

**Oregon State University**  
**Board of Trustees**  
**Student Success**

**New Student Onboarding**  
EVERY STUDENT GRADUATES



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University

# Student Life and Success

## Executive Summary

- **New Student Onboarding**

Centered around 5 key pillars aimed at improving the student experience  
Launch of initial elements – summer 2025

- **Mental Well-being Improvement Plan**

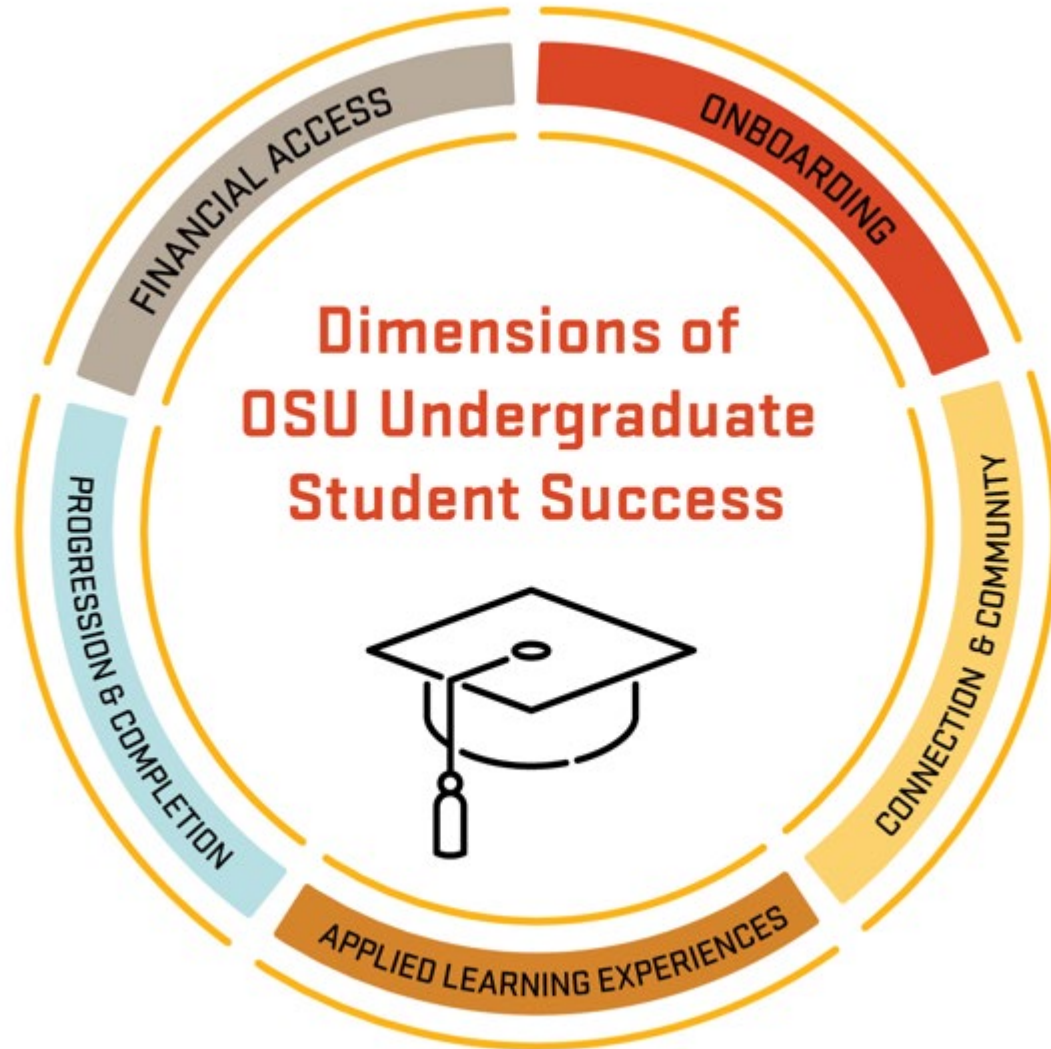
Evidence-based recommendations for all campuses  
Central focus of the newly established Health Promoting University initiative

