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POLICY STATEMENT

Valley Forge Christian College reports its completion or graduation rates to the Department of Education through the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) website. The college also makes available to prospective and enrolled students, on the college's Student Consumer Information webpage, the completion or graduation rate of certificate- or degree-seeking, first-time, full-time, undergraduate students.

REASON FOR POLICY

The Student Right-to-Know Act, passed by Congress in 1990, requires institutions eligible for Title IV funding, under the Higher Education Act of 1965, to calculate completion or graduation rates of certificate- or degree-seeking, full-time students entering that institution, and to disclose these rates to current and prospective students. Every institution that participates in any Title IV program and is attended by students receiving athletically-related student aid is required to disclose graduation/completion rates of all students as well as students receiving athletically-related student aid by race/ethnicity, gender and by sport, and the average completion or graduation rate for the four most recent years, to parents, coaches, and potential student athletes.

The HEOA (Sec. 488(a) (3)) added a provision requiring that the completion or graduation rates must be disaggregated by gender, major racial and ethnic subgroup (as defined in IPEDS), recipients of a Federal Pell Grant, recipients of a subsidized Stafford Loan who did not receive a Pell Grant, and students who did not receive either a Pell Grant or a subsidized Stafford Loan.

RESPONSIBILITIES

The Associate Dean, acting in compliance with the Student Right to Know Act, posts on the Student Consumer Information webpage, the graduation rates of our cohorts of full-time, first-time, degree-seeking undergraduates, and student athletes that have received financial aid.

HISTORY

PROCEDURES

By July 1, the Associate Dean and the Registrar confirm the graduation rates for the previous academic year, showing the graduation/completion status of students who enrolled for whom 150% of the normal time-to-completion of a four-year, undergraduate degree has elapsed.

DEFINITIONS

RELATED INFORMATION

6-Year Overall Graduation Rate: Fall 2006 Cohort	50%
6-Year Graduation Rates by Gender	Male 47%
	Female 53%
6-Year Graduation Rates by Race/Ethnicity	
	Hispanic/Latino 35%
	Asian 50%
	Black or African American 44%
	White 53%
	Race and ethnicity unknown 40%

APPENDICES

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