

# Countdown to HLC Week 3 Survey Results

The Week 3 Countdown to HLC survey included questions about several major UNC planning initiatives. 286 people completed the survey, with 30 lucky participants selected to win a prize. Keep reading for the results.

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	<p><u>Accessibility and Retention:</u> Improving financial aid, support services, and addressing students' unique challenges are viewed as pivotal in increasing both enrollment and retention. The university's focus on these areas is widely seen as aligned with its mission of providing access to high-quality education for all students, especially those from underserved backgrounds.</p>
<p>Students First Mindset</p>	<p><u>Commitment to Student Success:</u> There's a strong emphasis on UNC's "Students First" mentality, with respondents consistently affirming that the university's strategic initiatives from the HSI designation to the SEM plan place student success at the center. Improving retention, providing effective support services, and tailoring educational experiences to meet diverse student needs are all seen as core to this mission.</p> <p><u>Support for First-Generation and Underrepresented Students:</u> Participants recognize that many of UNC's initiatives, particularly the HSI designation, are helping to create a more supportive environment for first-generation and minority students, reinforcing the university's commitment to serving all students.</p>
<p>Alignment with Workforce and Community Needs</p>	<p><u>Meeting Workforce Demand:</u> Participants emphasize the university's role in preparing students for the workforce, particularly through the SEM plan and industry partnerships.</p>

- I think that these opportunities will make college more accessible and attainable for people who maybe thought they would not be able to attend for any reason, especially financially.
- I believe the College of Osteopathic Medicine will greatly benefit the university's enrollment and the betterment of the state of Colorado. This initiative will help produce more local physicians and improve recruitment to UNC.
- Developing strategies that improve student access to education with successful outcomes at UNC are critical which are at the core of the university's mission and goals. The strategies included this week contribute to our core values and goals.
- The COM will be a wonderful asset to health programs across campus and the region.
- Increasing enrollment helps sustain UNC initiatives and budget.
- HSI status enables UNC to better serve our local, regional and national student populations.
- Increasing enrollment and our efforts to support/prepare enrolled students helps us prepare graduates to be workforce ready and meet workforce demands. Additionally, we are helping to diversify the workforce by preparing graduates from marginalized communities.
- Federal funding through HSI programs can be used for institutional development, such as improving academic programs, upgrading facilities, and expanding research opportunities. These improvements demonstrate the institution's commitment to enhancing its quality and can be a key factor in maintaining or achieving HLC accreditation.
- HSIs often form partnerships with Hispanic communities, both.