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### Enrollment of Student Orientation Advising & Registration (SOAR) Attendees: Fall 2013

As part of the Achieving the Dream initiative, Student Orientation Advising & Registration (SOAR) sessions are conducted at Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA) to help incoming students make a smooth transition to college life. This Research Brief presents Fall 2013 enrollment status data for students who attended SOAR sessions offered at the Alexandria, Annandale, Loudoun, Manassas, and Woodbridge Campuses in Summer 2013.

Enrollment data for SOAR attendees were analyzed in terms of:

- Initial enrollment – Headcount of students who were enrolled in one or more courses during Fall 2013 and they may or may not have remained enrolled for the duration of Fall 2013.
- Remained enrolled – Headcount of students enrolled in one or more courses for the duration of Fall 2013.
- Dropped – Headcount of students who dropped all the courses in which they enrolled earlier in the semester and did not re-enroll in any course.
- Never enrolled – Headcount of students who never enrolled in any course during Fall 2013.

Figure 1 shows college-wide Fall 2013 enrollment status of students who attended a SOAR session in the preceding summer semester (Summer 2013). As seen in the figure, of the 2,721 SOAR attendees, 2,530 students (93%) initially enrolled for classes at NOVA, while 191 (7%) never enrolled in any classes. By the end of the semester, 2,375 students (87%) remained enrolled and 155 students (6%) dropped all of their courses.

**Figure 1. College-Wide Enrollment Status of SOAR Attendees: Fall 2013**

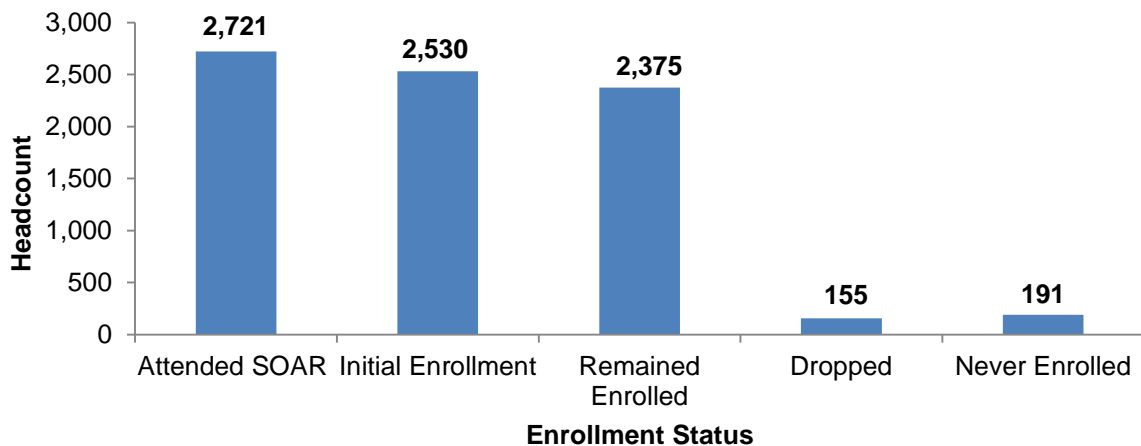


Table 1 presents Fall 2013 enrollment data for SOAR attendees by the campus at which they attended a SOAR session. As shown in the table, the Woodbridge Campus had the greatest number of SOAR attendees (680). The percentages of 'initial enrollment' were highest at the Annandale, Loudoun, and Manassas Campuses (each 95%). SOAR attendees at the Annandale and Manassas Campuses remained enrolled in Fall 2013 at the highest rate (each 91%). The Annandale Campus had the lowest percentage of SOAR attendees who dropped all of their courses (3%) while the Alexandria Campus had the highest percentage of attendees in this category (10%). Students who attended SOAR at the Alexandria Campus had the highest rate for never enrolling in courses at NOVA (13%).

**Table 1. Enrollment Status by SOAR Campus: Fall 2013**

SOAR Campus*	Attended SOAR**	Initial Enrollment		Remained Enrolled		Dropped		Never Enrolled	
		#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Alexandria	481	417	86.7%	370	76.9%	47	9.8%	64	13.3%
Annandale	564	534	94.7%	515	91.3%	19	3.4%	30	5.3%
Loudoun	479	454	94.8%	428	89.4%	26	5.4%	25	5.2%
Manassas	522	495	94.8%	475	91.0%	20	3.8%	27	5.2%
Woodbridge	680	633	93.1%	590	86.8%	43	6.3%	47	6.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,721</b>	<b>2,530</b>	<b>93.0%</b>	<b>2,375</b>	<b>87.3%</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>5.7%</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>7.0%</b>

\*SOAR Campus is the campus at which students attended Student Orientation Advising & Registration sessions.

\*\*Some students attended SOAR sessions at multiple campuses. Totals are unduplicated; campuses may not add to total.

Figure 2 illustrates the Fall 2013 enrollment outcomes of SOAR attendees by campus.

**Figure 2. Enrollment Status by SOAR Campus: Fall 2013**

