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PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Post-Secondary Outcomes: College Enrollment Trends for ACPSD graduates

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Post-Secondary Outcomes

In 2016, high school counselors shared a renewed focus on post-secondary planning and advisement. Counselors increased post-secondary connections so that ***all*** of our students now have a viable plan upon graduation.

Several structured initiatives were developed or refined to meet the needs of our students:

-Aiken Works
-College Application Month
-Instant Decision Days
-Scholarship Application Days
-Junior Preview Day
-College Goal/FAFSA Nights
-On-site college placement testing
-College Decision Day
-Expanded AP and Dual Enrollment course options

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Students with documented college acceptance has increased from **51.4%** for the Class of 2015 to **89.2%** for the Class of 2018.

Our military enlistment has remained stable for the past four years with a slight increase from **3.2%** for the Class of 2015 to **3.8%** for the Class of 2018.

A strong economy has allowed for more opportunities for high school graduates to go straight into the workforce. In 2015, only **3.1%** of our graduates went straight to work. In 2018, **7%** of our graduates obtained full-time employment.

National Student Clearinghouse

The Student Tracker service allows us to monitor our graduates after high school to determine if they enrolled in college in either the fall after graduation or any time within two years after earning their high school diploma.

The National Student Clearinghouse allows us to see if our students followed through with college enrollment and provides detailed reports for each high school.

Percent of Students Enrolled in College the Fall Immediately After High School by Institutional Level

