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One Year Later: COVID-19's Impact on Higher Education

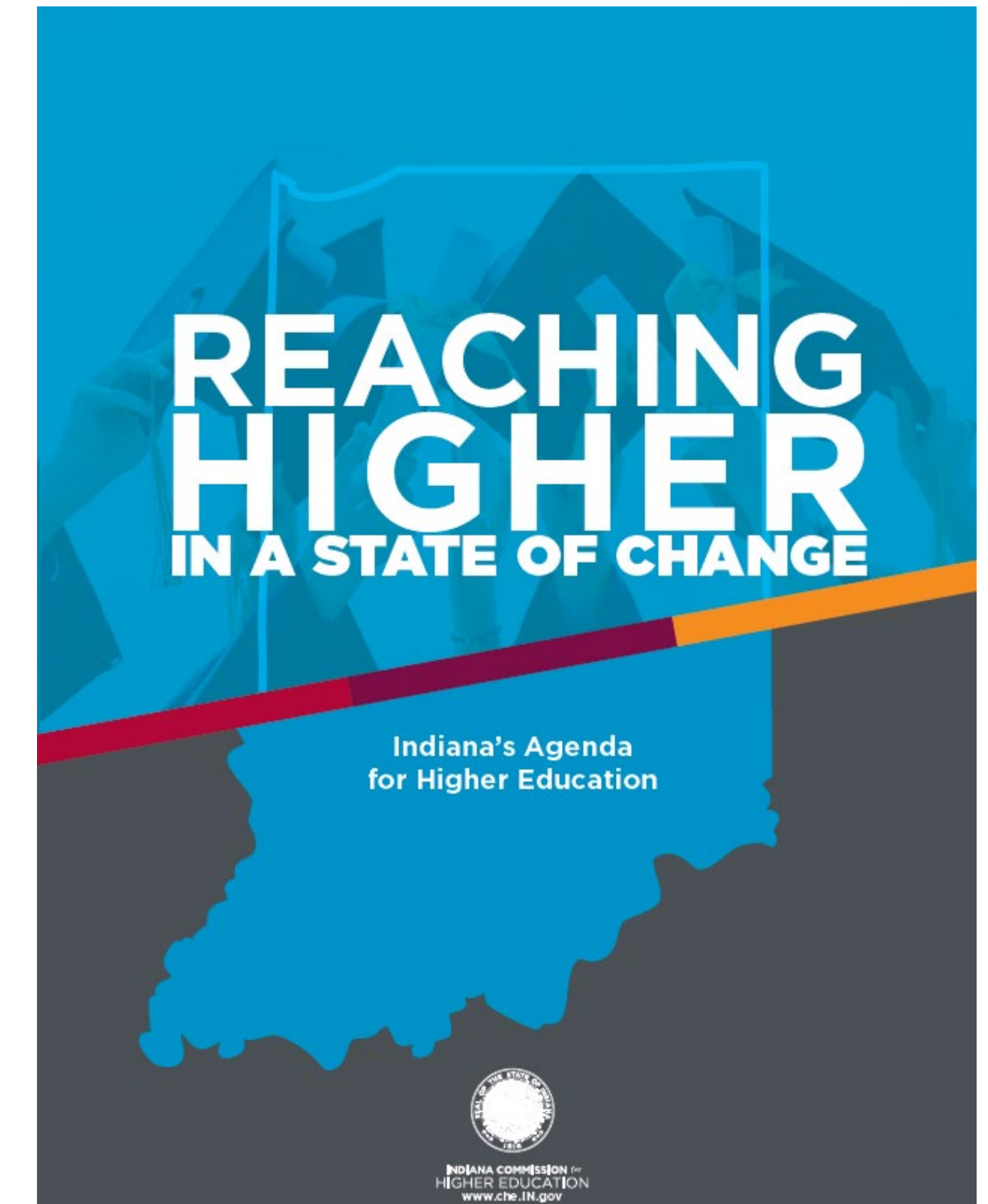
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INDIANA'S FOURTH STRATEGIC PLAN

