Summer 2017, with the inaugural class entering the program in Fall 2018

- Covers tuition, resource fees, and course fees for up to 5 years for 30 students each traditional recruitment cycle who:
  - Are Missouri residents
  - Are first time freshmen
  - Have a $0 Estimated Family Contribution
Retention and Performance

• Fall 2018 Promise class projected to retain 27/30 for the 19/20 academic year
  ▶ On par with retention of entire Fall 2018 FTF cohort

• Of the 3 students not returning:
  ▶ 1 cited personal health issues
  ▶ 2 were dismissed based on academic performance

• Promise scholars out-performed $0 EFC non-Promise scholars

Challenges faced (*and how we addressed them*)

• Providing adequate support for a larger low-income population

• Combating professor bias

• Concern over debt students accrued to live on campus

• Helping students confront non-direct costs
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We would love to answer any questions.