



**Northern Illinois
University**

**Board of Trustees
Community College Partnership Overview**

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Position created in the Office of Academic Affairs and responsible for leading, initiating and coordinating all NIU transfer partnerships with community college partners.

- Establish academic pathways into NIU baccalaureate degree programs
- Collaborate with partner stakeholders to develop customized pathways
- Increase access and reduce barriers to degree attainment



Types of Partnerships



- Guaranteed Admission Program
- Articulation Agreement (Program Based)
- Transfer Guide
- Reverse Transfer Agreement
- Specialized Partnerships

Paradigm Shift in Higher Education



Past

- Stable Enrollment
- Transfer efforts narrow in scope
- Began at 4 Year College
- CC's sought partnerships with 4 Year institutions
- Transfer pathways originated at CC

Present

- Unstable Enrollment
- Transfer initiatives more broad
- More begin BA/BS at CC
- 4 Year proactively seeking CC partnerships
- Pathways conversation originating at high school

NIU Student Data Fall 2019



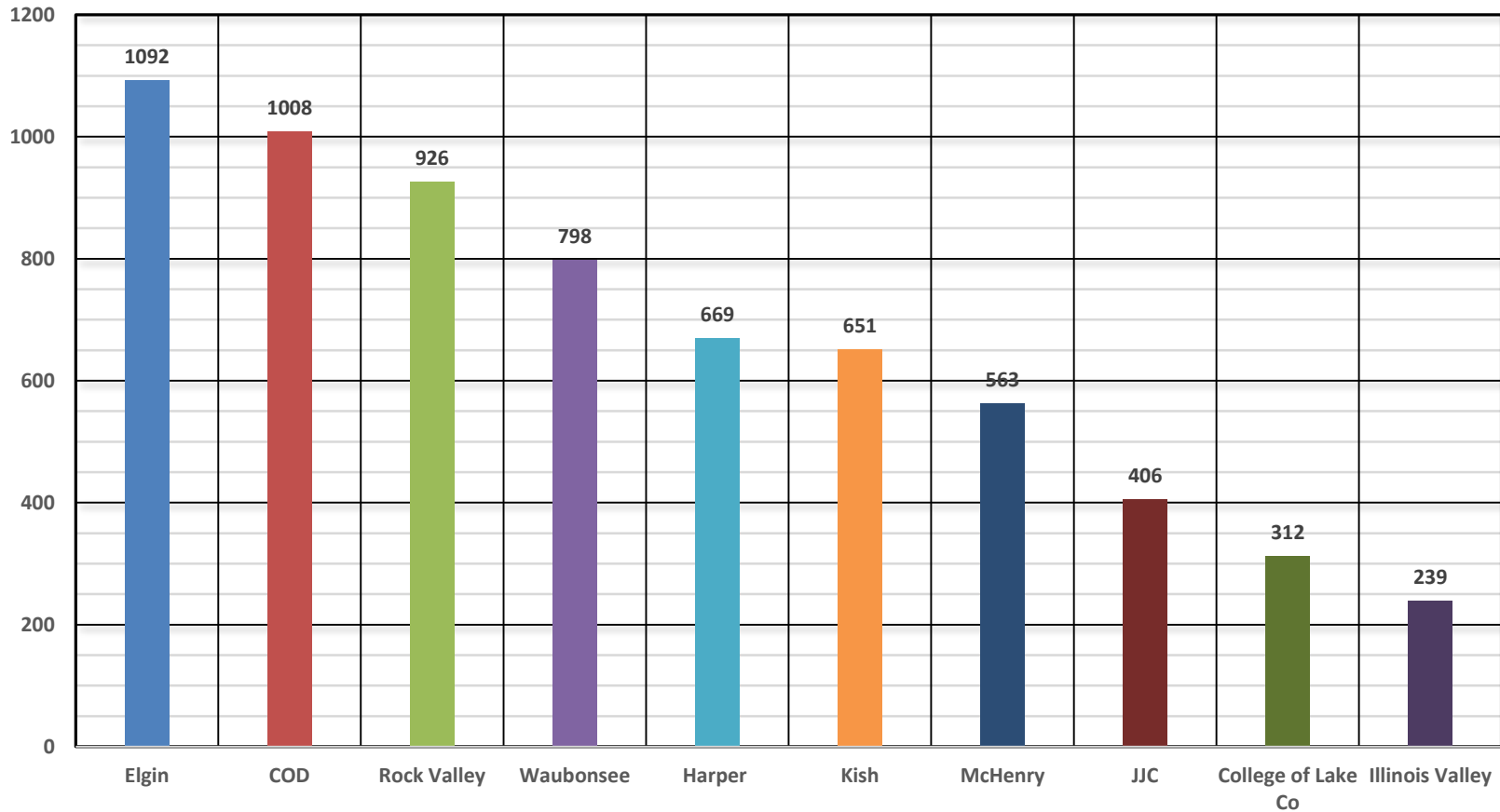
Student population: 16,609

- 12,131 undergraduate students
- Nearly half of undergraduate students transfer from other institutions
- 1,611 new transfer students enrolled

