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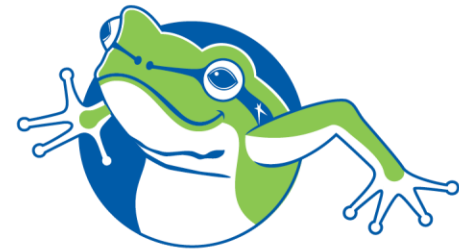
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# 2025 PIN Leadership Summit

**Dr. Rachel Solemsaas**  
**North Seattle College**

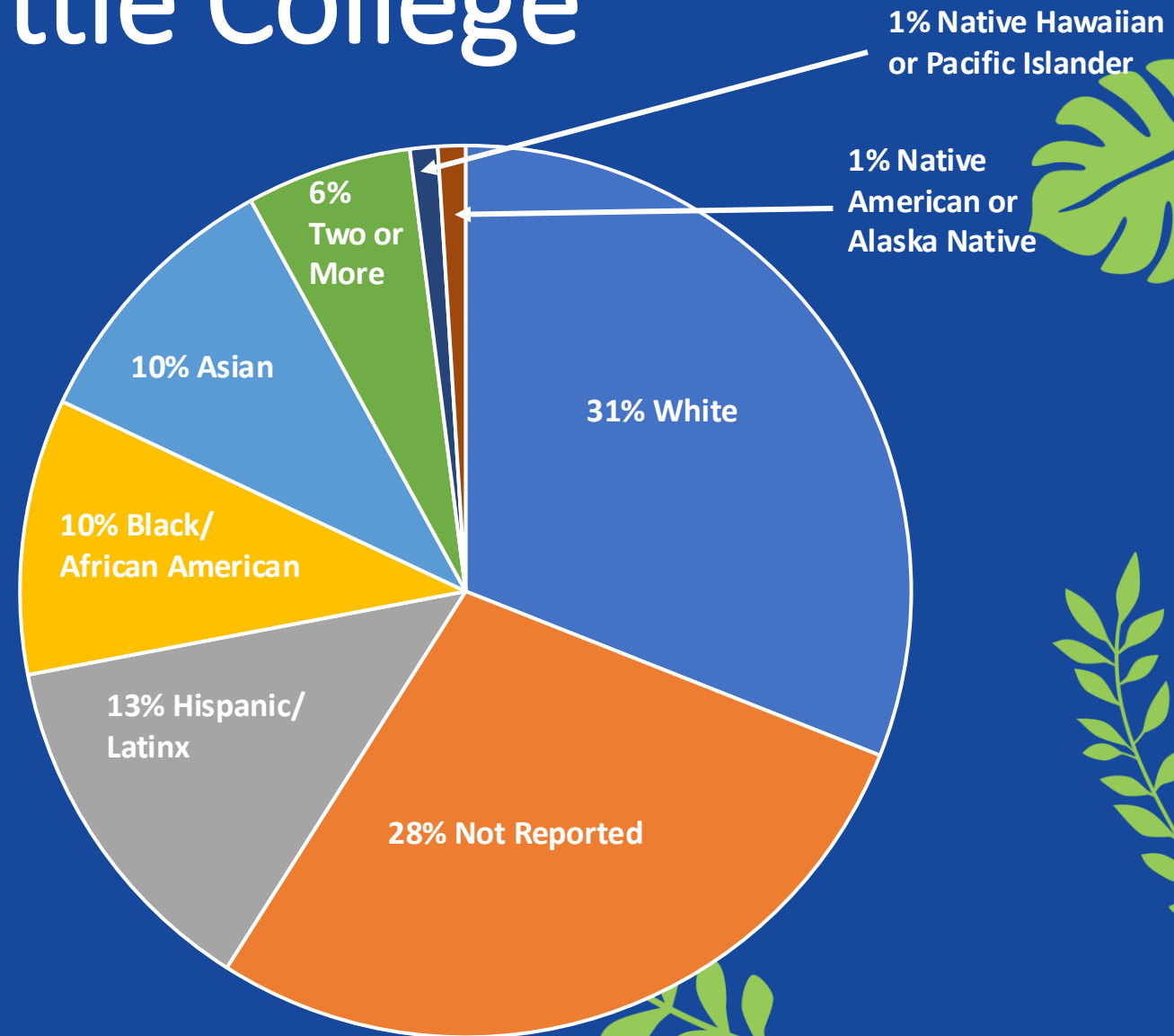
