



University of Louisville Provost Report

Faculty Senate Meeting October 1, 2025

Agenda

- **Fall 2026 Student Recruitment Update**
- Academic Readiness
- U.S. News Rankings
- Elevating Undergraduate Student Success Symposium

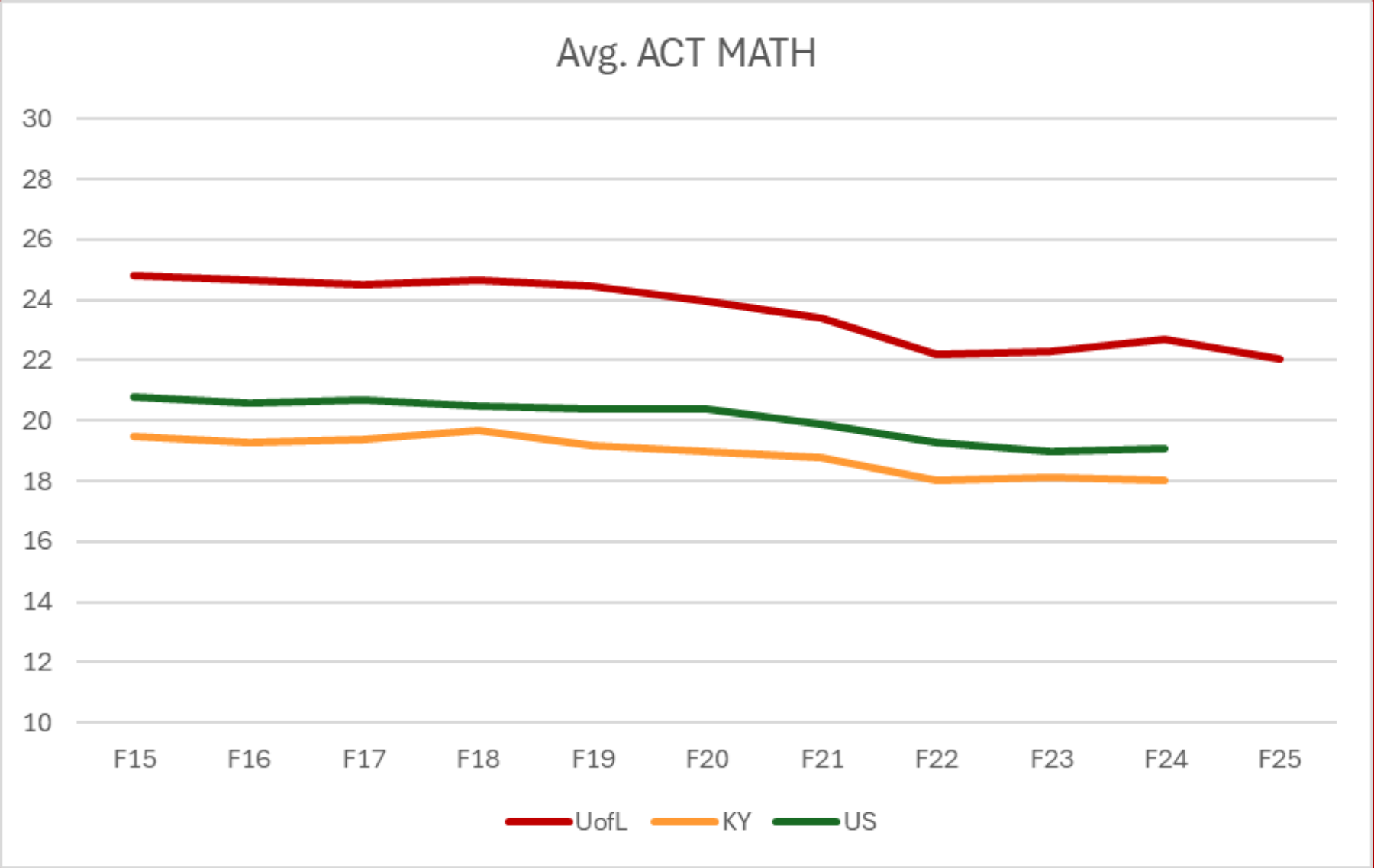
Fall 2026 Recruitment Update as of 9/29/2025

- Applications: 3,958 (+400, +11%)
 - Louisville area: 1,465 (+172, +13%)
 - Outside Louisville in Kentucky: 893 (+105, +13%)
 - Out-of-State: 1,168 (+178, +18%)
- Admits: 2,563 (+460, +22%)
- Transfer: 108 (even with last year)
- Readmit: 20 (even with last year)