Community College Feeder Snapshot



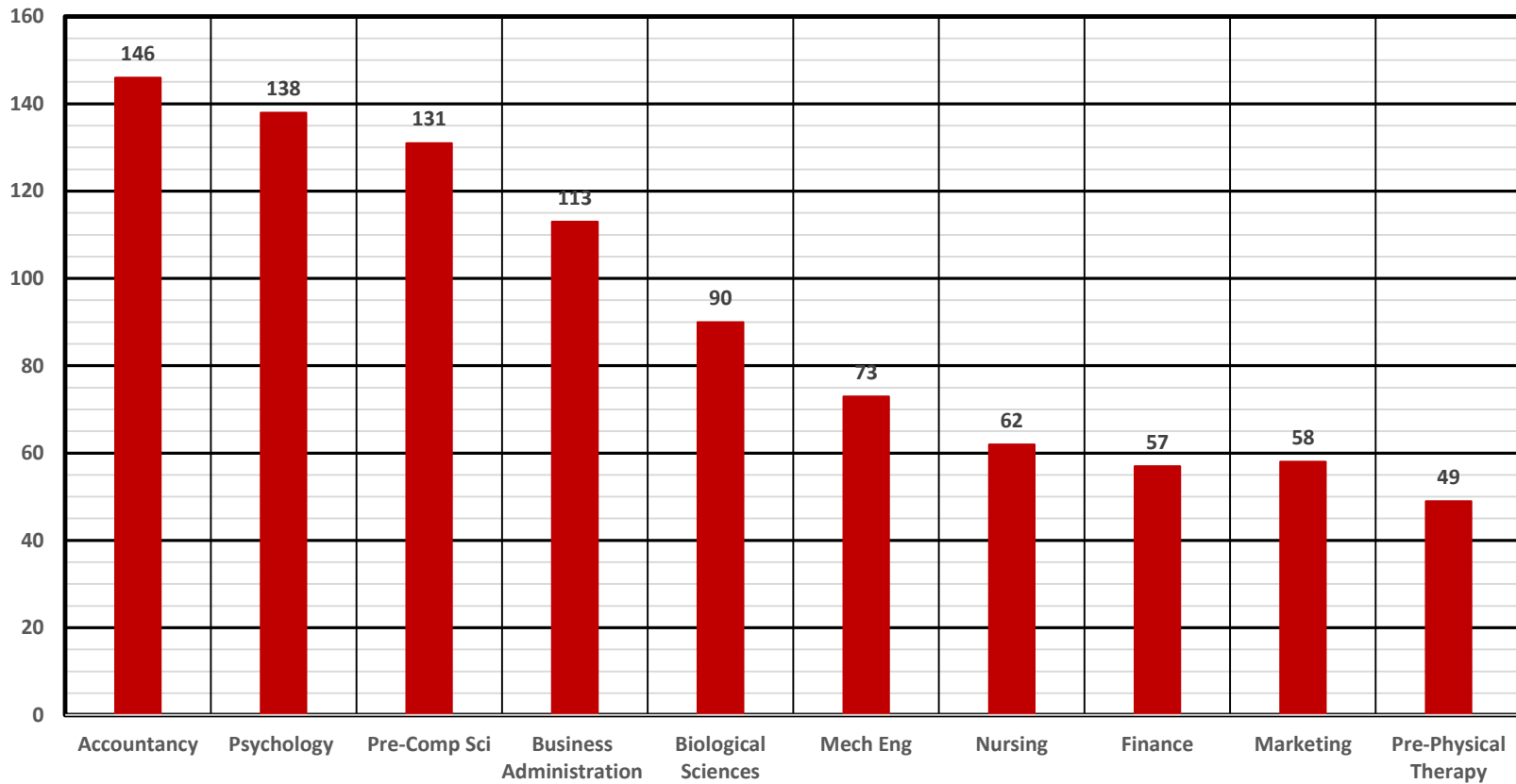
Transfers: Spring 2015 - Fall 2019



Top Transfers by Program



Average Number of Annual Transfers by Program
Spring 2015 - Fall 2019



Highlights



93 Agreements

Articulation Agreements
Guaranteed Admission
Reverse Transfer
Transfer Guides

23 Partners

Community Colleges
Four-Year Institutions
High Schools

4 Innovations

Harper University Center
Seamless Transfer Pathway
2 Degrees In 3 Years
Engineering Pathways

Bright Spots



- *NIU Bachelor Programs*
- *Comp Sci, Psych, Mktg*
- *Fall 2019 Inaugural Cohort*
- *52 students*

- *Kish & Six School Districts*
- *High School < Kish < NIU*
- *Earn up 32 early credits*
- *5 NIU Degree Programs*



Bright Spots



- *The Dell Foundation*
- *Highly Competitive Grant*
- *NIU, Harper & D211*
- *Business Degree in Three*
- *8 NIU Business Degrees*

- *CPS students 3.0 GPA*
- *Free tuition City Colleges*
- *Transfer to NIU for BA/BS*
- *Eligible for scholarships*



Long-term Strategy



- Dedicated focus on quality of partnership
- Execute more innovative partnership solutions
- More coordination with Admissions & Marketing
- Greater collaboration with institutions on rollout, marketing and advising initiatives
- Leverage student Success Coaches
- Financial Aid options for Transfer Students
- Implement SEM plan

Goals



Simple
Process



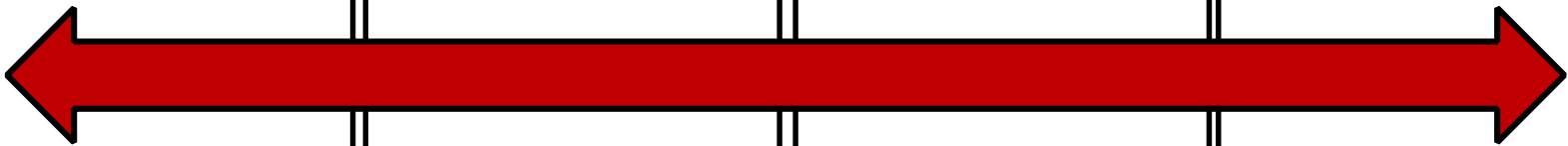
Strategic
Pathways



Saves
Time & Cost



Transfer
Graduates



Questions

