

## Wayne State University Support for first-generation and under-served students

### Key Facts:

- 38% of WSU FAFSA filers are first-generation students.
- First-to-second year retention for first-generation students has increased by 10% over the past five years.
- Six-year graduation rate for Pell-eligible students has nearly doubled over five years.
- Six-year graduation rate for black students increased by 5% last year alone.
- Our pace of improvement in graduate rates puts WSU in the top 5% of public institutions in the nation.
- WSU was one of five finalists for the APLU Project Degree Completion Award for our gains in Student Success.

## Supports for First-Gen Students

- WSU's Undergraduate Academic Advising is proactive, developmental and personal. WSU has **doubled the number of academic advisors** over the past 5 years.
- WSU's new financial aid model covers **full tuition** for more students than ever.
- **NextGen recruiting and orientation** events are geared to needs of first-generation students.
- **Financial Literacy program** demystifies costs of going to college.
- **Cutting edge technology** in advisor scheduling, degree planning and (Summer 2017) student communication makes navigating college transparent for first-gen students.
- Our **APEX Scholars Bridge Program** for students who are not quite college ready is the most comprehensive support program among MPU's.
- WSU's Federal TRIO and GEAR-UP Programs **help first-generation K-12 students matriculate into college** at WSU and across the state.
- Fall 2017: Our **Warrior VIP Program** (Vision and Impact Program) launching in Fall 2017 provide coordinated learning community, first-year seminar course, targeted study skills, financial literacy and career planning interventions, college-work study support, and mentoring to up to 250 students. Students invited to participate are typically first-generation, low income and/or come from disadvantaged high schools. Participating students will have the tuition for their first-year seminar covered as part of their financial aid.