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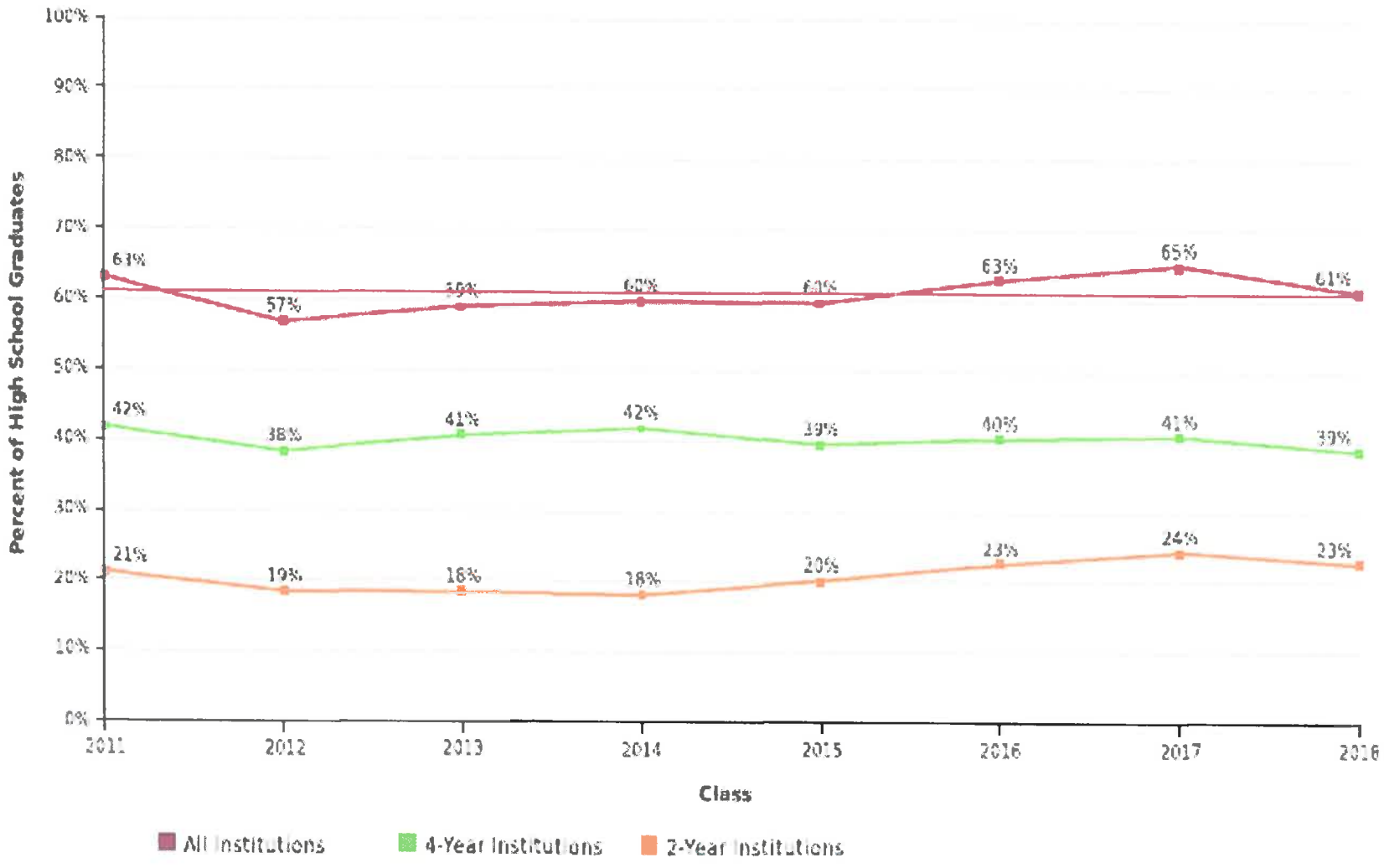
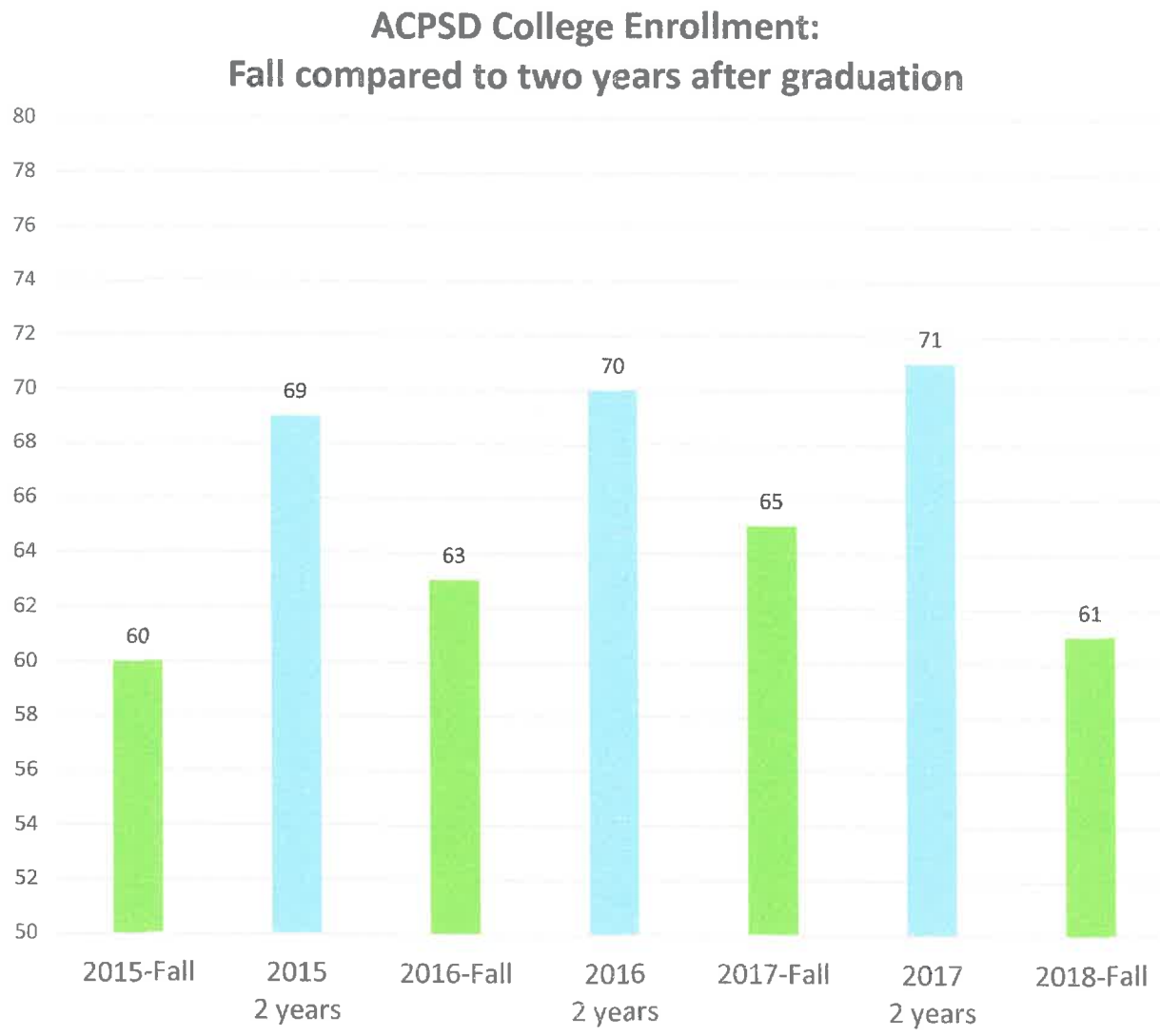


Most Common Institutions for ACPSD Graduates

Name	Rank	State	Level	Type	Total
AIKEN TECHNICAL COLLEGE	1	SC	2-year	Public	1,767
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA - AIKEN	2	SC	4-year	Public	1,510
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA	3	SC	4-year	Public	560
CLEMSON UNIVERSITY	4	SC	4-year	Public	450
LANDER UNIVERSITY	5	SC	4-year	Public	184
COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON	6	SC	4-year	Public	172
WINTHROP UNIVERSITY	7	SC	4-year	Public	156
TRI-COUNTY TECHNICAL COLLEGE	8	SC	2-year	Public	154
COASTAL CAROLINA UNIVERSITY	9	SC	4-year	Public	101
CHARLESTON SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY	10	SC	4-year	Private	92
SOUTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY	11	SC	4-year	Public	98
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA BEAUFORT	12	SC	4-year	Public	87
MIDLANDS TECHNICAL COLLEGE	13	SC	2-year	Public	81
ANDERSON UNIVERSITY	14	SC	4-year	Private	69
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA, UPSTATE	15	SC	4-year	Public	61
AUGUSTA UNIVERSITY	16	GA	4-year	Public	60
AUGUSTA TECHNICAL COLLEGE	17	GA	2-year	Public	57
CLAFLIN UNIVERSITY	18	SC	4-year	Private	57
BENEDICT COLLEGE	19	SC	4-year	Private	55
GREENVILLE TECHNICAL COLLEGE	20	SC	2-year	Public	50