- **Corvallis Campus Housing and Dining Vision**

Addressing the need to quickly grow on-campus housing capacity in response to demand  
Architect and contractor selected; phase one is in design



# Components of Student Success



Make an OSU education **financially accessible**

Successfully **integrate** new students into the university

Foster **belonging** and **connection** for students


Integrate/Emphasize **applied learning** experiences

Support degree **progression** and **completion**

# Action 1:

## Launch a campaign for timely undergraduate completion

### Tactics:

- Set academic unit targets for retention and graduation and reward success
  - Substantially increase need-based scholarships
  - Launch a signature first-year onboarding experience, including reformed first year advising
  - Strengthen partnerships with community colleges
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# **New Student Onboarding**

# Onboarding & Student Success

- Builds early connection and belonging
- Clarifies expectations and resources
- Promotes academic and personal readiness
- Fosters identity development and engagement
- Encourages proactive help-seeking behavior



# NSO Charge

- Design, implementation, and assessment for NSO experience.
  - All modalities & campuses - Corvallis, Cascades and Ecampus.
  - Model for promoting transition, engagement, academic success, and retention.
  - All new Undergraduate students (First Year and Transfer).
  - Consideration for unique experiences.
    - minoritized and underserved students
    - adult learners
    - first gen students
    - international students
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# NSO: Goals

**Design to ensure all students:**

**Connect:** Build relationships and find inclusive community at OSU.

**Navigate:** Learn to confidently navigate and utilize OSU support systems and resources.


**Prepare:** Develop the skills necessary to succeed academically.

**Engage:** Engage in new experiences that facilitate growth and learning.

**Balance:** Establish and engage in learning strategies for personal and community health and wellbeing.



# NSO: Measuring Success

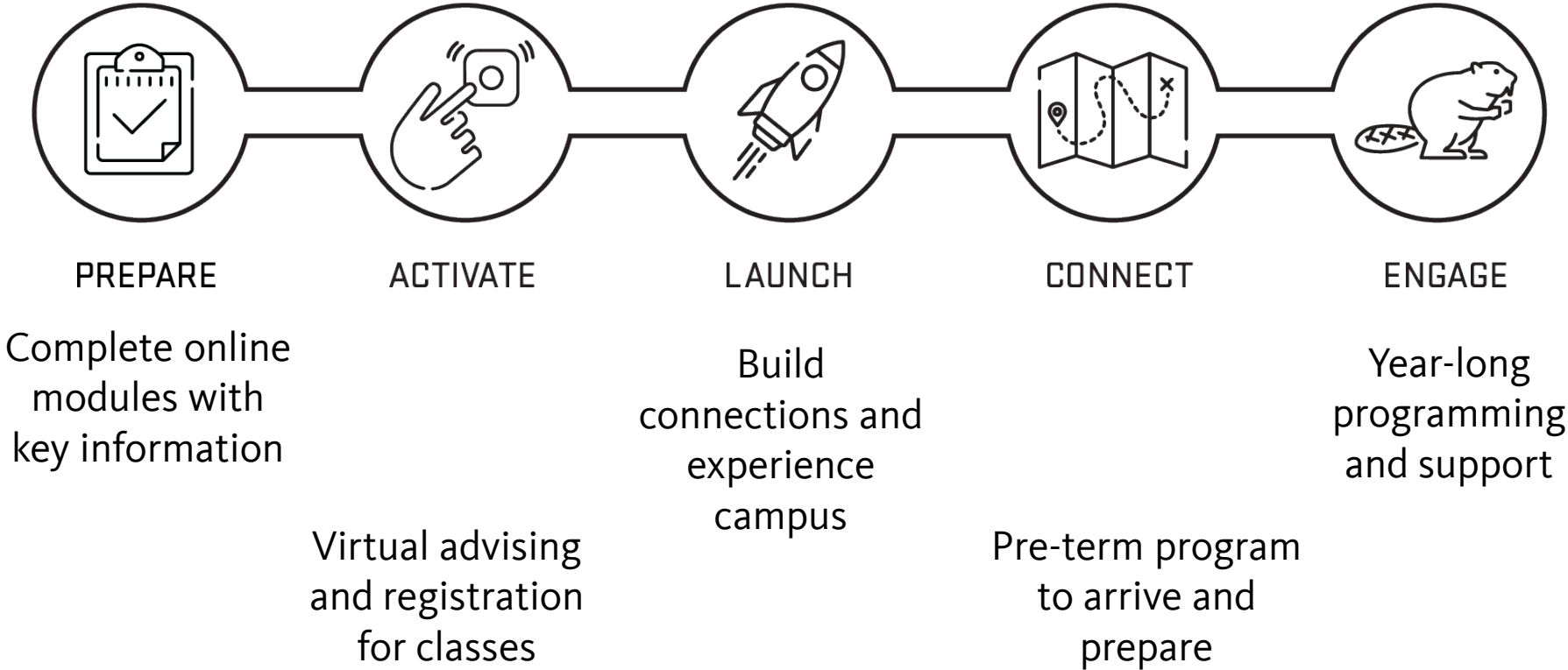
- Melt
  - Term to term retention
  - Progression through sequence
  - Students' sense of belonging
  - Need and risk identification
  - Mid term grades (Transitions course)
  - Feedback from students, stakeholders and families
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# NSO: Engagement & Design Process

