

RETURNING STUDENTS

For the Fall 2023 term we started the year with 20 returning students, 16 of whom regularly engage with program activities. **This year fifty-percent of returning students who participate are program scholarship recipients.**

NEW STUDENTS

Program growth has continued as projected with 22 new students eligible for program participation this semester. New students attended a Program Orientation event or held program introductory meetings to get a feel for how the program works and to decide how they'd like to engage.

ENGAGEMENT TRENDS

We have been seeing a nearly 50/50 split between students who opt for full program engagement and those who desire the self-initiated "student service" approach to program support. A few students choose affiliate status or demonstrate no engagement.



NEW INITIATIVE

ASSESSING STUDENT WELLNESS

During the 2021 academic year we began development of a program survey designed to assess student wellness across the following eight domains: physical, intellectual, emotional, social, spiritual, vocational, financial, and environmental wellness.

This survey was developed with two primary purposes:

1. To identify, respond to and report on trends and gaps in the needs of students in the Guardian Scholars program across eight domains of wellness.
2. To identify and report on program efficacy through tracking individual student and community wellness over time in the program.

A secondary purpose of the survey is to solicit student feedback regarding their relationship with their Guardian Scholars coach.

We are excited to have launched this survey with participating students this fall. The survey will be administered as a pre and post survey annually. You will be seeing reference to survey results in coming months.

FALL KICK OFF

PROGRAM EVENTS

Students were invited to attend a Fall Kick Off event which included a last minute location change due to excessive heat! Students enjoyed meeting/reconnecting with one another over food and were stocked up with school supplies and BSU swag. **Our next program event will be a Thanksgiving Grab & Go Meal event to help meet needs over the holiday break!**

DONOR OPPORTUNITY

We will begin promoting our donation needs for Winter Break Boxes on Oct. 1st again this year.

These boxes provide needed food/supplies and holiday spirit to our students. We are so thankful for the generous giving of our program supporters to be able to continue providing these gifts in midst of tremendous program growth!

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