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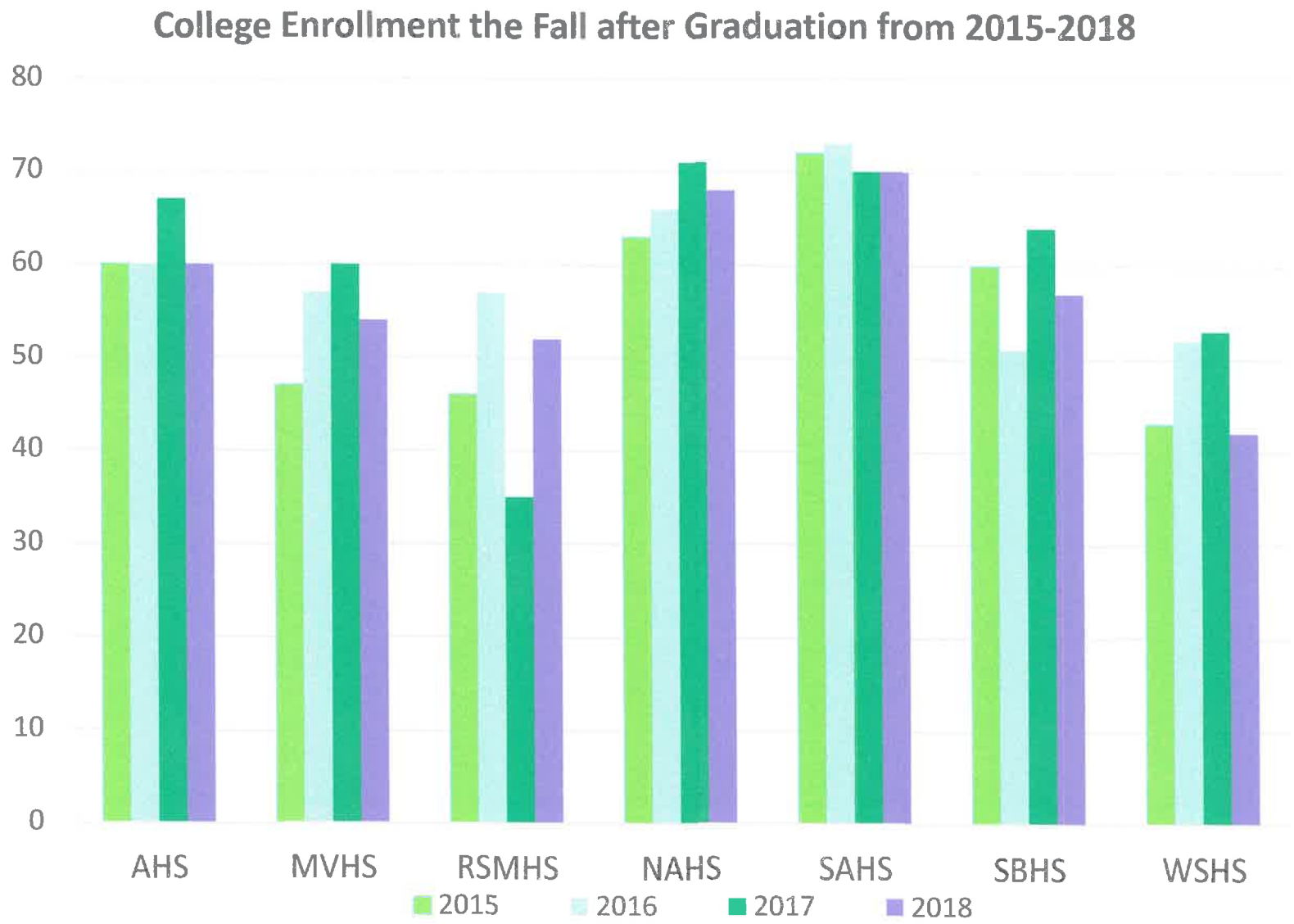

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Actions to Increase Enrollment

- College Goal FAFSA events are traditionally held at a local college campus, but this year we hosted them on high school campuses to increase accessibility for families.
- High Schools are adding a spring financial aid event this year.
- ATC has committed to holding "FAFSA Fridays" this winter at MVHS as a part of our enhanced early college partnership.
- USC Aiken is adding a financial aid component to their "Enrollment Express" days for accepted students. There are 6 events held on Saturdays for students to participate between February and May.
- Aiken Works has expanded to middle school athletic events to promote the concept of multiple post-secondary pathways to younger students.