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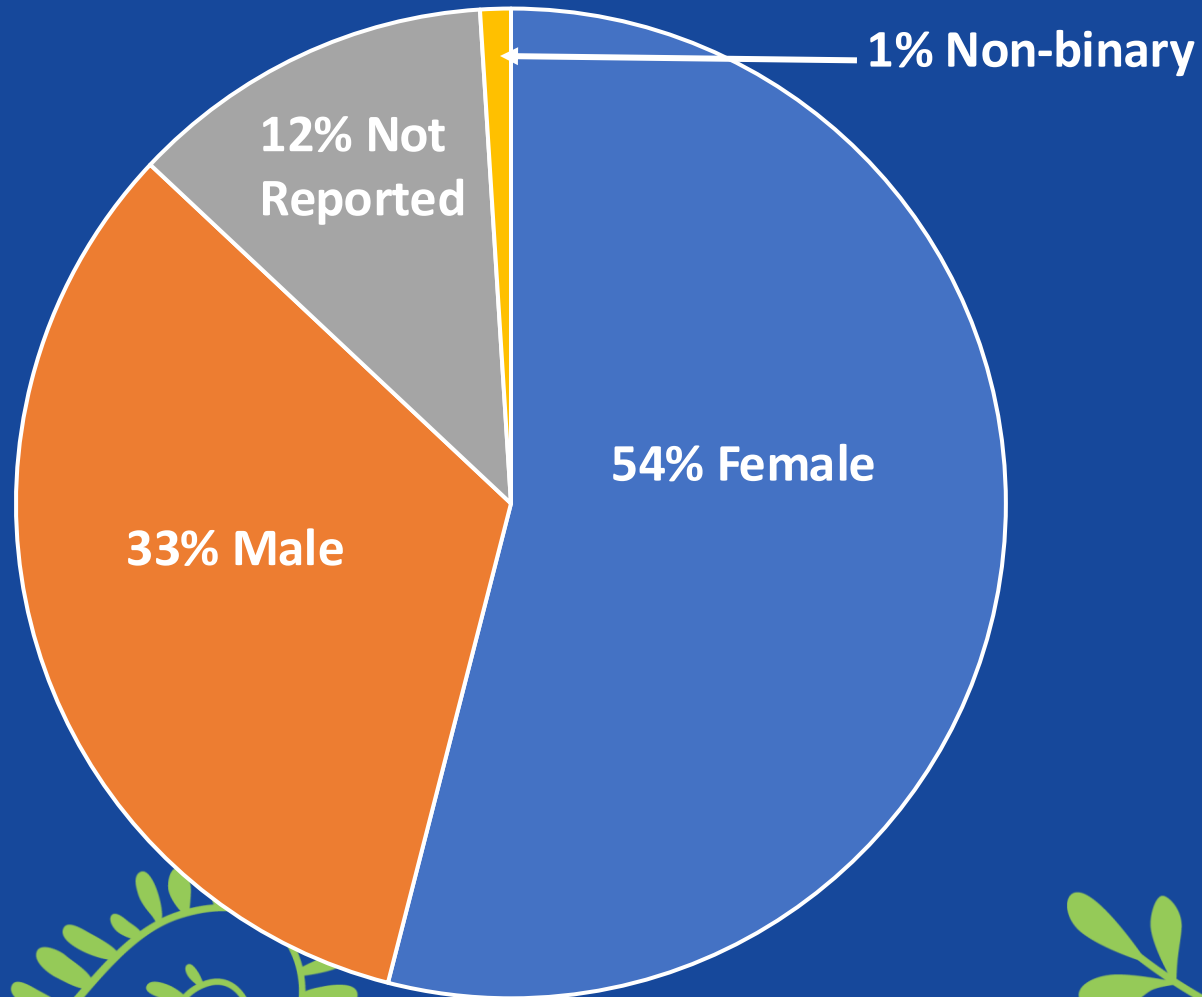
- 13,096 Students
- 4,430 Total FTEs
- Average Age: 33
- 23% First Generation
- 40% Students of Color
- 31% White