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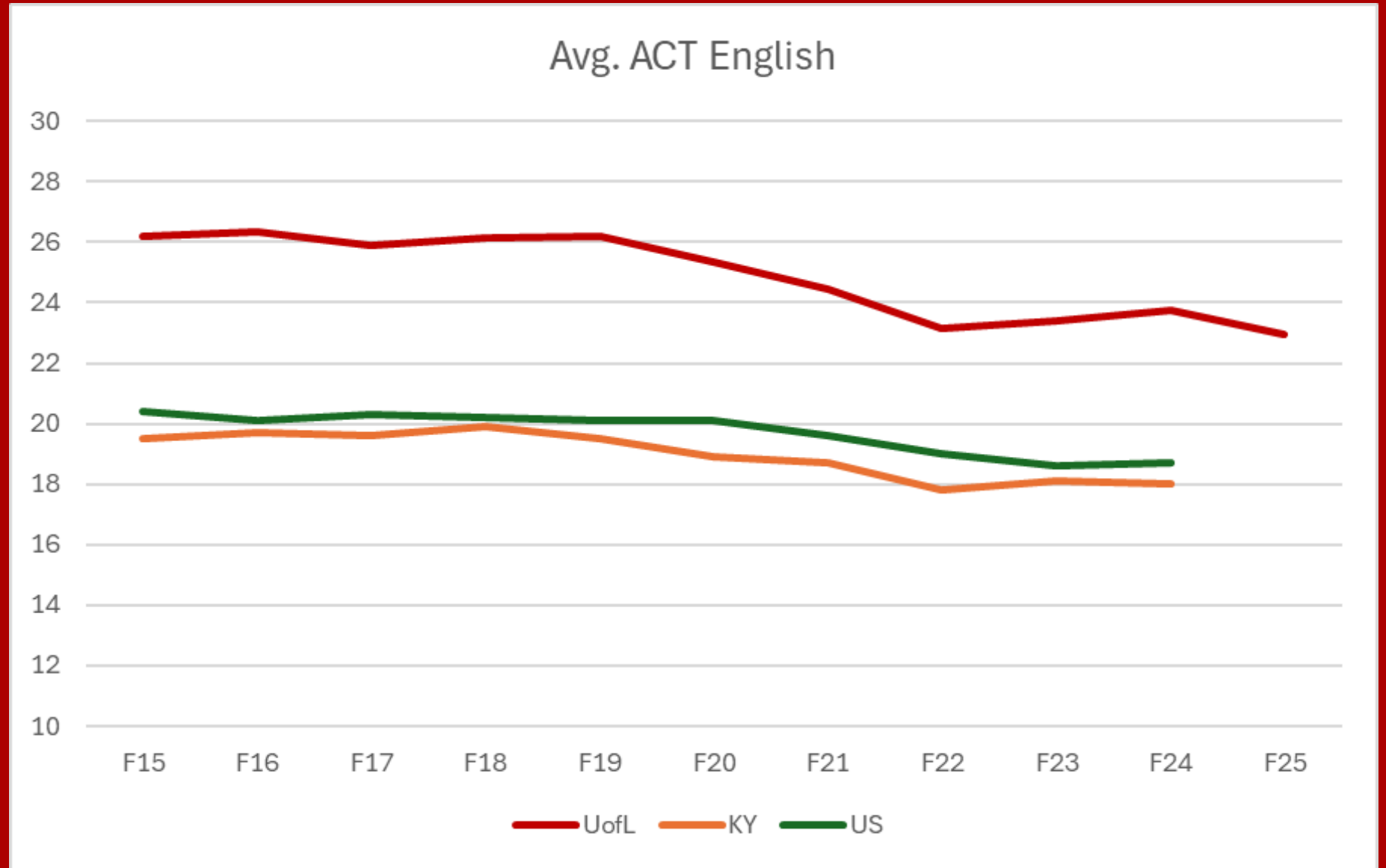
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Academic Readiness



