It Takes a Volunteer
The Volunteer Experience

The Volunteer Experience will produce scholars who thrive

To create this outcome, UT will promote well-being across campus
Key Priorities

Well-being matters because students with higher well-being are healthier mentally and physically, perform better, and have stronger relationships.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Build student confidence and resilience
- Require high expectations
- Develop the structures to facilitate student success

HOW

- Deep student engagement
- Academic Integration
- Student experience transformation
Fostering Deep Student Engagement
Initial Steps

• Strengths Advisory Council & Volunteer Experience Working Groups
• First-Year Studies Seminars redesign to use well-being curriculum & CliftonStrengths
• Vol Success Teams & Vol Study Center
• Multi-phased New Student Orientation Process
• Expanded Undergraduate Research & Fellowships programming
• Student Success Grants: General Biology, English, Engineering Fundamentals
• Signature programs that target engagement for veterans, men of color, low-income and first-generation student scholars
## Preliminary First-Year Persistence

Week of August 1 Comparison

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<th>Fall 2021</th>
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<td><strong>Overall</strong></td>
<td>89.3%</td>
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<td><strong>Pell Grant Recipients</strong></td>
<td>84.5%</td>
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<td>86%</td>
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<td><strong>First Generation</strong></td>
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## Preliminary Graduation Rates

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<td>4-year graduation rate</td>
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<td>6-year graduation rate</td>
<td>72.7%</td>
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Path Forward

• Cumulating experience to enhance student preparation for a global workforce
• Reimagination of Honors & Scholars Programs at UT
• Enhance alignment of Vol Success Teams & Vol Study Center to the colleges
• Academic Advising Strategic Plan
• Volunteer Experience Faculty Fellows, Teaching Certificate, Student Success Grants, CliftonStrengths workshops
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