*Data from 2024-25 academic year*

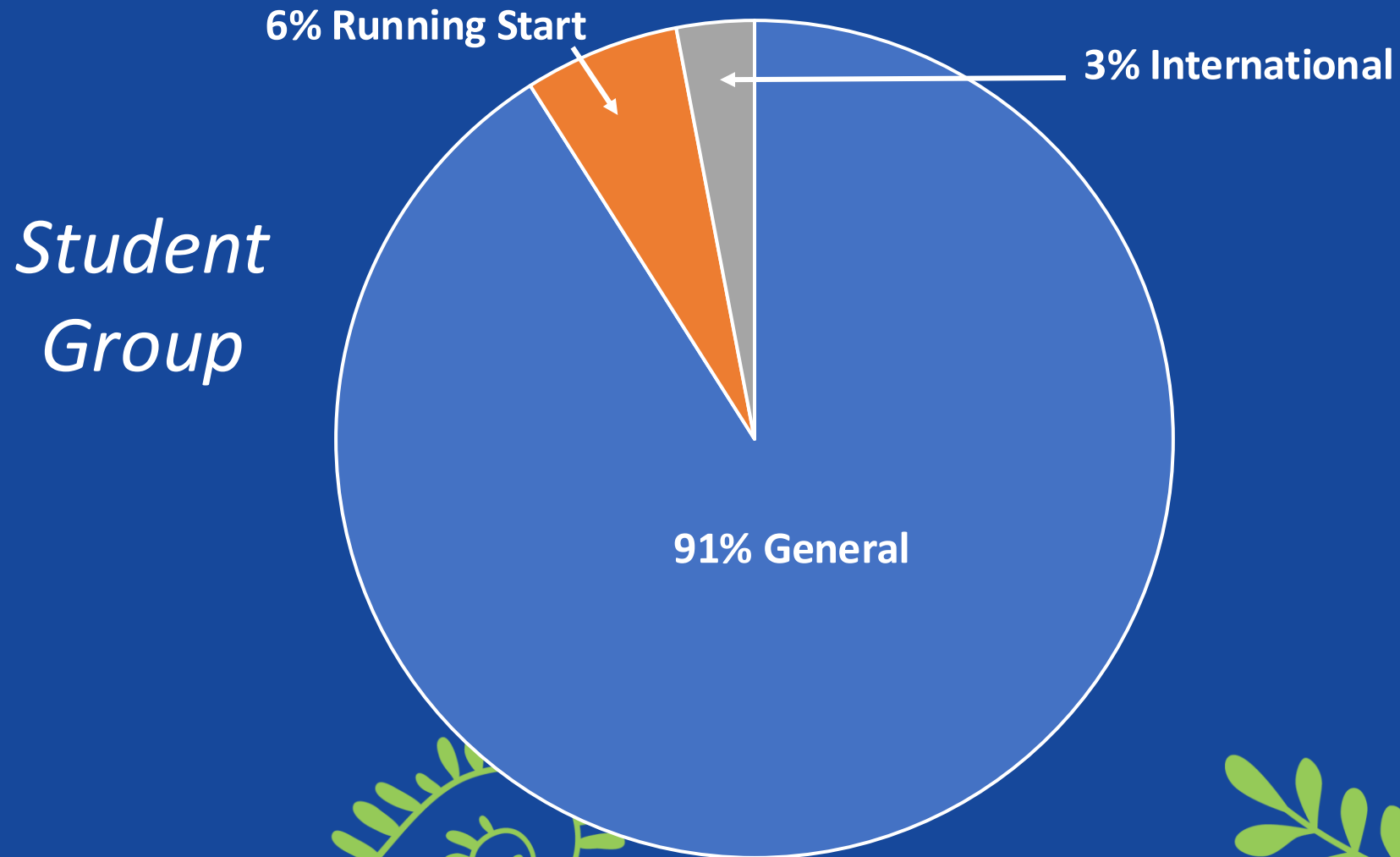


