



REDEFINING ACCESS FOR THE 21ST CENTURY STUDENT

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OVERVIEW

Goal: Examine pressing access issues for 21st century students and mobilize practitioners into action.

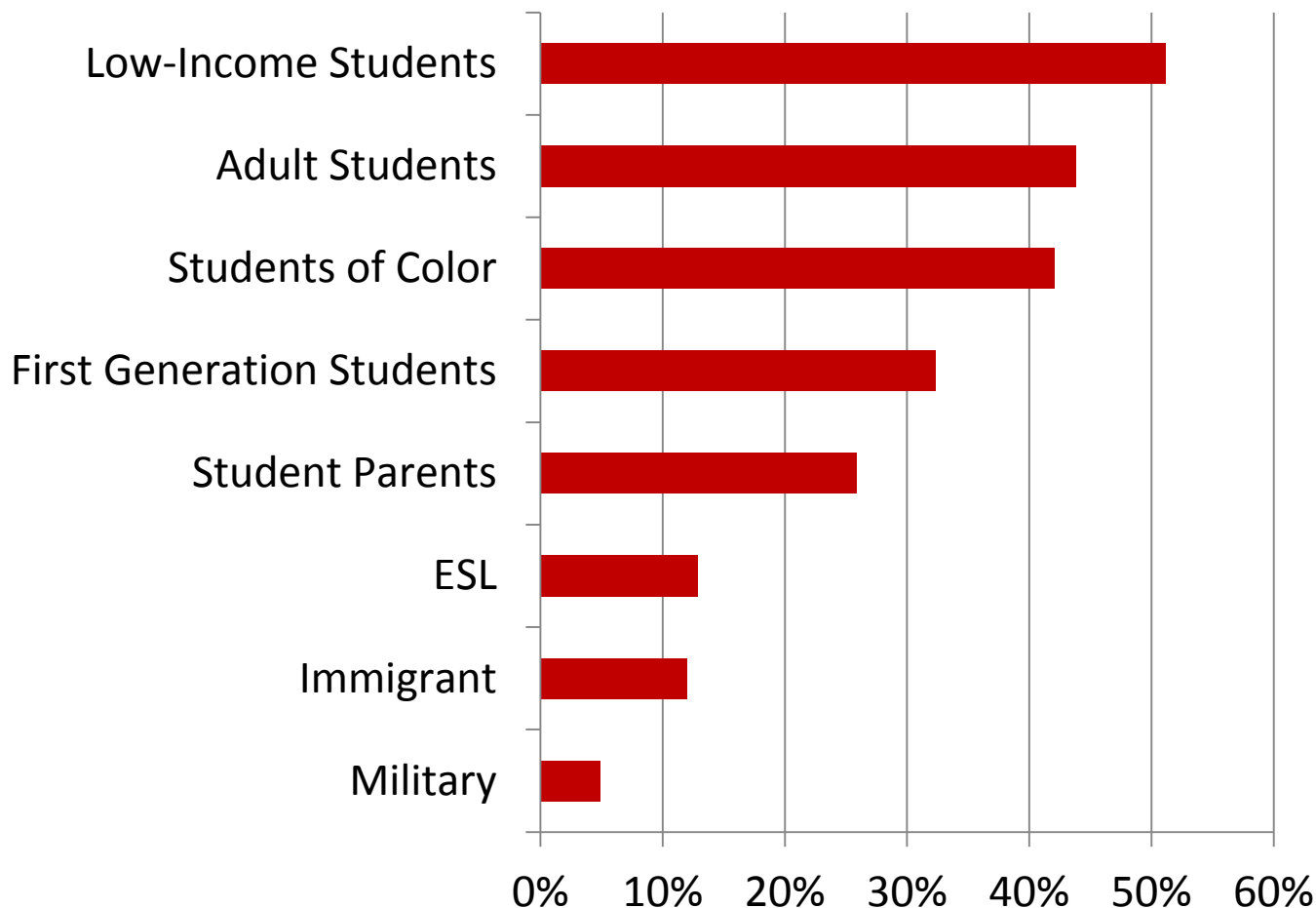
Activities:

- Defining the 21st century student
- Film screening
- Discussion



FOR WHOM IS ACCESS STILL AN ISSUE?

Who is the 21st century student?



Source: NCES, NPSAS: 2012. Powerstats

FILM SCREENING



*Redefining **Access** for the 21st
Century Student*

Documentary Film

21st-Century Student Challenges



	Financial	Academic	Personal
Sharon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Worked throughout school to support family 		
Traval	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family unable to navigate financial aid process Did not apply for aid until after enrolled Working full-time to avoid loans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Slipping” academically due to working full-time Unable to transfer courses advised to take due to changing requirements 	
Donald	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Navigating dual aid bureaucracies (ED & VA) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facing academic challenges due to traumatic brain injury endured while on duty 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reintegrating into campus and civilian life
Jenell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delayed college enrollment due to financial concerns 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Required remedial math due to time elapsed since high school algebra 	
Andrea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quit her full-time job to attend school full-time Received food stamps and took out significant loans to make ends meet 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Did not initially succeed in community college Required remediation High school counselor discouraged her from pursuing college 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Balancing school work with family life

Meeting 21st-Century Student Needs



	Support programs/systems
Sharon	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Institutional scholarship• Hispanic outreach program• High school counselor involvement
Traval	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Transfer student program at community college
Donald	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Disability student support services• Mentorship from faculty in major
Jenell	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Institutional support program with considerable advising and financial support
Andrea	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scholarship and support from TRIO EOC program



Questions for discussion

- How do access issues manifest in your own work?
- What are policies/practices that could remedy today's access problems?
- Which constituencies need to be mobilized to enact these solutions?



Questions?



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