

## What Do We Know about the Undergraduate Class of 2015?

- More students came to UPIKE as new freshmen than as transfer students: 64% started here as first-time students; 36% transferred here from another institution of higher education.
  - 43% transferred from a KCTCS institution
    - 82% of these transferred from Big Sandy Community and Technical College
- The average time to degree completion for students who started at UPIKE as first-time students and received a bachelor's degree is about 4½ years (4.55). The "Endurance Award" goes to Angel Renae Nelson Bevins (BS in Biology), who is graduating today after originally beginning her studies at UPIKE in fall 2000.
- The oldest graduate is 56 years old and the youngest graduate is 19 years old.
- Less than three-quarters (74%) of the students who started at UPIKE as first-time students and received a bachelor's degree took out student loans to pay for their education. The median per borrower cumulative principal borrowed is \$25,796. The average per borrower cumulative principal borrowed is \$29,107. [The average student loan debt among college seniors was \$28,400 in 2013. (Source: <http://projectonstudentdebt.org/>)]
- 76% are Kentucky residents
  - 46% graduated from a high school in Pike County, Kentucky
    - 24% of these graduated from East Ridge High School
- 75% are from Appalachia
- 71% took at least one online/hybrid course at UPIKE; on average these students took 7.5% of their credit hours this way
- Two-thirds (67%) lived on campus at some point during their matriculation at UPIKE
- 62% were involved with intercollegiate athletics at some point during their matriculation
  - 22% football
  - 14% women's soccer
  - 11% softball
  - 10% baseball
  - 10% all other sports
- 43% are male
- 42% are first generation college students
- 41% qualified for need-based Federal financial aid (27% are from families in poverty)
- Over one third (35%) of the students who started at UPIKE as first-time students had enrolled in at least one developmental course during their first term of college
- Less than one in six (15%) are non-traditional students [i.e., over the age of 25 and/or married]