



Contributions to Closing the Gaps

Community Action Network

Resource Council

June 13, 2008

Introduction: St. Edward's University

- Catholic, liberal arts university in Austin, Texas
- Over 5,300 students
- Ending a 10-year strategic plan to reposition the university
- Change is constant
- Guided by our vision & strategic priorities



Characteristics of a successful small, private university in the 21st century:

- Traditional programs that give the institution a quality brand name
- Partnerships with business & community leaders to serve emerging educational needs within the community
- These partnerships:
 - Provide market opportunities
 - Attract business & community support
 - Attract funding

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Characteristics of a successful small, private university in the 21st century:

- Campus-based, permanent high-quality facilities
- Instructional facilities for non-traditional students are increasingly located off campus

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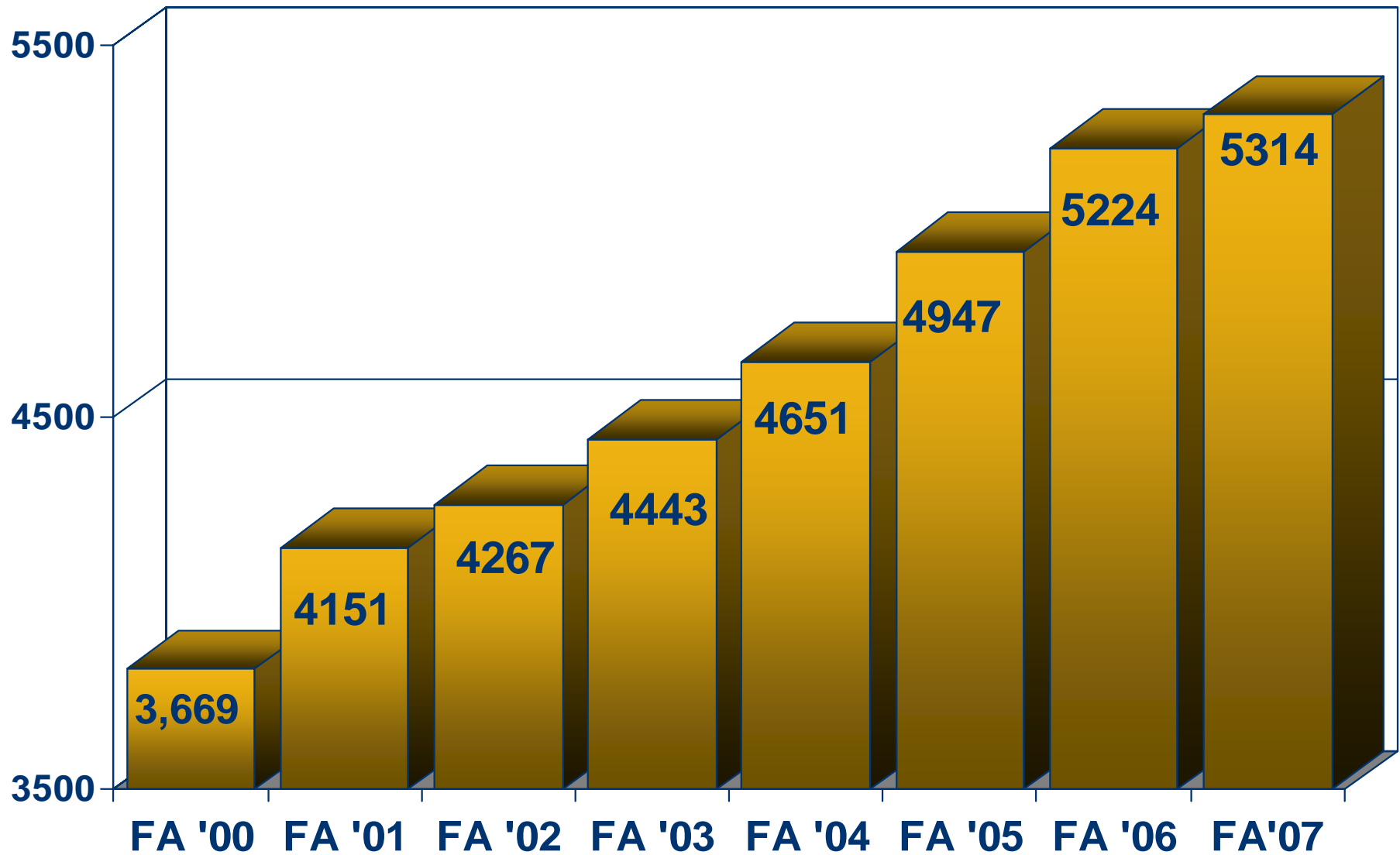


