# Fall 2019 Family Orientation

ORIENTATION

## Welcome Spartan Families!

# Navigating your Student's First Academic Year at UT

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**In the past it was *"look to your left, look to your right . . . !"***

# Who We Are

*The University is committed to the development of each student to become a productive and responsible citizen.*

We want your students to be successful!

# The typical parent/student phone calls:

**Parent:** ***How are things?***
**Student:** ***Fine.***
**Parent:** ***How are classes?***
**Student:** ***Fine.***
**Parent:** ***How was that big test you were worried about?***
**Student:** ***I think I did fine.***

**OR**

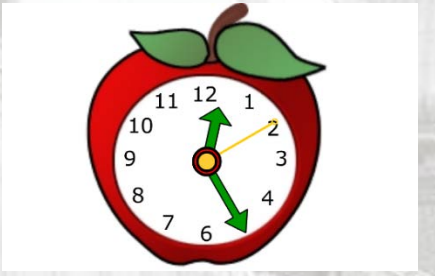
**Parent:** ***How are things?***
**Student:** ***(deep sigh) My professor is so unfair.***
**Parent:** ***Oh?***
**Student:** ***Yeah, I was out too late last night, and overslept, and missed my exam, and s/he won't let me make it up or it will be 20 points off. And, I have 246 papers due the exact same day, and don't they realize theirs is not the only course?! It's just so unfair. How am I expected to do all that. It's so unfair.***

# Student Success Essentials
# #1: Go to class.

# Student Success Essentials #2: Get to know people. Get involved.

Faculty
Advisors
Mentors
Tutors
RAs
Staff
Classmates
Hallmates

# Student Success Essentials #3: Manage Time & USE CAMPUS RESOURCES!



# Academic Success Center

- Academic Advising –Centralized professional advisors
  - Pre-health professions and pre-law resources
  - Academic policy petitions
  - First-Year student academic advising
- Major Exploration
- Tutoring
- Academic Coaching
- Disability Services
- Success Scholars Program

# First-Year Seminar

**Fall and spring semesters + instructor & peer mentor**

- Transition from high school to college life
- Make good decisions regarding his/her degree and career trajectories
- Perform better academically
- Become critical thinkers and problem solvers
- Become a full, participating member of the UT community

# The Baccalaureate Experience

- A liberal arts or general education curriculum designed to help students explore different academic disciplines.

- The Baccalaureate Experience helps students select a major and/or minor that suits their interests, goals, and personality.

# FERPA-Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act

- FERPA gives parents certain rights with respect to their children's education records. These rights transfer to the student when he or she reaches the age of 18 or attends a school beyond the high school level.

- Privacy of Educational records:
  - Grades/Transcripts/Degree Audits

- Registrar Office:

  www.ut.edu/registrar/ferpa

  registrar@ut.edu

# We know students . . .

- on average change majors twice in the course of four years.

- often have a very limited sense of career options and majors.
- over a lifetime, will have five to six careers no matter the college major.

# Final thoughts:

- Let your student lead and *try* not to hover.
- Encourage your student to grow and explore.
- Encourage your student to get involved in extracurricular activities.
- Encourage wellness and balance.