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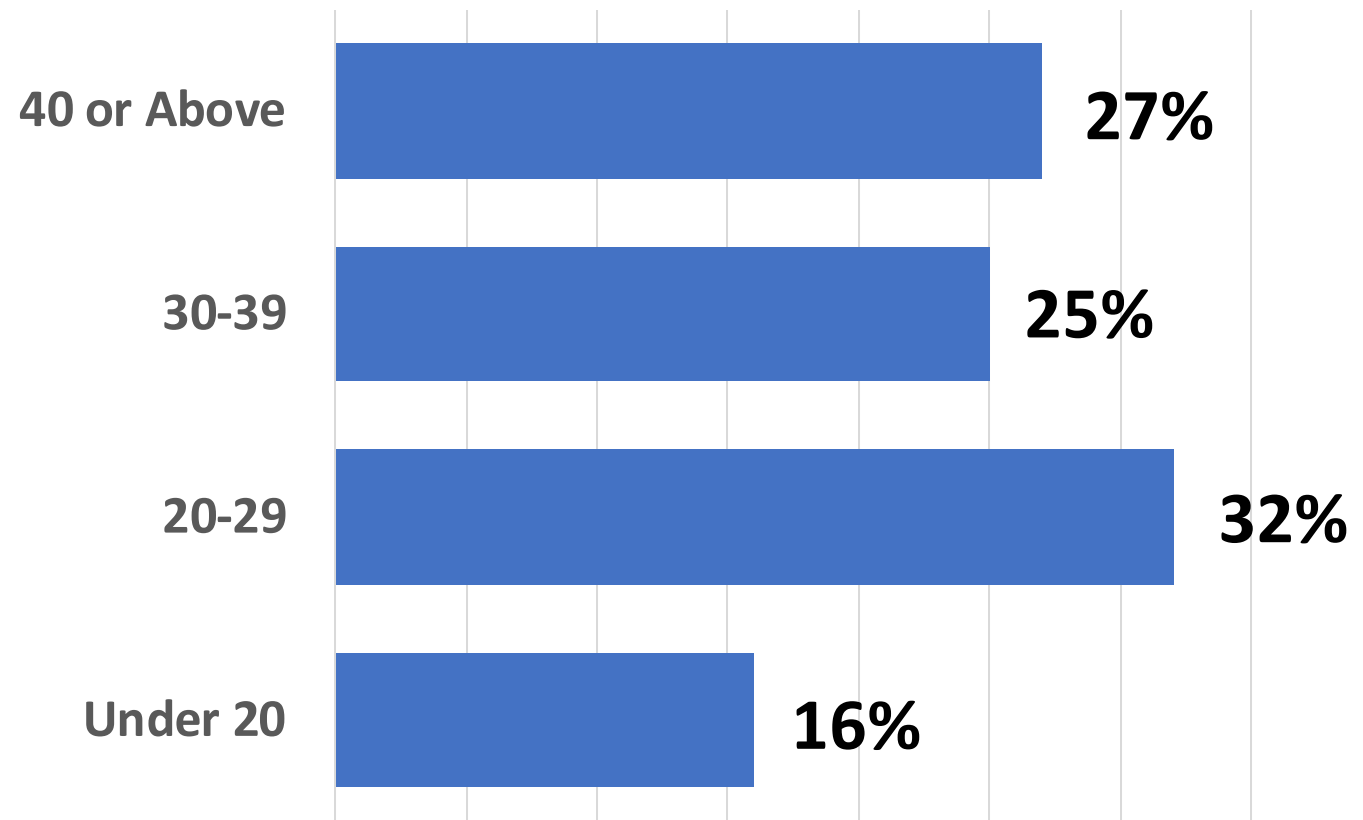