Unwavering goals

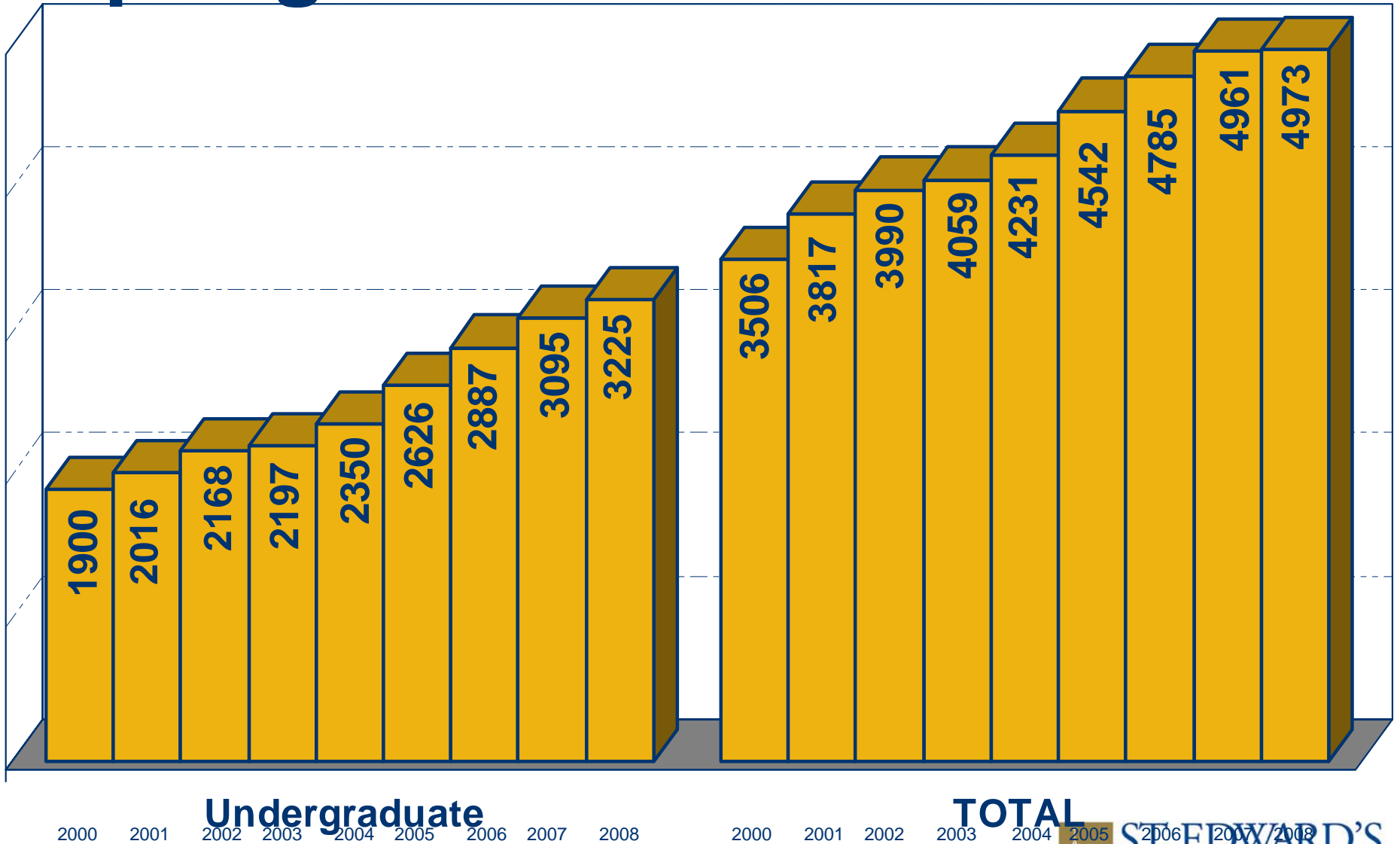
- Vision: To become recognized as one of the best small universities in the country.
- Strategic Priorities:
 1. Increase enrollment
 2. Expand faculty & staff
 3. Provide exceptional student experiences
 4. Enhance facilities & technology
 5. Steward resources wisely
 6. Secure philanthropic gifts
 7. Advance through integrated marketing

