

Grad Act  
Student Success

Student Success and SOAR

In an effort to positively impact enrollment/registration and retention, **Student Success**, under the auspices of Enrollment Management, organized and implemented four *Summer Orientation Advising and Registration (SOAR)* sessions for Summer, 2011. Each session was structured as a two-day event. As a result, a total of 467 new students were oriented to the university and 400 (86%) completed the registration process prior to the first day of classes.

	Registered	Expected	Male	Female
STUORIENT1 New Student Orientation 1	64	88	18	46
STUORIENT2 New Student Orientation 2	108	141	36	72
STUORIENT3 New Student Orientation 3	115	160	33	82
STUORIENT4 New Student Orientation 4	180	262	61	119
Total	467			

Student Success and Early Orientation

Following instructions of the Provost/Academic Vice President, the New Student Welcome Week activity for Student Success was revised for Spring, 2012. The Student Success activity (Black Carpet Introductions) developed around a “Welcome Skit” that highlighted certain situations/circumstances that the student might encounter while attending school. Each scenario was a lead-into the introduction of a key GSU administrator, who briefly addressed the audience. A total of at least 36 new students attended this activity and by way of a survey, 100% positive feedback about the activity was provided. The questions and responses to the survey were:

- \*Did the session provide helpful information? 36 out of 36 responded – Yes
- \*Was the session of relevance to you? 36 out of 36 responded – Yes
- \*Was the information in each session effectively presented? 36 out of 36 responded – Yes
- \*Did the session meet your expectations? 36 out of 36 responded – Yes
- \*My overall impression of the Orientation Session: 29 out of 36 responded – Excellent  
7 out of 36 responded – Good

Their overall suggestion/comment was that this activity be expanded on for future orientation sessions.