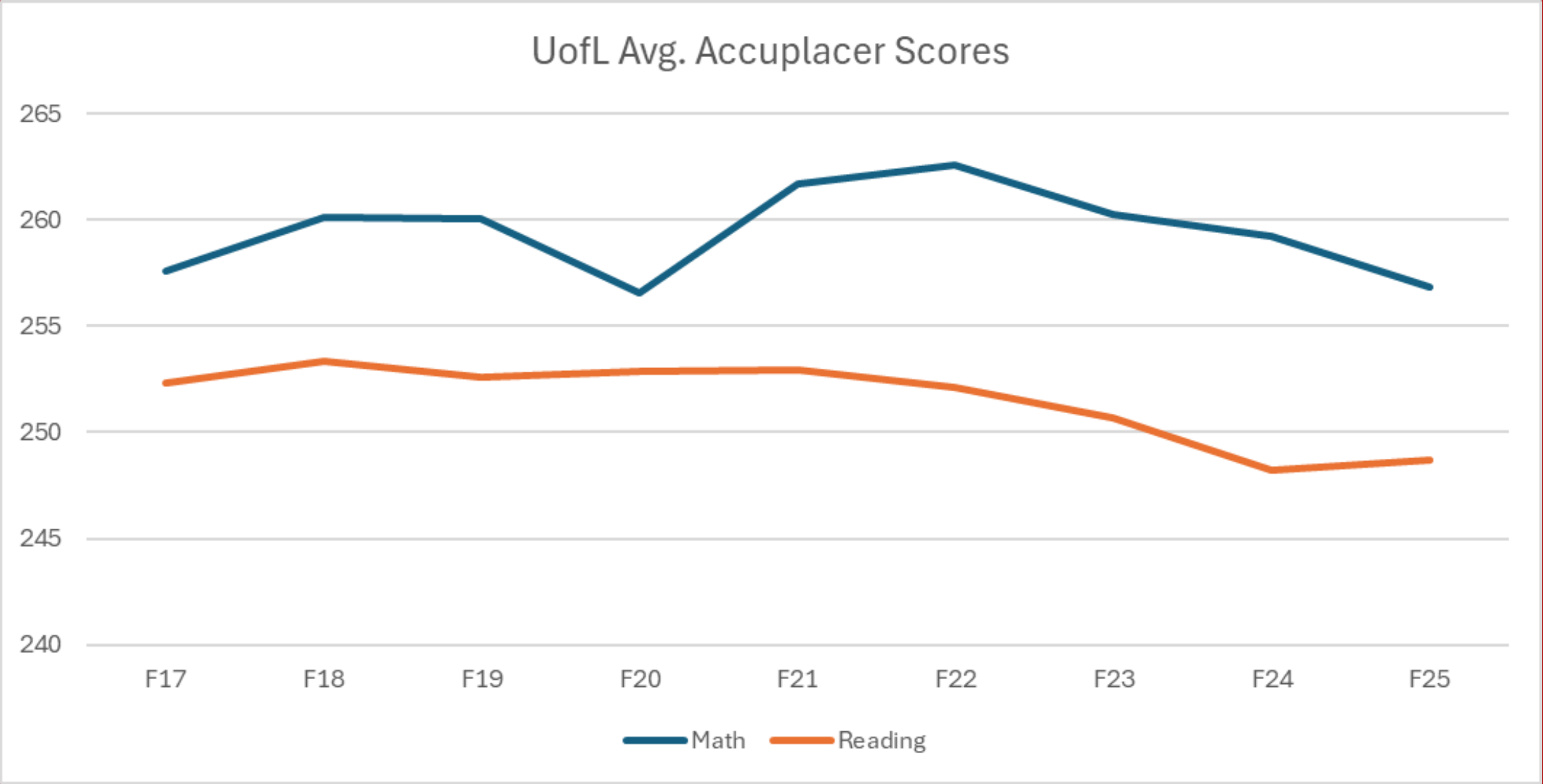
Fall 2025: UofL N= 2821

Academic Readiness



Fall 2025: UofL N= 2390

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Fall 2025: UofL Math N= 1594

UofL Reading N= 514

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U.S. News & World Report's Best Colleges in 2026

- UofL increased **21** spots for 2026; **37** spots since 2025 with unchanged methodology from 2025
 - Increased **13** spots as a public institution (97 to **84**) from 2025 to 2026; **22** spots from 2024 to 2026.
- **17** indicators of academic excellence and are assigned a weight determined by U.S. News
 - Outcomes include:
 - Graduation rate
 - First year (fall to fall) retention rates
 - Social mobility as measured by how well institutions graduate economically disadvantaged students
 - Borrower debt
 - Earnings as defined college graduates > high school graduates

