

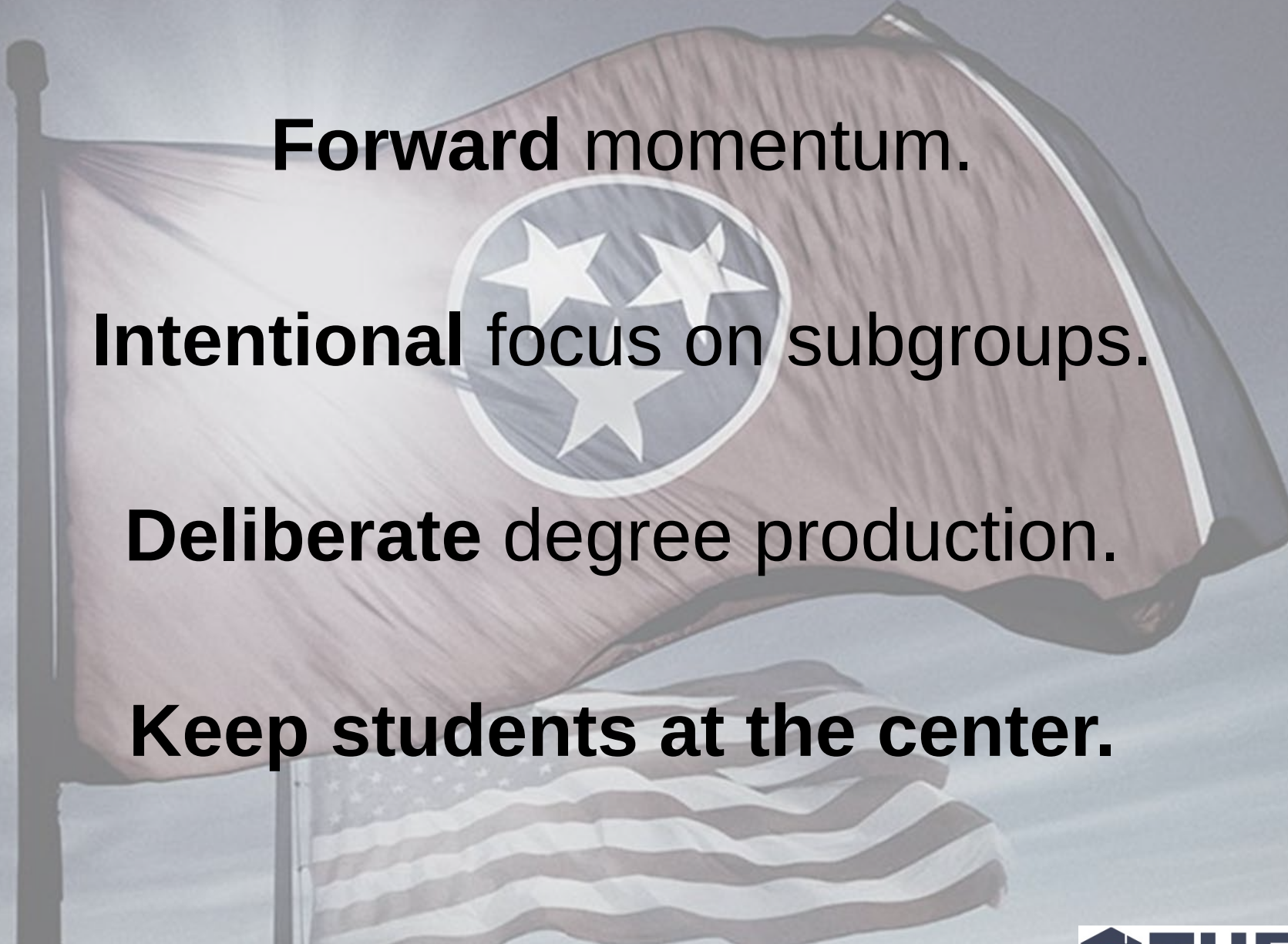


The Future of Education Research at IES

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What is THEC?

