

**PEGASUS Program Points of Success**  
**2006-2007**

The TTU PEGASUS Program has undergone changes in program format strengthening its ability to remain an important resource for FGC students.

- Provided intrusive advising; both academic and for challenges specific to FGC students and their families that included face-to-face contacts, emails and phone calls.
- 97% retention rates for participating freshman FGC Scholars for first-to-second year at TTU.
- Retention rates for Mentors were 100%.
- 93% of Non-Scholar PEGASUS participants were also retained.
- These PEGASUS FGC Student rates compare to the TTU FGC population as a whole of 79.75% and the university population at large of 84%.
- PEGASUS Scholarship recipients average GPA of 3.25 performed above the university average GPA of 2.793 for freshmen. This GPA average is also significantly higher than that of the 2005-2006 PEGASUS Scholars which was 2.7.
- PEGASUS Mentors cumulative average GPA was 3.8, another testament to the influence of the program on its students' success. (Nationally, FGC students have historically performed below the average GPA of non-FGC populations, according to the National Center for Education Statistics, 2.6 compared to 2.8).
- The average cumulative GPA for PEGASUS Mentors increased from 2005-2006 of 3.3 to 3.8.
- PEGASUS Non-Scholar Participants average GPA was 3.31; this was also an increase over the 2005-2006 GPA of 2.87.
- Increased the amount of individual scholarships up from \$500.00 to \$1500.00 per year, allowing for additional benefits for scholars such as priority registration and waiver of out-of-state tuition.
- Disbursed \$20,250.00 in scholarship money to FGC students.
- Mentors logged over 1786 Mentoring hours.
- Paid \$15,484.20 in hourly wages to FGC Mentors.
- Reduced the need for these academically at-risk students to be over-employed (working 2-3 part-time jobs @ minimum wage) through scholarships and wages.
- Continued partnerships both on campus and in the community to forward the program's mission. These partnerships include The Texas Tech Visitors Center, Office of Admissions and Office of Financial Aid, Center for Campus Life, Upward Bound, and Raider's Rojas; South Plains College and Tech Prep; *WorkSource* of the South Plains, South Plains Closing the Gaps Coalition, Buckner's Children and Family Services, and Lubbock Boys-N-Girls Club. Goals of these partnerships included planting the seed of a college education, providing outreach info about financial services, social and personal development activities.
- Marketing and outreach efforts during New Student Orientation created an increase of students attending the FGC NSO Sessions at 262 students and parents compared to 135 in 2005-2006.

In summary, with five years of deliberate investment in FGC freshmen and their Student Mentors, PEGASUS showed graduation as a measure of accountability to determine its impact on students who have participated in the program. Of the first two classes of PEGASUS (2002-2003 and 2003-2004), 69% have graduated or are on track to graduate from Texas Tech. This is above the university average of 56% graduation rate from 2005-2006.