

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



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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.

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