Participation

Largest enrollment



Spring 2008 enrollment



Programs

- Traditional Undergraduate Programs
- New College
- Professional Education Center
- Graduate Programs

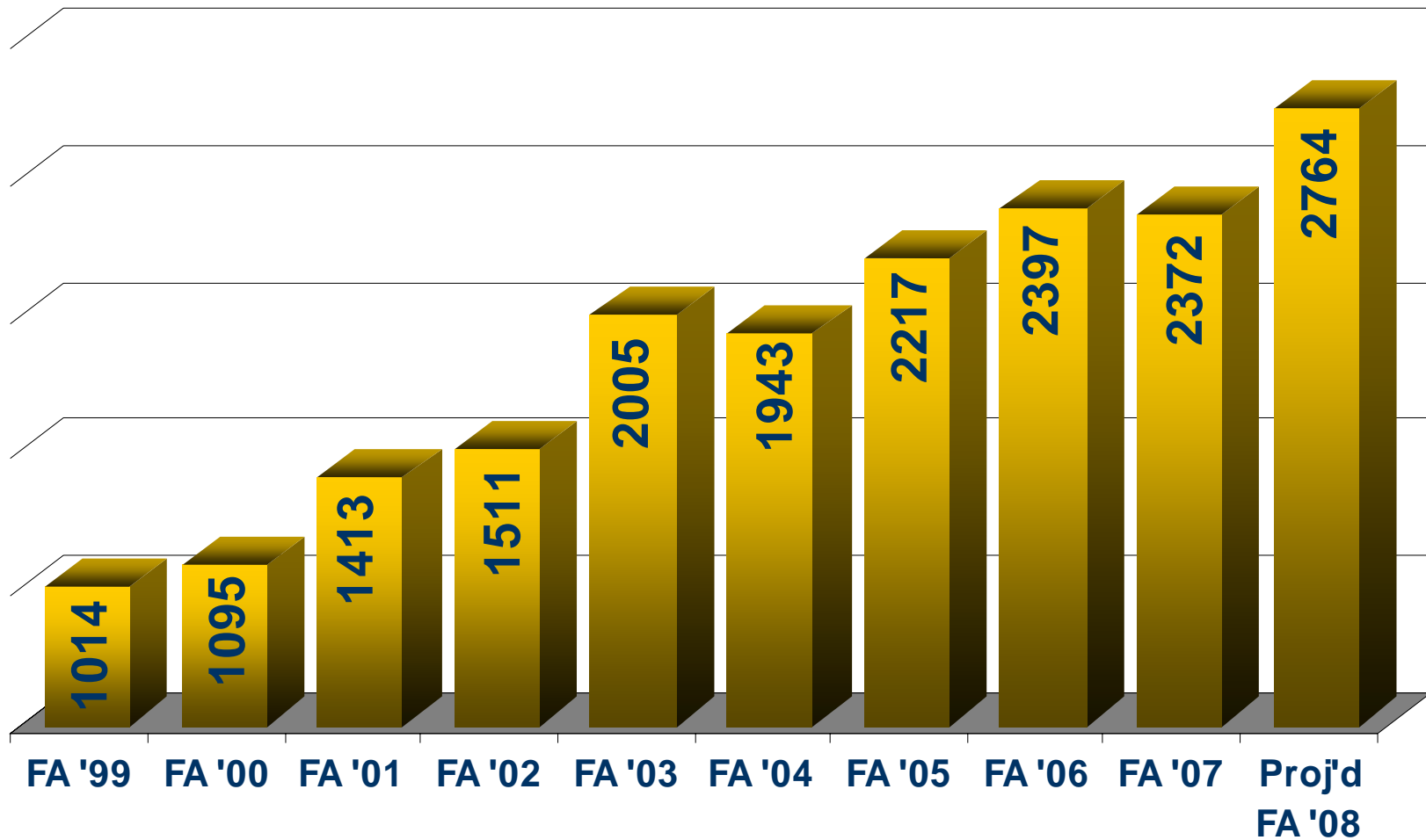
To come:

- Branch campus in Angers, France (Fall 2008)
- Wild Basin Wilderness Preserve

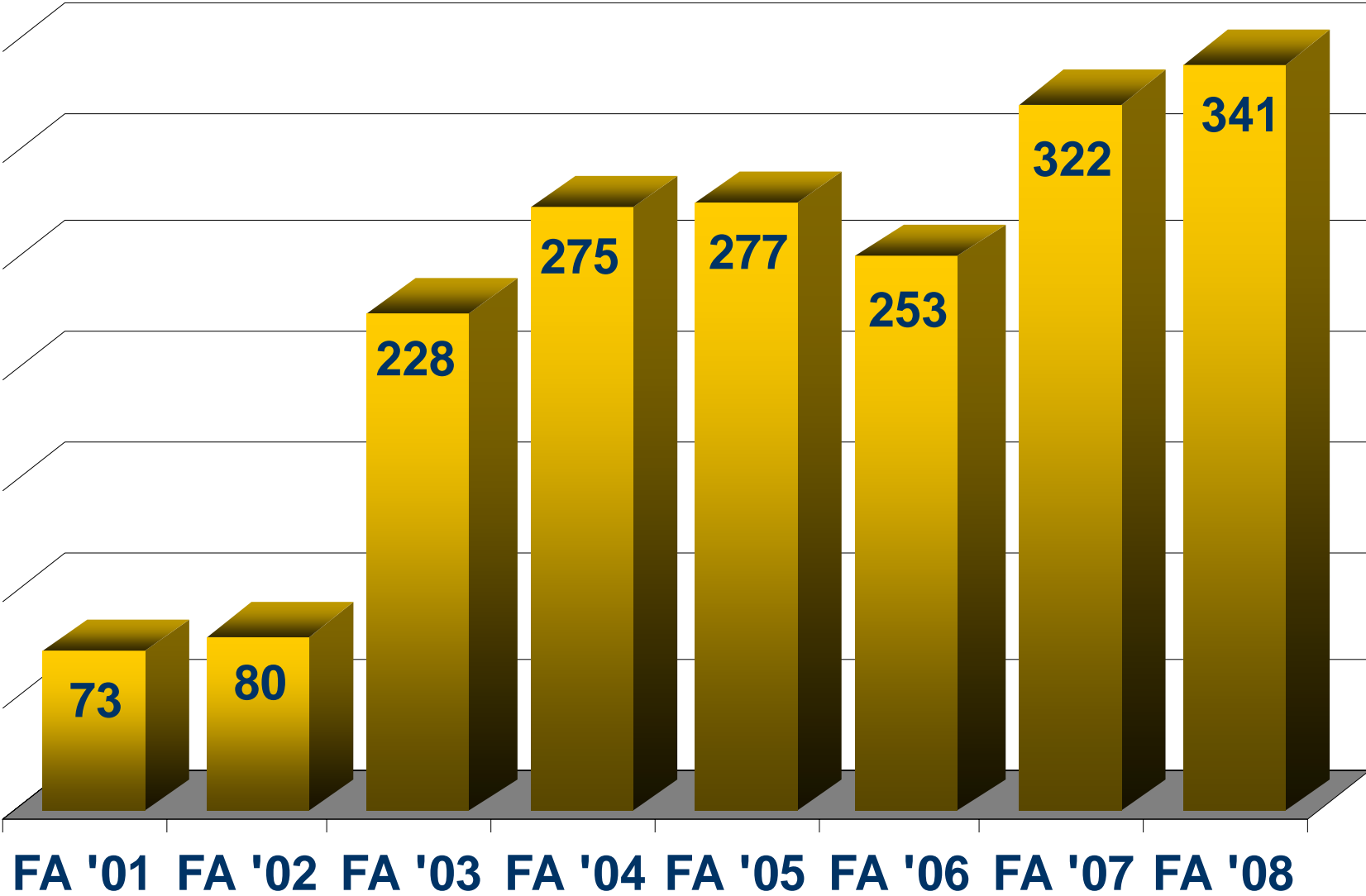
Success

The Freshman Class

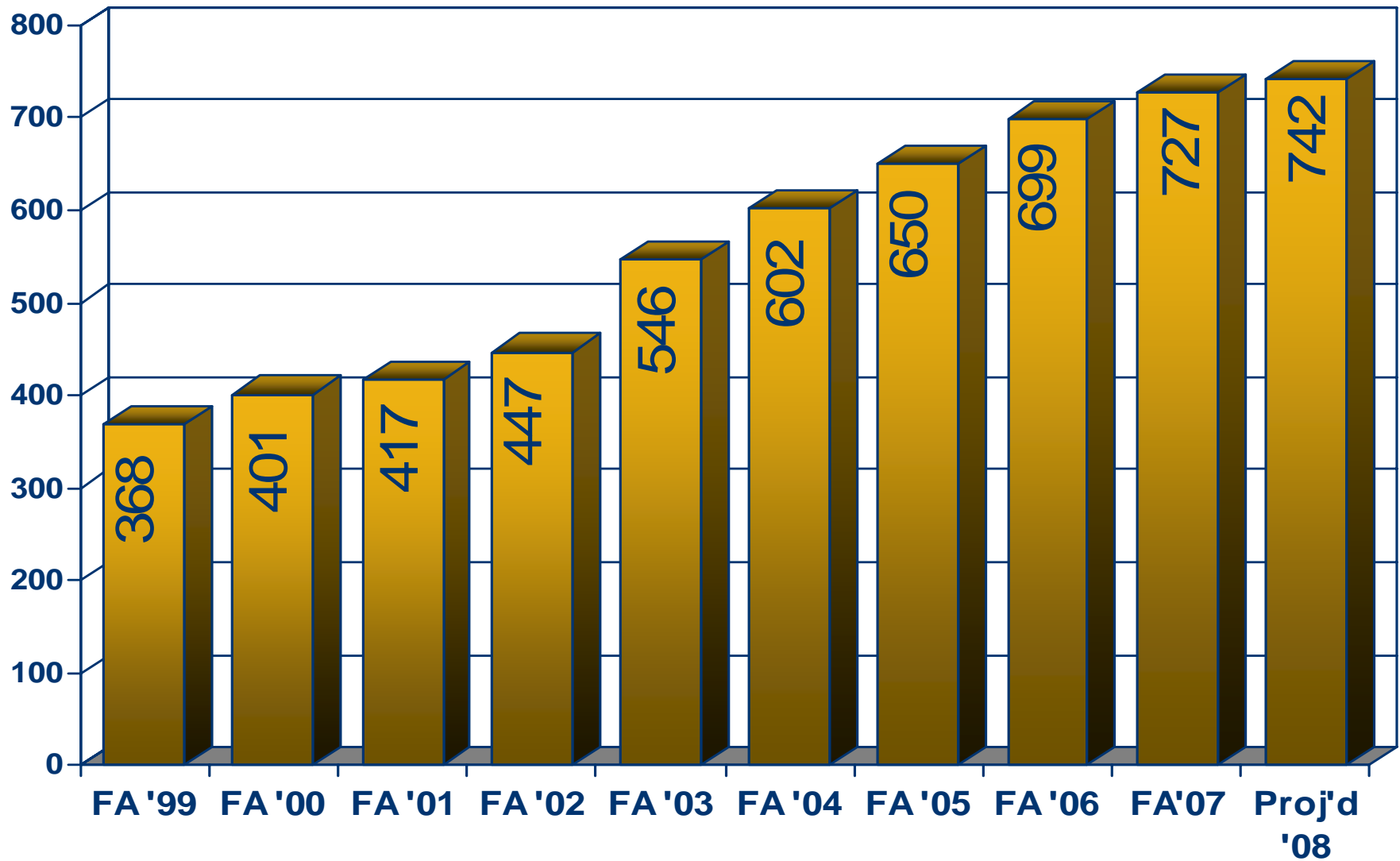
Number of applications



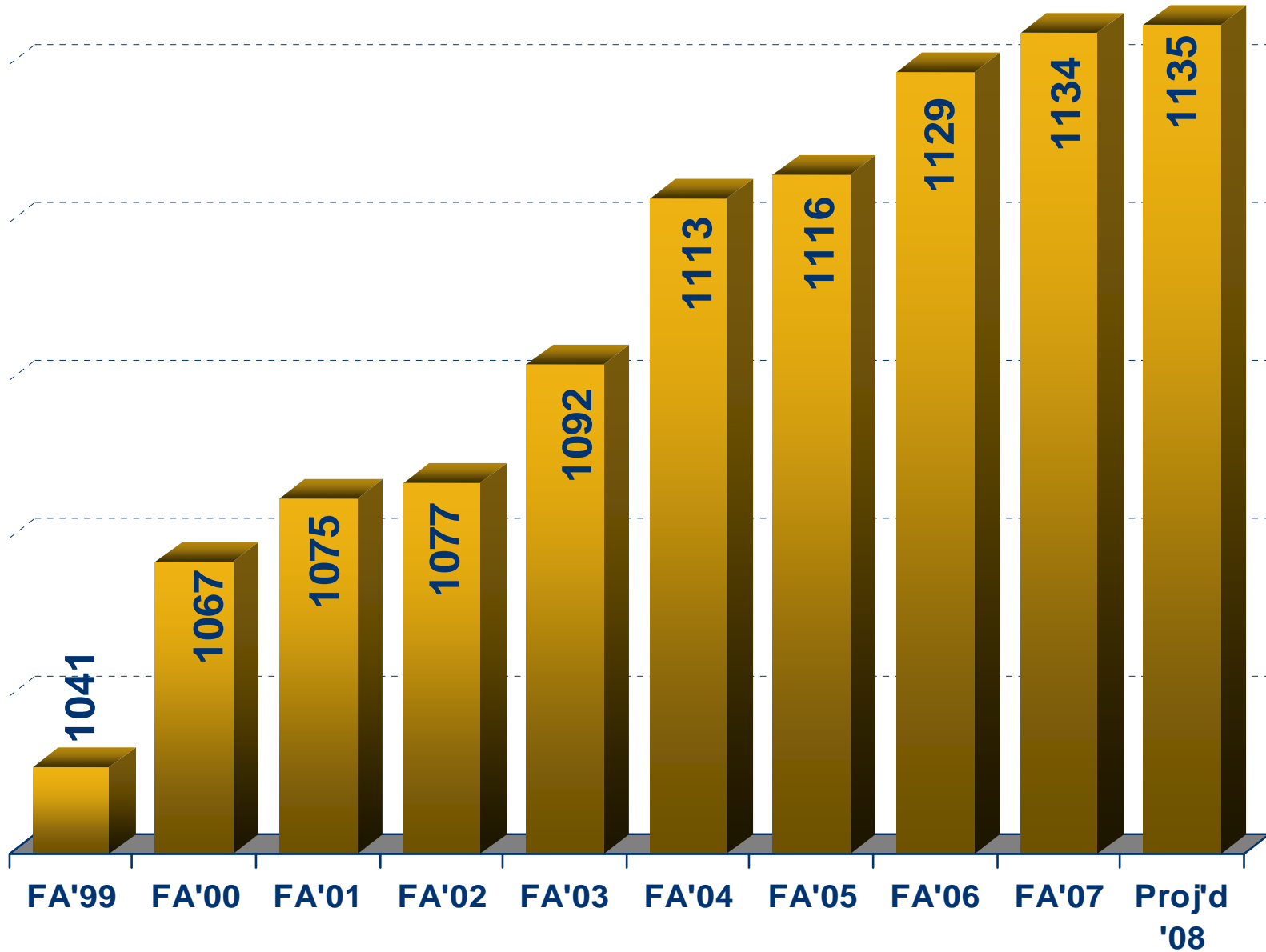
Waiting list: Increasing demand



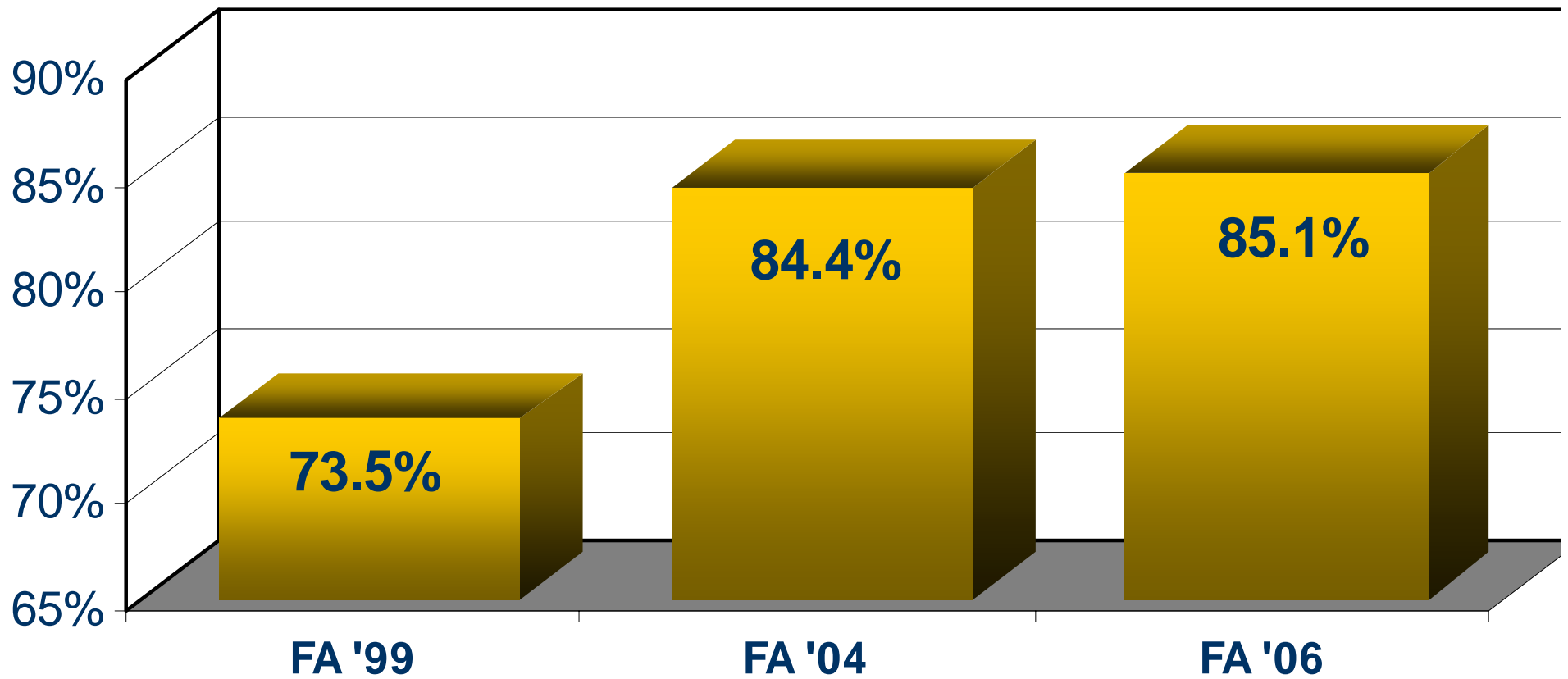
Freshman class growth



SAT: freshman class



Best retention rate



Commitment to personal education & diversity

- Student/faculty ratio: 14:1
- Average class size: 20
- CAMP Program

Commitment to Financial Aid

- Over \$23 million awarded annually in grant aid
- CAMP Program 35 years
- Jobs & Internships

Partnerships

TG Interns for Success

- **\$81,135 Grant TG Public Benefit Grant Program**

Objectives:

- expand experiential learning opportunities proven to promote undergraduate success and retention