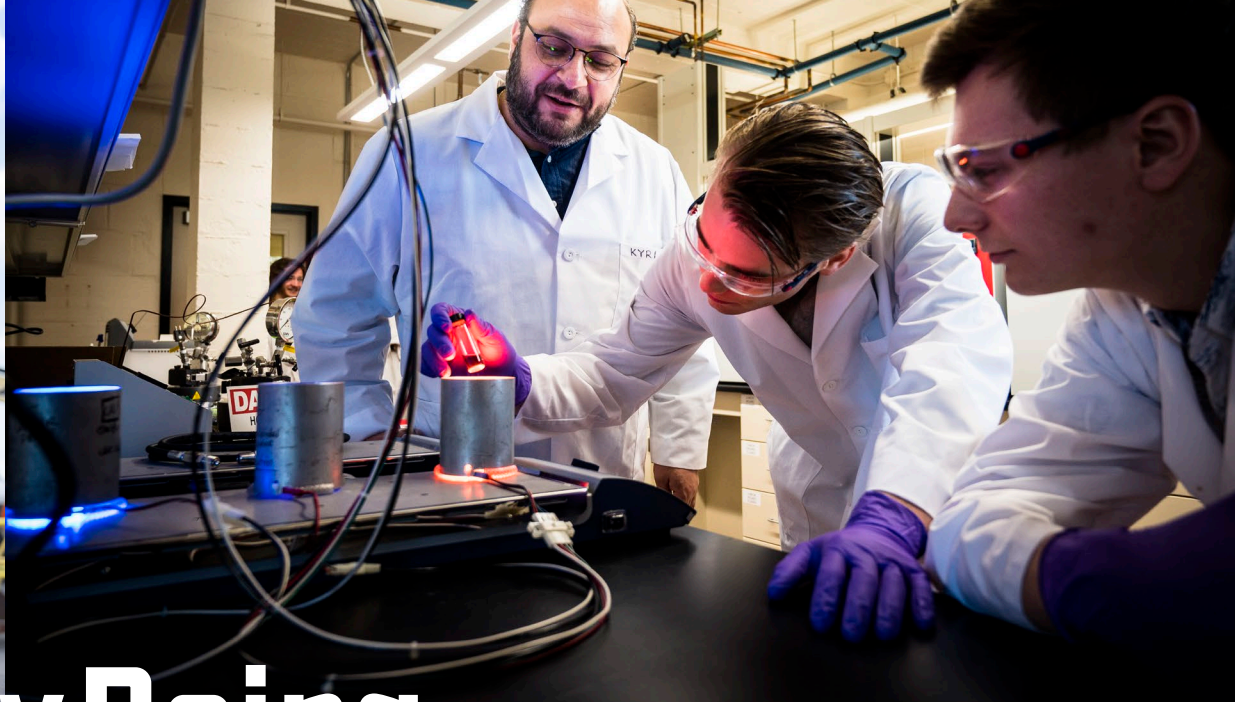


# Students Starting Fall 2025 (Corvallis/Cascades)

ASC Agenda Item 4a



	Pre-Orientation & Admissions	Phase 1: Prepare Online Modules	Phase 2: Activate Virtual Advising & Registration	Phase 3: Launch Summer/Visit Day	Phase 4: Connect Pre-term	Phase 5: Engage Year-long	Ongoing Student Dashboard (Sharepoint)
<b>Navigation and Meta-level (about Orientation)</b> Goal: Navigate ESG: Dimension 1	<i>Didn't have information for 2025, will need to be further out to integrate</i>	Overview of orientation, introduction of key "spaces" and technology (including dashboard)		Orientation goals, getting to know campus, shared responsibility		Transitions: Week 3 how to find resources  TCC (see below)	
<b>Academics: Advising, Curriculum</b> Goal: Prepare ESG: Dimension 5	ALEKs Math Placement as pre-orientation task and ONID set up. Info during O&B days	Your Learning@DSU, degree requirements, Core Ed, exploration, technology for advising and registration.	College and advising partner (EOP, HC) content in Success Plan, advising, course registration	<i>Change of Major available as Drop-In 3 pm - 5 pm</i>		First Year advising, college programming	College Success Plans live here (not sure how visible they are from front navigation)?
<b>Financial Readiness and Planning</b> Goal: Balance/Navigate ESG: Dimension 5	Slate tasks Admissions sessions O&B presentation Emails with content	One module on finances: Overview of the cost, applying for aid, who to contact, billing timeline	<i>Only if relevant to advising - Veterans or International students</i>	Financial Planning session during "University Life", drop in questions, resource fair	TBD	Transitions: Week 8: Financial Literacy	Featured content area with information, videos, handouts, and details on how to get help on tasks