- Administer the outcomes-based funding formula
 - Approve all new academic degree programs
- Develop the state master plan for higher education
 - Serve as the hub for data analysis and research
 - Authorize and regulate of proprietary institutions
- State approving agency for veteran education benefits
- State granting agency; move \$500M annually in state financial aid

The background of the slide features a large Tennessee state flag, which is red with a white circle in the center containing three white stars. Below it, the top portion of the United States flag is visible, showing the stars and stripes. The text is overlaid on the Tennessee flag.

Forward momentum.

Intentional focus on subgroups.

Deliberate degree production.

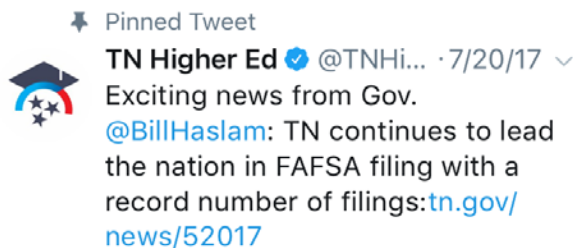
Keep students at the center.

Different audiences and constituencies:

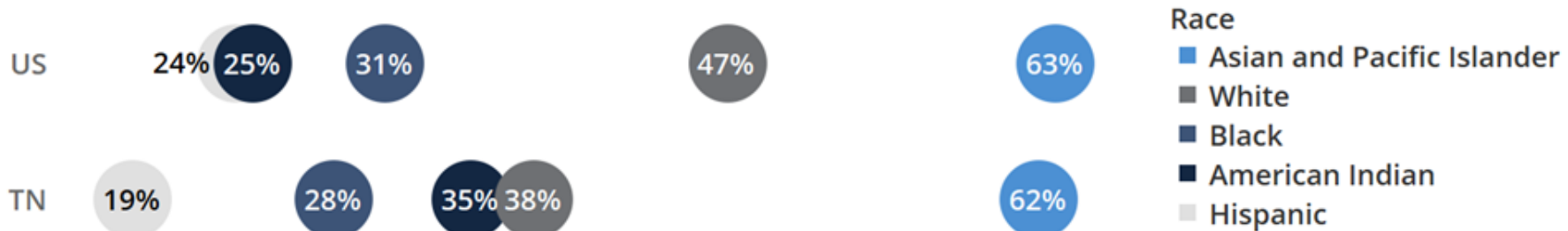
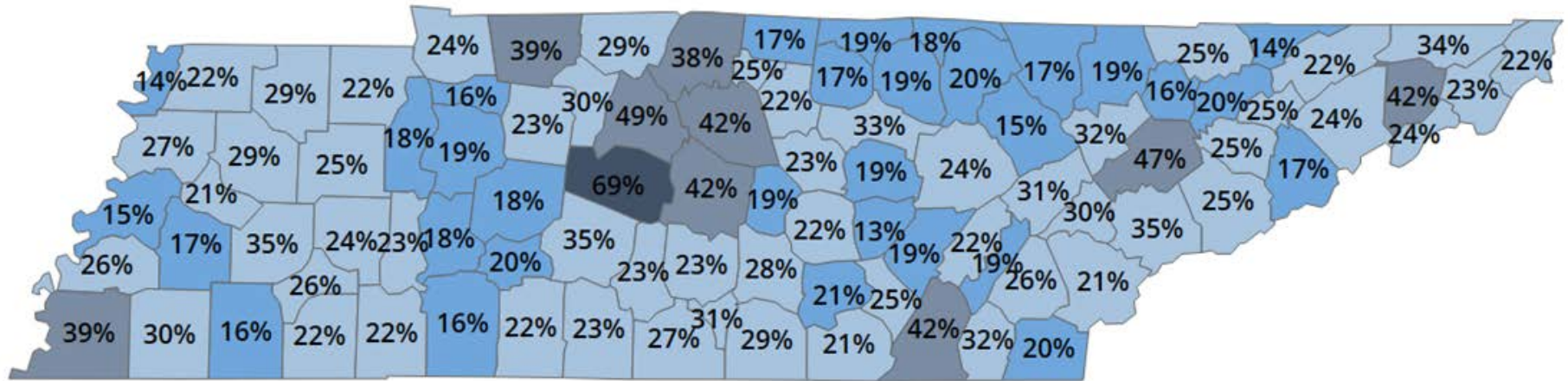
Most of whom do not have a PhD or any research/data background.