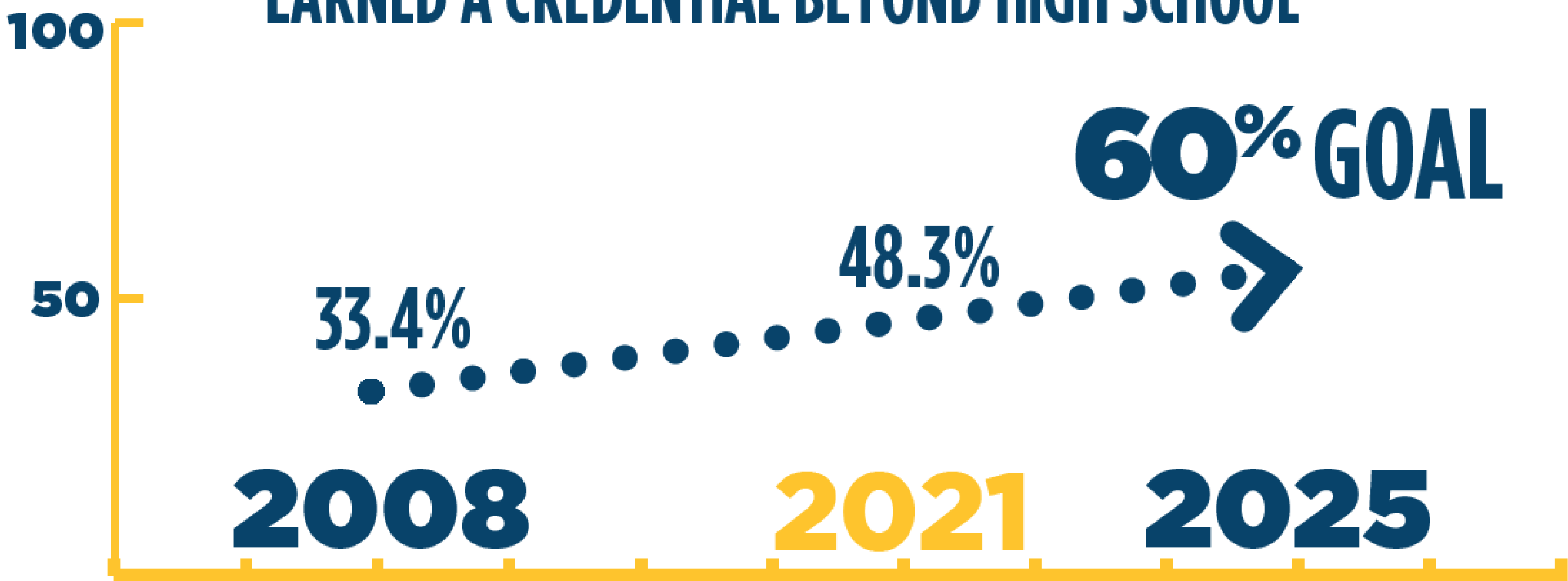
Big Goal: At least 60 percent of Hoosiers have education and training beyond a high school diploma by 2025

- ▶ 60% goal is directly aligned to future workforce needs
- ▶ *Reaching Higher in a State of Change* is our blueprint
- ▶ New and growing pressures are emerging
- ▶ Indiana's higher education system must respond and adapt to meet the needs of Hoosiers, employers and our expanding and diversifying economy



EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT GOAL

CURRENTLY, **48.3%** OF HOOSIERS HAVE
EARNED A CREDENTIAL BEYOND HIGH SCHOOL



COLLEGE READINESS – NORTHWEST INDIANA

- ▶ Jasper County – 54%
- ▶ Lake County – 61%
- ▶ LaPorte County – 55%
- ▶ Newton County – 60%
- ▶ Porter County – 63%
- ▶ Pulaski County – 54%
- ▶ Starke County – 50%
- ▶ **Average College-Going Rate: 55%**



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COLLEGE READINESS CHALLENGES

- ▶ **College-going enrollment decline:** 6% decline over five years
 - ▶ IU Northwest – -9.0%
 - ▶ Purdue Northwest – -10.94%
 - ▶ Ivy Tech Lake County – -10.3%
- ▶ Skepticism about the value of higher education
- ▶ Need for affordability and diverse financial models
- ▶ Skilled workforce availability to fill the jobs of today and tomorrow
- ▶ **Closing equity gaps:** Need adult learners, students of color, low-income students and rural students to attain a quality credential to help us reach our big goal



DUAL CREDIT AND INDIANA COLLEGE CORE

- ▶ **Dual Credit:** Increases accessibility for students to earn college credit in high school
 - ▶ 68% of students who earned dual credit went to college vs. 31% of students who did not
- ▶ **Indiana College Core:** a 30-credit-hour block of general education college-level coursework that transfers seamlessly to all Indiana public colleges and universities and some private institutions.
 - ▶ One year of college for no more than \$750
- ▶ Area Career Center
- ▶ Hobart High School

TEACHER PIPELINE

Beginning in September 2023, high school educators who teach dual credit courses are required to have a master's degree and at least 18 credit hours of instruction in the subject they teach.