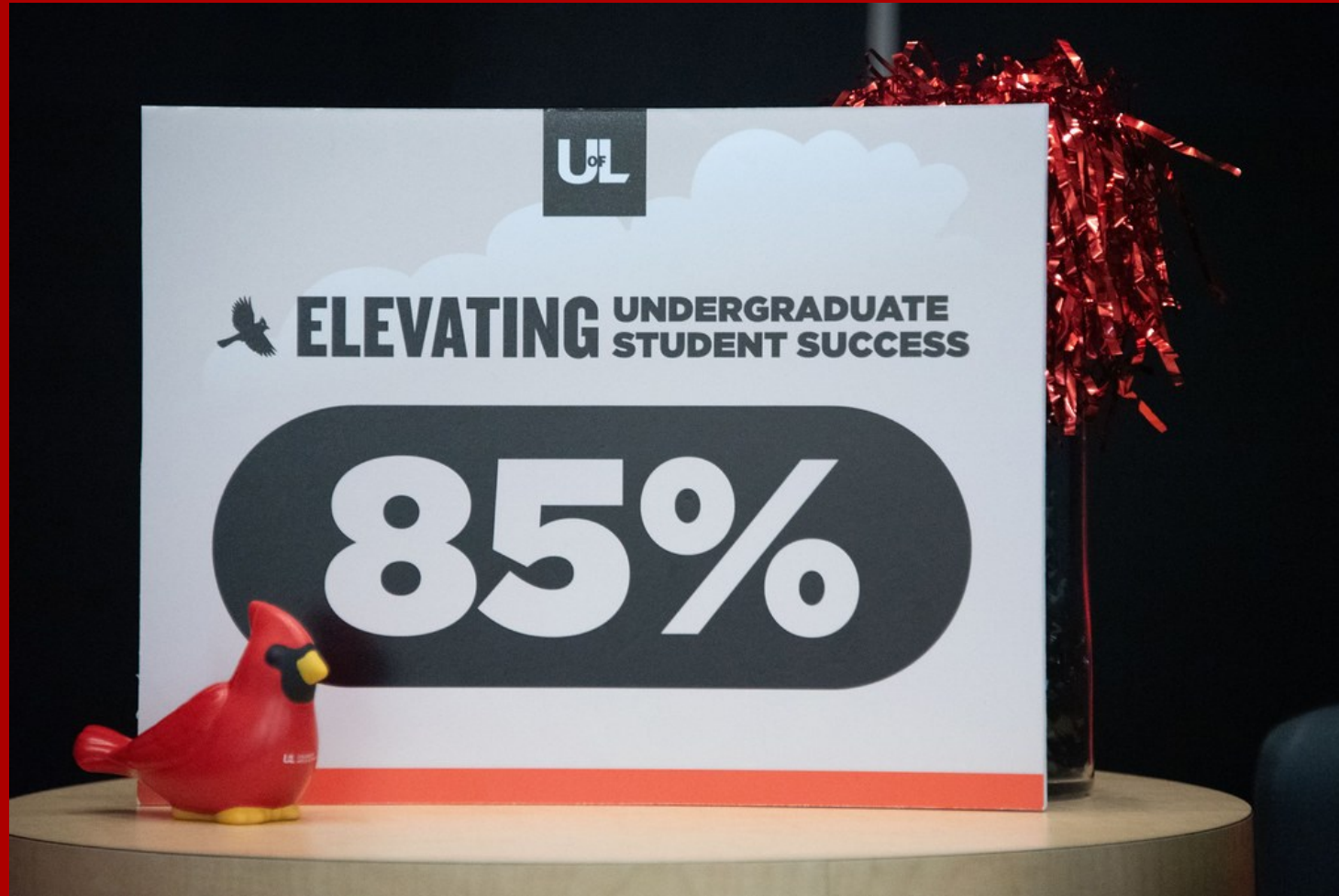
U.S. News & World Report's Best Colleges in 2026 (Cont.)

- Peer Assessment
 - Determined by surveys completed by Deans, Provosts, and Presidents.
- Faculty Resources
 - Faculty salary
 - Student-faculty ratio
 - Proportion of faculty full-time
- Financial Resources determined by the average spending per student on:
 - Instruction
 - Research
 - Student services
 - Other related educational expenditures
- Student Excellence i.e. standardized test scores
- Faculty Research based on bibliometric data such as publications and citations.

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Student Panel

Student Perspectives



Yajaira Tellez Molina
College of Arts & Sciences



Humberto Garcia
College of Business



Nate Royal
Speed School of Engineering



Makayla Akemon
College of Business



Moderator: Macy Waddle
Student Body President,
Student Government
Association

Call to Action

- Continue to prioritize student input. Their voices must be central to every decision and initiative we undertake.
- Choose one actionable idea from the symposium to champion in your area. Share your progress and challenges with your peers—we grow stronger together.
- Participate in the open meetings of the Student Success Taskforce. We invite you to join the first Student Success Taskforce meeting:

**•Tuesday, October 7, 2025
4-5 p.m., Belknap Academic Building (BAB), Room 218**

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Questions?