Building Engagement and Attainment for Minority Students (BEAMS) Project

BEAMS is a 5-year initiative fostering the ways in which Historically Black, Hispanic-serving, and Tribal colleges and universities using National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) can develop data-based decision making and increase student engagement and learning.

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Data on the student experience from the National Survey of Student Engagement
Collegial support for implementing action plans
Web-based support throughout Project participation
Opportunities to report nationally on campus initiatives and successes

BEAMS is a partnership between the American Association for Higher Education and the National Survey of Student Engagement and is supported by Lumina Foundation for Education.

- California State University, Northridge
- Chicago State University
- Claffin University
- Dillard University
- Elizabeth City State University
- Florida International University
- Florida Memorial College*
- Herbert H. Lehman College, CUNY
- Heritage College*
- Huston-Tillotson College
- Institute of American Indian Arts*
- Inter American University of Puerto Rico-San German
- Jarvis Christian College
- Lane College
- Mercy College
- Miles College
- Mississippi Valley State University
- Morehouse College
- Morris College*
- Morgan State University
- New York City College of Technology, CUNY
- North Carolina Central University
- Philander Smith College
- St. Mary's University
- St. Peter's College*
- St. Thomas University
- Texas A&M University Kingsville*
- Tougaloo College
- Universidad Del Este
- University of Houston-Downtown*
- University of Maryland, Eastern Shore
- University of New Mexico
- University of Puerto Rico Ponce
- University of Puerto Rico at Utuado
- University of the District of Columbia
- University of the Incarnate Word
- Virginia Union University
- Wiley College
- Winston-Salem State University
- Xavier University of Louisiana*

* administered NSSE in 2003, attended 2005 AAHE Summer Academy

2003 Cohort

- Adams State University
- Bethune-Cookman College
- California State University, Dominguez Hills
- California State University, Fresno
- California State University, Los Angeles
- California State University, San Bernardino
- California State University, Stanislaus
- Central State University
- Clark Atlanta University
- Colorado State University, Pueblo
- Fayetteville State University
- Fort Valley State University
- Haskell Indian Nations University
- Jackson State University
- Kentucky State University
- Medgar Evers College, CUNY
- Norfolk State University
- North Carolina A & T University
- Oakwood College
- Occidental College
- Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico
- Prairie View A & M University
- Savannah State University
- Spelman College
- Texas A & M International University
- Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi
- University of Puerto Rico at Humacao
- University of St. Thomas
- University of Texas at El Paso
- University of Texas at San Antonio
- University of Texas of the Permian Basin
- University of Texas Pan American
- University of the Virgin Islands
- Voorhees College
- Western New Mexico University

2004 Cohort

- Alcorn State University
- Alliant International University
- Benedict College*
- Bowie State University
- California State University, Northridge
- Chicago State University
- Claffin University
- Dillard University
- Elizabeth City State University
- Florida International University
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2005 Cohort

- Albany State University
- Barry University
- Bennett College
- California State University, Monterey Bay
- Cheyney University of Pennsylvania
- Coppin State University
- Delaware State University
- Eastern New Mexico University
- Edward Waters College
- Florida A&M University
- Harris-Stowe State College
- Inter American University-Ponce Campus
- Johnson C. Smith University
- Le Moyne-Owen College
- Lincoln University (PA)
- Livingstone College
- New Jersey City University
- Ogala Lakota College
- Polytechnic University of Puerto Rico
- Salish Kootenai College
- Sojourner-Douglass College
- Southern University and A&M College, Baton Rouge
- Tennessee State University
- University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff
- University of Puerto Rico-Mayaguez Campus
- Woodbury University
- York College, CUNY

Registration open through September 2004. Administering NSSE in 2005, attending 2006 AAHE Summer Academy

When fully implemented, BEAMS will serve 135 four-year colleges and universities from the Alliance for Equity in Higher Education. Each institution commits to analyzing the scope and character of their students' engagement in learning and to implementing well-designed action plans for improvement of engagement, learning, persistence, and success. The project offers five primary ways for campuses to move toward these institutional goals.

- Data on the student experience from the National Survey of Student Engagement
- Design of action plans at the AAHE Summer Academy for initiatives to enhance student engagement and learning
- Collegial support for implementing action plans
- Web-based support throughout Project participation
- Opportunities to report nationally on campus initiatives and successes

Campuses administer NSSE at least twice during the project. Consortia of BEAMS campuses generate action plans based on NSSE data at the 2004, 2005, and 2006 AAHE Summer Academies. They interact and disseminate their learning throughout the project.

About BEAMS