GRADFIT

University of Nevada, Reno
Why GradFIT?

- Low percentage of students from culturally diverse backgrounds at graduate school level
- Students not viewing graduate school as an option
- Students not well prepared for applying to graduate school
- Admission to graduate school more competitive and more complex
- Graduate student requirements differ from undergraduate requirements
• 30% of graduate student population from culturally diverse backgrounds
• Underrepresented students as competitive as traditional graduate students for admission
• Problem lies in low number of underrepresented student applications
### Nevada State College Demographics

**Ethnicity** | **Fall 2013 %** | **Fall 2013 Headcount**
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American Indian or Alaska Native | 1% | 17
Asian | 10% | 344
Black or African American | 11% | 375
Hispanics of any race | 22% | 738
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | 2% | 61
Two or more races | 5% | 161
Race and Ethnicity unknown | 5% | 178
White | 45% | 1520
Total | 100% | 3394

- 3,394 students attended NSC as of Fall 2013
- 55% of NSC students are from culturally diverse backgrounds
- 51% of NSC students are first generation
- 302 students graduated during 2012-2013
- No graduate programs currently exist at NSC
GradFIT Goals

• Enhance access for underrepresented students from southern Nevada to participate in world-class scholarship and research
  • first generation, low income students from culturally diverse backgrounds

• Prepare students for graduate studies
  • Make students aware of the life-changing opportunities afforded by graduate school
  • Build confidence that I can do this
  • Demystify the graduate school application process

• Increase graduate student retention and graduation rates

• Graduate school is an option!
What is GradFIT?

- Three-day intensive program that prepares undergraduate students for graduate school
- Program consists of
  - Workshops
  - Lectures
  - Campus/Lab tours
- Participants are from first generation, low income, and culturally diverse backgrounds
- Collaboration with Nevada State College and the University of Nevada, Reno
- Biology and Psychology focus
GradFIT Future Plans

• More students
• More collaborations with higher education institutions
• More fields of study (Programs)
• More days
GradFit Video