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ABOR President's Report Highlights Student Success

Growth in student success and the adoption of a statewide educational attainment goal were the highlights of Arizona Board of Regents President Eileen Klein's report at the board meeting in Flagstaff this week.

Arizona's public university system recorded an enrollment increase of about 8,500 students, accounting for a total enrollment of 172,000 students. More than 25,700 students are incoming freshmen, an increase of more than 500 freshmen. The universities also set records in student diversity with freshman diversity stronger than ever. The incoming freshman class included growth in Latino and African American students, online students and transfer students.

New [college going](#) and [completion](#) data is also reflective of student success and the progress Arizona schools have made in helping high school students access and prepare for a college education. The new [data](#) shows an increase of 2,400 Arizona high school students who went on to postsecondary education and an increase of nearly 2,000 students who graduated six years later from a two- or four-year institution. In addition to the data, the board of regents has provided the public with an easy-to-use, interactive tool that enables educators and leaders to think strategically about K-12 school reform, and allows students and families to see how a high school's college going and completion rates compare with other schools in the state.

New Statewide Education Initiative Sets Educational Attainment Goal

President Klein also highlighted the Sept. 16 launch of a statewide educational attainment goal to equip 60 percent of Arizonans with some form of post-high school certificate or degree by 2030. Announced and endorsed by Gov. Ducey as "the next big step in education reform," the initiative, known as [Achieve60AZ](#), is a critical step toward raising Arizona's attainment level. The initiative is being led by a coalition of stakeholders, comprised of 60 organizations from both public and private sectors from around the state, representing all levels of education.

"The coordinated Achieve60AZ effort also continues our strategic efforts to advance education statewide, strengthen the K-12 pipeline and promote a college-going culture in Arizona," said Chair Greg Patterson.

regents with a clear understanding of the details and progress of each university against the goals assigned in the ABOR strategic plan, and informs enterprise decision-making.

NAU's OFR report will be followed up by the University of Arizona's OFR in November.