- ▶ STEM Teach and Teach Dual Credit provides free graduate-level courses
 - ▶ Funded by INvestED and administered by CELL
- ▶ Focus on providing intentional dual credit courses in schools around the state

21ST CENTURY SCHOLARS

- ▶ Scholars have closed the college-going achievement gap and are more likely to attend college than their peers:

- ▶ 21st Century Scholars: 88%

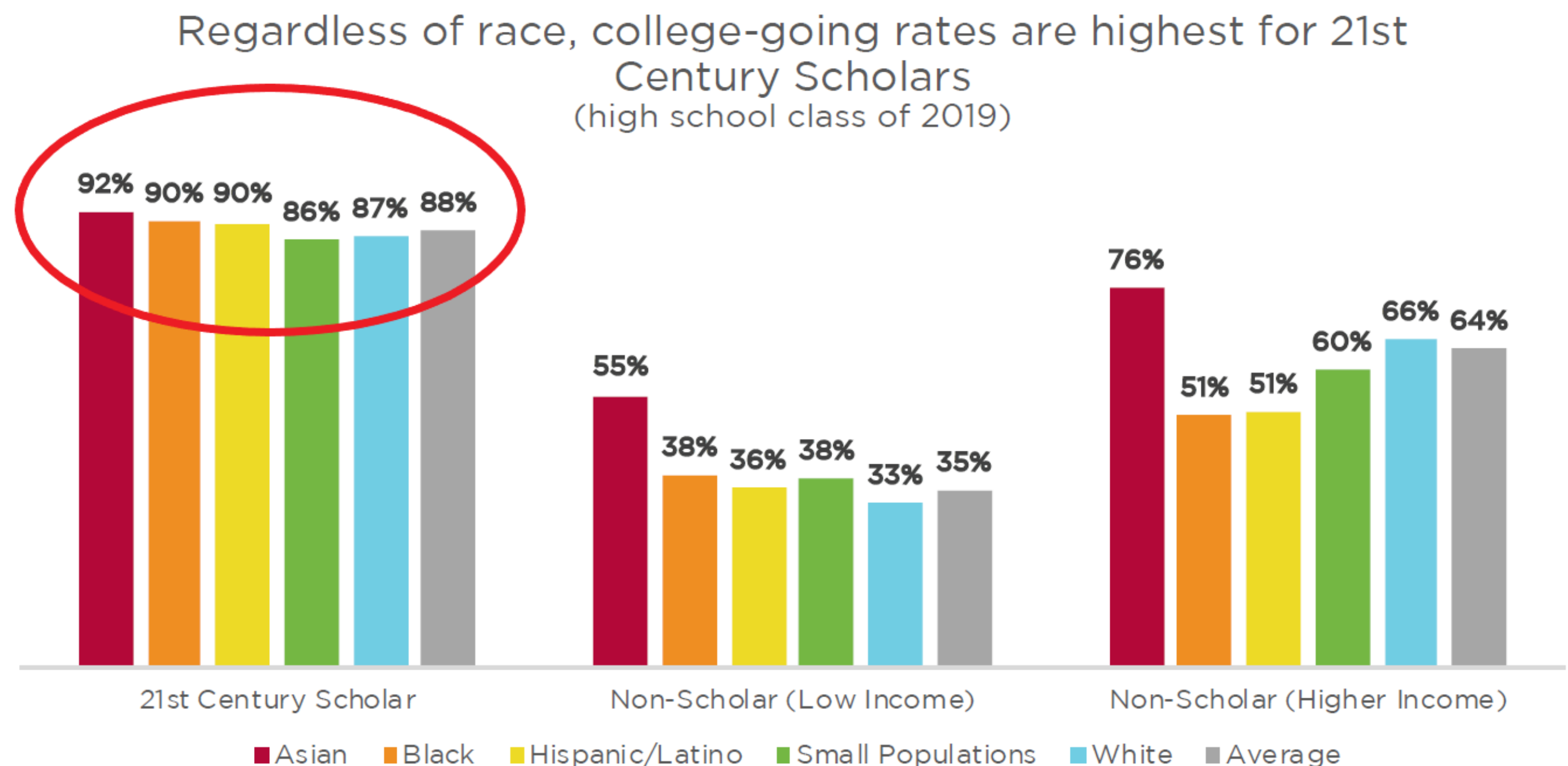
- ▶ 91% in NWI

- ▶ Low-income peers: 34%

- ▶ Higher-income peers: 64%

- ▶ The Scholars program closes gaps by race/ethnicity and for rural students

- ▶ Outreach Coordinator – Fred Jackson:
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NEXT LEVEL JOBS WORKFORCE READY GRANT

- ▶ Earn a high-value certificate for free in:

- ▶ Advanced Manufacturing
- ▶ Building & Construction
- ▶ Health & Life Sciences
- ▶ IT & Business Services
- ▶ Transportation & Logistics

- ▶ 50,000+ enrollments

- ▶ 25,000+ completions



FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID

- ▶ 54.8% completed a FAFSA
- ▶ 13-percentage-point decline in FAFSA filing for low-income students
- ▶ **Student cannot take advantage of state aid without completing a FAFSA**





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