

# BRINGING THE WORLD HOME: COMPREHENSIVE INTERNATIONALIZATION @ HARPER COLLEGE

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# WHY INTERNATIONAL, WHY HARPER COLLEGE?



“It’s important that college graduates, whatever their location, be not just globally competitive but also globally competent, understanding their roles as citizens and workers in an international context.”

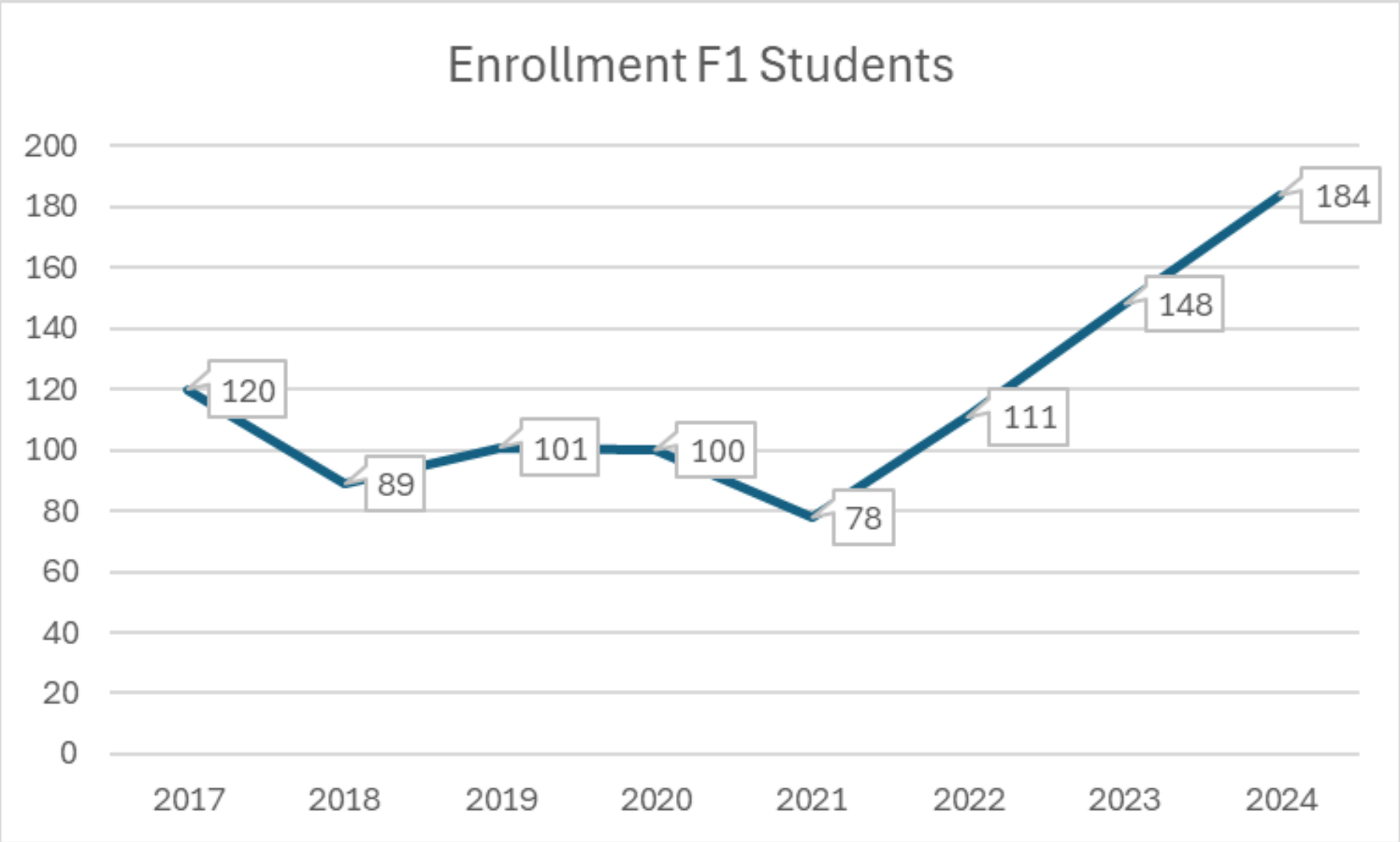
*Reclaiming the American Dream:  
Community Colleges and the Nation’s  
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# INTERNATIONAL STUDENT OFFICE

- International students at Harper College have non-immigrant, student visa
- Harper College's district is very International
- Fall 2024 profile
- Why does this population choose Harper College?
- Primarily studying these degrees at Harper College

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- India



- South Korea



- Pakistan



- Mongolia



- Turkmenistan



# IMPACT OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

NAFSA: Association of International Educators

- International Student Economic Value Tool

Harper College U.S. Congressional District 8

- Financial Contribution: \$5 million
- Jobs Supported: 25

International students contribute to our community

- Academically
- Culturally
- Financially

# OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION *LEADING THE WAY*

## Successes:

- **Awards and Grants**—2 national awards and over \$245,000 in grant funding
- **Global Region of Focus (GRF)**—GRF students have higher persistence and completion rates than others
- **Visiting Scholars**—8 visiting scholars since 2014
- **Global Scholars Distinction**—27 Global Scholars since 2012
- **Social Justice Leadership Certificate Program**—54 faculty and staff completed since 2018





# OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION LEADING THE WAY

## Successes:

- **Student Mobility**—450 students have participated in study abroad since 2012
- **Virtual Exchange**—approx. 1000 students participated since 2020
- **Global Learning Outcomes**—embedded in over 80 general education courses
- **Partnerships**—2 formal MOU's with universities abroad
- **Campus Programming**—International Education Week, International Education Summit, and more







## OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION *LEADING THE WAY*



*A globalized campus is an interculturally inclusive campus!*

### Opportunities

- Work more closely with stakeholders across campus
- Centralize global engagement efforts
- Cultivate external partnerships

# COMPREHENSIVE INTERNATIONALIZATION

**American Council on Education (ACE)** definition:

*“a strategic, coordinated framework that integrates policies, programs, initiatives, and individuals to make colleges and universities more globally oriented and internationally connected”.*

- Align OIE and ISO to maximize impact
- Create a strategic plan for a unified office that includes an international recruitment and enrollment plan
- Integrate international/intercultural work of OIE and ISO with work of Office of DEI

# THANK YOU!

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