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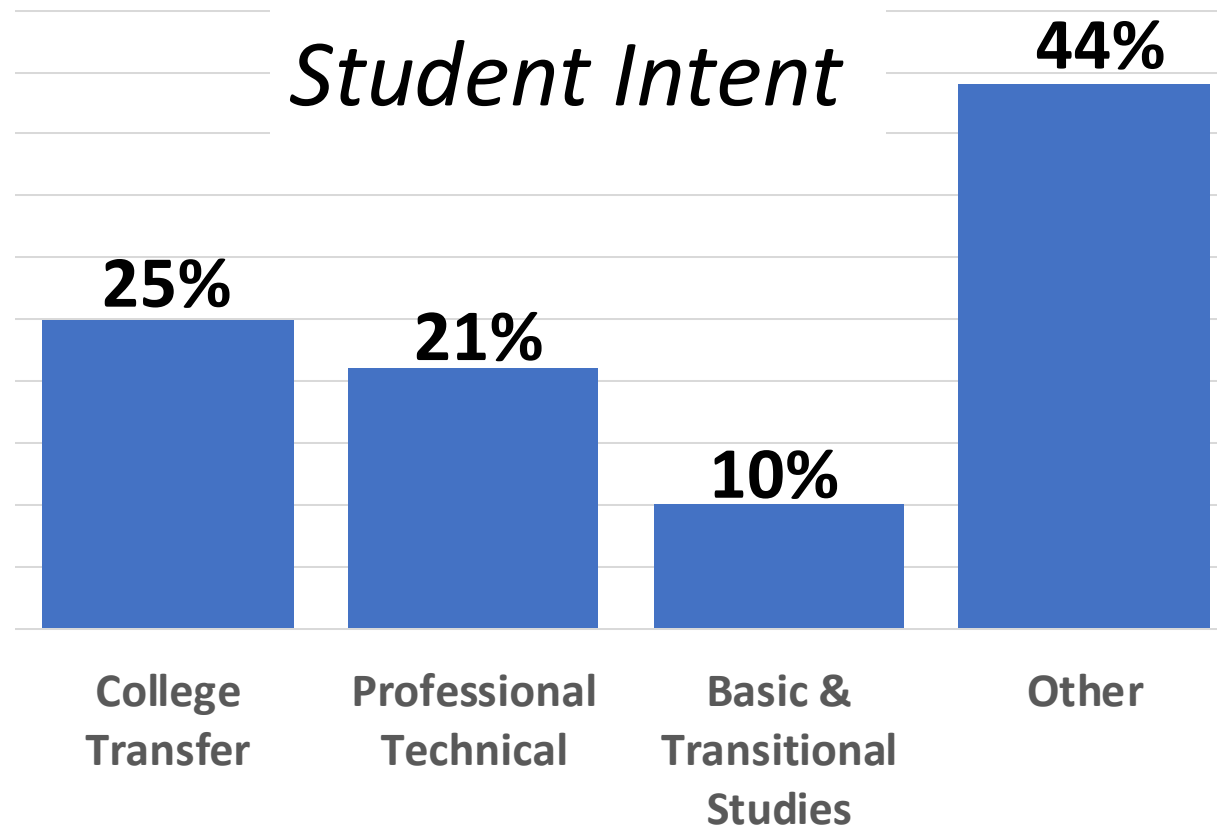


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# Points of Pride

## *Opportunity Center*

Located on campus, the Opportunity Center provides integrated educational, vocational, employment and supportive services through a partnership of multiple community-based agencies and community colleges. These organizations work together to provide seamless employment and educational services, and public assistance benefits to the unemployed, the underemployed, students and their families.

Housing approximately 120 professionals, the OC aims to coordinate services to meet current and future workforce needs and shape the delivery of those services in helping clients achieve self-sufficiency through employment and lifelong learning.





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## *Climate Justice Across The Curriculum*

This program seeks to build bridges between our disciplines to help faculty incorporate climate justice and civic engagement into their core curriculum, in ways that empower students and encourages student retention and success. Faculty who take part in a Climate Justice Institute, or Workshop, will design an assignment, lesson, or module, that weaves climate justice and civic engagement into one or more of their classes.





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## *Running Start*

The Running Start program allows students in their junior or senior year of high school to attend community college tuition-free within the state of Washington while completing their high school curriculum. College courses completed as part of Running Start provide credit both for the student's high school graduation requirements as well as their future college course requirements, giving them a head start on their college education.



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## *College in the High School*

North's College in the High School program offers an alternative to Running Start in which capable high school students may take college level courses while remaining at their high school.

Credits will appear on a North Seattle College transcript as well as on students' high school transcript.

We currently work with eight schools.

# Innovation

- Early Childhood Education program offers coursework in multiple languages including Spanish, Arabic, Somali and Mandarin
- Pharmacy Technician Apprenticeship program enrolls students through College in the High School (CiHS), the only CiHS apprenticeship in the state
- Emphasis on work-based learning in Business and Accounting programs, with gap funding for students in unpaid internships made available



# Innovation

- International Business BAS program has students from around the world work with NSC students on business case studies and problem-based projects
- Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) program in Application Development simulates tech work environment in the classroom, works with real-world clients on development projects
- Partnership with Microsoft to provide professional development around incorporation of AI tools and curriculum in courses and operations





# Challenges

- Anti DEI Pressures
  - Loss of federal funding
  - Immigration status
- Financial Stability at Seattle Colleges
  - Capacity to diversify funding sources
  - Human toll on layoffs & furloughs
  - Preparing for changing demographics in our community







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