<b>Health and Wellness</b> Goal: Balance/Connect ESG: Dimension 3		<i>More coming in 2026</i>		- "University Life" program on community life,  - Wellness and balance content during small groups,	Programming TBD (some at FORTE)	Transitions: Week 4: Mental Health; Week 5: Healthy Behaviors	Featured content area with information, videos, handouts, and details on how to get help on tasks
<b>Community &amp; Engagement</b> Goal: Connect/Engage ESG: Dimension 3, 4		<i>More coming in 2026</i>		- Resource fair  - Interest tours	Beaver Community Fair, Greek BBQ, Open Houses, MUPC events, College Events, more	Transitions: Week 2: Belonging, Week 7: Building inclusive communities	Featured content area with information, videos, handouts, and details on how to get help on tasks
<b>Experiential Learning and Academic Support</b> Goal: Prepare/Engage ESG: Dimension 4, 5		Introducing things to be thinking about, priming folks on the value of		- Resource fair - Interest tours - College sessions	Optional (pilot year) Learn by Doing programming College Events FORTE Program	Learn by Doing Events Transitions: Week 3: Academic Support, Week 9: Career Exploration	
		Slate Communications from NSO introduce students to these tasks, kept them motivated and moving forward, suggest where to focus time and energy.		Beaver Hub emails from NSO help students progress through any Beaver Hub tasks and explore resources and information available to them in preparation for the term		Transition Communication Campaign - Weekly emails out of the Academic Success Center about deadlines, resources, and more.	
<b>College Programming</b>	O&B presentations and activities Email campaigns (some)	Generalized content, not specific to colleges	- Beaver Hub Success Plan - SharePoint content by college	- College Sessions (75 min)	- College events - Involvement in Learn by Doing	Transitions Course	Dashboard content; Ongoing Email



Learn by Doing



# Questions