MISSION STATEMENT
Horizons: A TRIO program assists students in developing academic, social, personal and leadership skills through holistic services including tutoring, faculty mentoring, peer mentoring, career development, academic support, cultural enrichment, and access to global experiences. These initiatives coupled with a sense of belonging will contribute to a well-rounded and successful Purdue University experience.

*TRIO is a federally funded program that was authorized by the Higher Education Amendments of 1968.

VISION STATEMENT
The vision of Horizons: A TRIO program (SSS) is to retain and graduate its participants at the highest possible rate with the highest possible grade point average from Purdue University.

PROGRAM ELEMENTS
Through a comprehensive suite of services, Horizons ensures students can develop a holistic set of academic, social, personal and leadership skills that will contribute to their overall success. These services include:

- **GS 19900 & 49000 Strategies for a Successful Freshman Year**: This course is intended to equip first semester freshman with the necessary tools for success at Purdue University.
- **GS 19900 Life and Career Development Lab**: This course is designed to help students develop a strong understanding of who they are as an individual and how that information impacts educational and vocational goals.
- **GS 19900 Supplemental Instruction (SI)**: SI is assigned to all incoming freshmen enrolled in Horizons GS 19900 or GS 49000. More than 90% of the students are placed in a math SI course. Those students not enrolled in math either attends study tables or have the option of receiving SI in another STEM field subject.
- **EDPS 490 Horizons Global Leadership Initiative**: This course provides 20 students an opportunity to participate in a summer semester abroad at a reduced rate. This is a three week course during the May semester and, in financial partnership with the Office of Study Abroad, provides a framework which promotes global awareness, change in students perceptions, and addresses misconceptions of other people and cultures in an all-inclusive experience.
- **Academic Counseling**: Horizons advising is available to students from their freshman year through graduation providing solution-oriented supplemental advising in all aspects of their educational planning, including course planning, study skills, GPA management, and referral services.
- **Career Counseling**: Available to support students in their career-related challenges as well as choice of major in reference to their future. Referral services to the Center for Career Opportunities are also available.
- **Tutoring**: Horizons offers its students free one-on-one tutoring in all core math and science courses as well as foreign language. Exceptions for other subjects can be made on a case-by-case basis.
- **Faculty and Peer Mentoring**: During a student’s first year at Purdue, participants are matched with a faculty or staff member in their preferred area of study. Additionally, all Horizons freshmen students who are enrolled in the 3 credit GS199 course partake in group peer mentoring led by a trained Horizons upperclassman.
Financial Aid Assistance: Students enrolled in Horizons can utilize a FA administrator to answer questions in regards to: FAFSA, Work Study, Student Loans, or Budgeting.

LEARNING OUTCOMES
As a result of actively participating in Horizons: A TRIO program, students will:

- Acquire the aptitude to successfully navigate the academic challenges of the college experience.
- Increase familiarity with available academic resources and personal support networks at Purdue University.
- Gain career readiness and leadership skills that are relevant for a global world.
- Demonstrate personal growth and intercultural competency.
- Develop a sense of belonging that will contribute to a well-rounded and successful college experience.

NOTABLE CHANGES WITHIN 2019-2020 Academic Year

- Horizons Faculty Mentor Gathering: This event allows for assigned Faculty Mentors to meet their mentees for the first time in an informal setting. This allows for the student and faculty member to chat over refreshments and share expectations.

- Horizons First Fridays Event: On the “First Friday” of each month, the program provides refreshments for students to enjoy in the Horizons office space. This activity was instituted to address food insecurities within our first-generation and low-income student population. Additionally, it contributes to a sense of connection with the program and sense of belonging at Purdue. It also strengthens connections between cohorts within Horizons.

- Horizons Leadership Series: This presentation takes place during the “First Friday” event. This activity takes a unique and current approach to discussing leadership topics, providing leadership strategies, and helping students realize different ways in which they already possess leadership skills and how to effectively build upon them. Presentations are conducted by Horizons Staff, Campus Partners, or Horizons Student Leaders.

- Track 2 Success: TRIO Post Graduate Preparation Conference: This conference identifies post-graduation goals, strengths of participants and methodically registers them for the appropriate break-out sessions on: Financial Literacy, Personal Statement, Mock Interviewing, Resume Development, and Study Abroad Scholarships & Benefits. Seven Horizons Scholars selected to attend experienced dinner in Downtown Chicago at Fogo de Chao Brazilian Steakhouse and a Broadway play entitled, “Hamilton: An American Musical” as a Cultural Enrichment Activity.

- Horizons Graduate School Tour Visit – Indiana University Bloomington: Horizons will take a collection of students with different class standing on a Graduate School Tour in the spring.

OUR DATA
See attached data summary

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