Data and information must be timely, accessible, and digestible to a lay audience.

Data as information:



Attainment gaps



LOCALIZED DATA – College-Going Rate



+54 3%

+90 5%

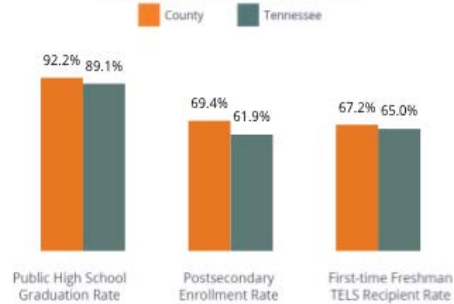
LOCALIZED DATA – County Profiles



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2017 Higher Education County Profile Sumner County

County Education Snapshot



Note: 2016 Public HS Grad Rate provided by TDOE. College Going Rate for 2015 HS grads provided by THEC. TELS Recipient Rate for 2015-2016.

Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarship Recipients

Scholarship	Number of Recipients
HOPE Scholarship	1,713
HOPE with GAMS	241
HOPE with Aspire	425
Access Award	11
Dual Enrollment Grant	800
HOPE Foster Care Grant	-
Non-Traditional Student Scholarship	17
Wilder-Naifeh Technical Skills Grant	214
Total	3,891

Tennessee Student Assistance Award

10,372 Eligible Students
804 Awards
\$1,368,387 Awarded

Education Attainment Rate	County	TN
Adults with HS+	89.2%	85.5%
Adults with A.A.+	31.8%	31.5%
Adults with B.A.+	24.6%	24.9%
Recent High School Graduate Avg ACT	21.3	19.9
Socioeconomic Profile	County	TN
Median Household Income	\$57,382	\$45,219
Per Capita Personal Income	\$28,883	\$25,227
Population in Poverty Rate	9.3%	17.6%
Unemployment Rate	4.0%	5.1%
Population Ages 0-19	26.6%	25.6%
Population Ages 20-64	59.1%	59.9%
Rate of Population Growth (2011-2015)	7.4%	4.8%
Population Projections (2015-2025)	16.4%	11.2%

Tennessee Promise Applications

	14-15	15-16	16-17
Number of High School Seniors	2,031	2,114	2,051
Tennessee Promise Applications	1,774	1,982	1,976
Percent of High School Seniors Applied	87.3%	93.8%	96.3%

Top Colleges Selected by 2015 High School Graduates

Volunteer State Community College - 667
University of Tennessee, Knoxville - 84
Western Kentucky University - 66
Tennessee Technological University - 63
University of Tennessee, Chattanooga - 61

FAFSA Filing
Rate*



County



Tennessee

*Filing rate for the 2016-2017 FAFSA.

County Educational Attainment, Adults Age 25-64



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County rank in
educational attainment

Reaching the Drive to 55 in Sumner County

Number of degrees county needs to produce per year until 2025 for Tennessee to reach the goals of the Drive to 55:

5,527

To increase the county's college-going rate by 5 percent, number of additional students that must enroll in college in the next year:

95

Collaboration

- **Interim deliverables:**
 - Descriptive
 - White papers/policy memos
 - Cannot “wait until the paper is published to share.”
- **Consideration for context:**
 - Calendar
 - Politics
 - Optics

Future Engagement

- Actionable
- Tangible
- Realistic
 - Understanding of context, resources, constraints
- Accessible

Remaining challenges

- Broadband access
- Technology access
- Mental health
 - Students
 - Faculty and Staff



Questions? Thank you!

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