- provide resume-building internships plus supplementary support services to help undergraduates prepare for graduate/professional studies and make their applications more competitive
- provide stipends for these internships to eliminate the financial concerns that might keep students from low to moderate income families from participating
- fund career development activities to support students in preparing for graduate and professional school.
- TG, based in Round Rock, is a public, nonprofit corporation that helps administer the Federal Family Education Loan Program.

Academic grants

- School of Management & Business receives RGK Foundation \$100K grant
- School of Education receives \$65K Sid Richardson Foundation Award to support the Jumpstart 2+2+2 Teacher Recruitment Program
- Joanne Romagni-Colvin, director of Sponsored Programs awarded International Science & Engineering grant from National Science Foundation

Career Planning

About Career Planning

Student/Alumni Career services

Employer Services

Job, Internship & Volunteer Opportunities

Calendar of Events

HilltopCareers

Job/internship database, career events, resources

- Student/Alumni log in
- Employer/Recruiter log in



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Career Resources & News

Graduate & Professional School Test Preparation

VAULT Career Library

E-Discover

Best Jobs in America

Top Entry Level Employers for 2008

Top Hiring Criteria

Top Intern Employers

Job Links

Class Presentation Request (for faculty)

Career Tips

50 Best Cities for Jobs

Wild Basin Wilderness Preserve

- Wild Basin approved partnership
- SEU & Wild Basin transition plan
- Re-constituted board
- Initial board meeting: in June



Returning to French Roots

- Nearly two centuries ago by Father Edward Sorin, CSC, founder of St. Edward's University founded the Congregation of Holy Cross, in Western France
- In 2008, St. Edward's will open first international satellite location in Angers, France
- Providing a variety of resources and programs, including:
 - Professional education for professionals in Europe in areas such as IT Training, project management, marketing and others
 - Selected bachelors and masters degrees
 - University prep courses
 - Study Abroad opportunities for U.S. students



Excellence in Student Experiences

Recognition

- *U.S. News & World Report: #20*
- *National Survey of Student Engagement*
- *The New York Times: “Colleges of Many Colors”*
- *Princeton Review: Colleges with a Conscience*
- *Colleges of Distinction*
- 2007 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll



Commitment to Mission

- Immersion Program – Campus Ministry
 - Peru & India: 12 students
- 44 students & staff participated in the Campus Ministry's Alternative Spring Break program
 - Phoenix, Chicago, NY, Albuquerque, New Mexico, Kentucky, Wisconsin, & Mexico
- *Catholic Character at St. Edward's University*

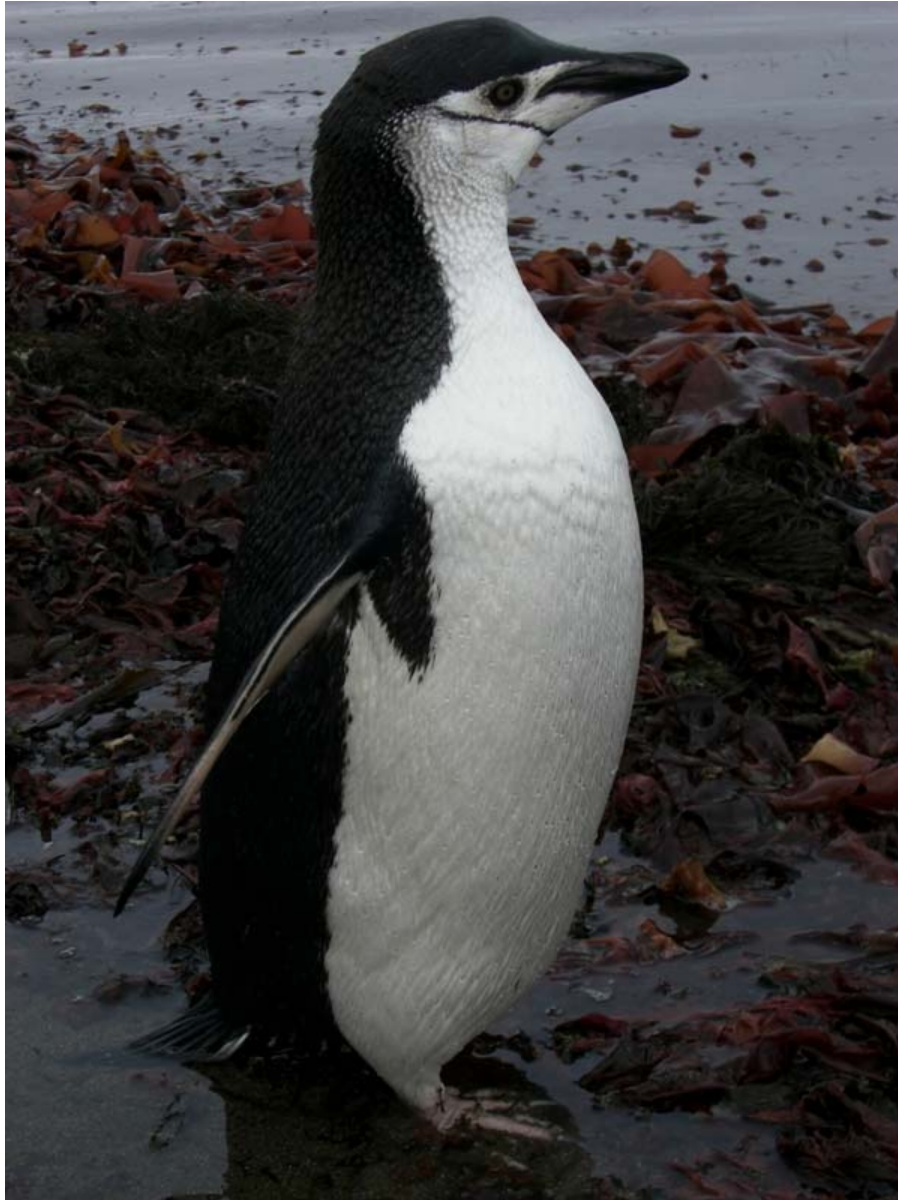
Research

Increasing Fellowships for St. Edward's students

- Fund graduate study
- Challenge high-achieving students
- Help students perceive paths between their academic interests and outside opportunities.
- Encourage students to take risks and give them an international perspective.

Fulbright awards

- 2008–2009: Kelly Whitebread, English Teaching Assistantship in Austria
- 2007–2008: Jennifer Walden, English Teaching Assistantship in Brazil
- 2006–2008: Christopher Herrington, English Teaching Assistantship in Germany
- 2004–2005: Rachel Howell, English Teaching Assistantship in Germany



Questions?