# Student Services and Campus Safety

## Kindergarten to College: Parenting a UT Student

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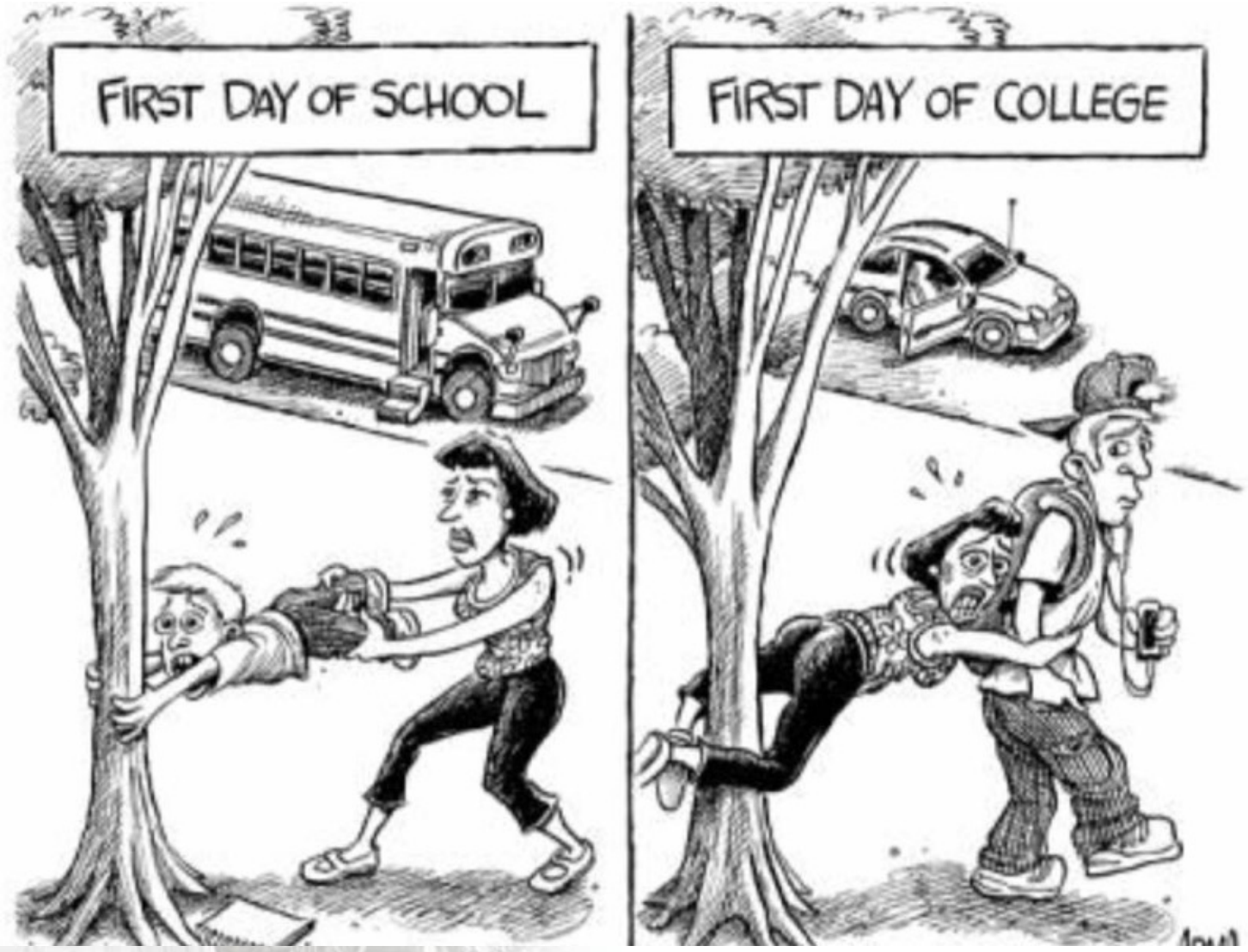
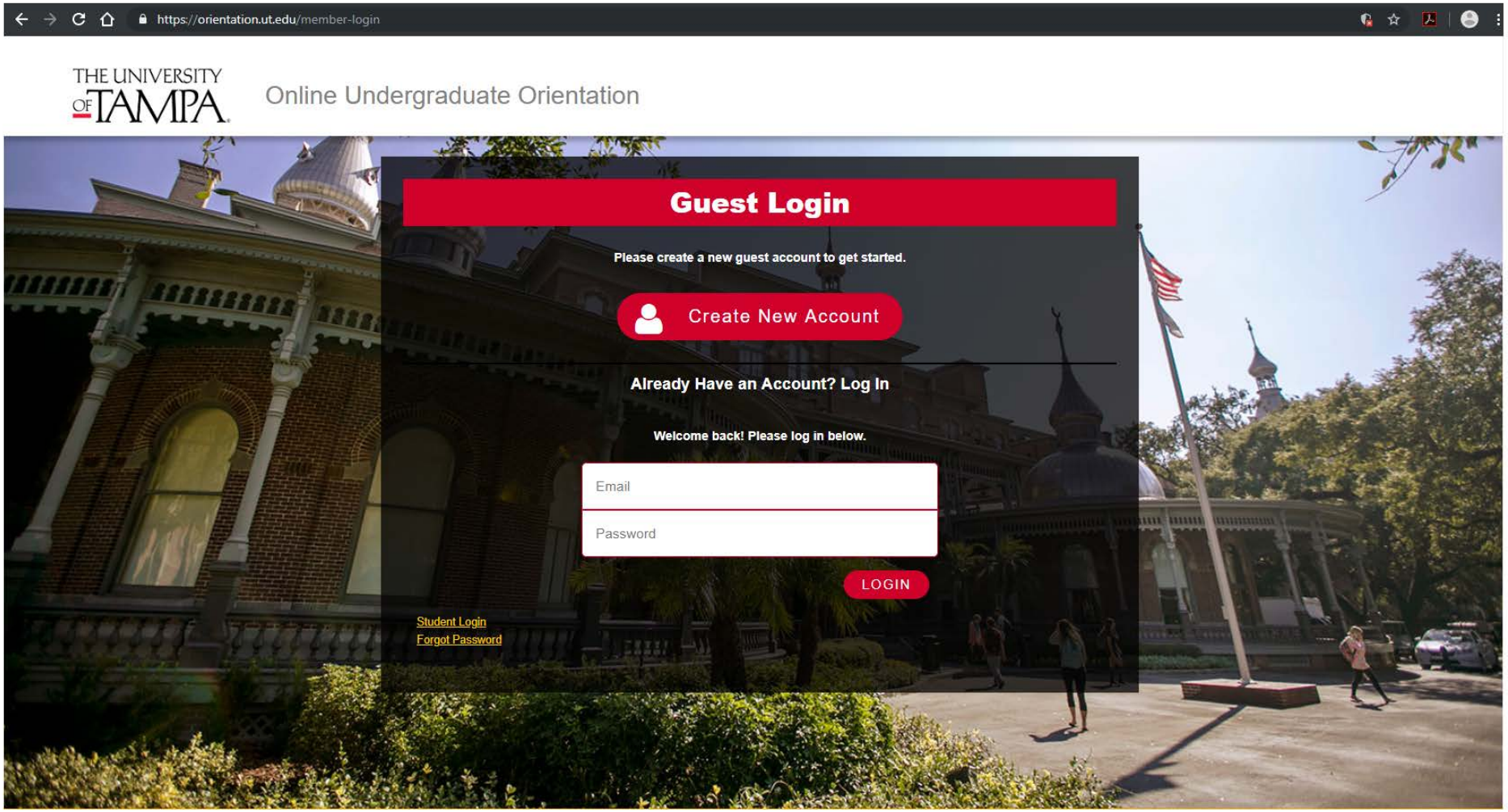

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
FIRST DAY OF COLLEGE

WEEK OF WELCOME

WOW

Prepare to be WOWed!

# THE UNIVERSITY OF TAMPA



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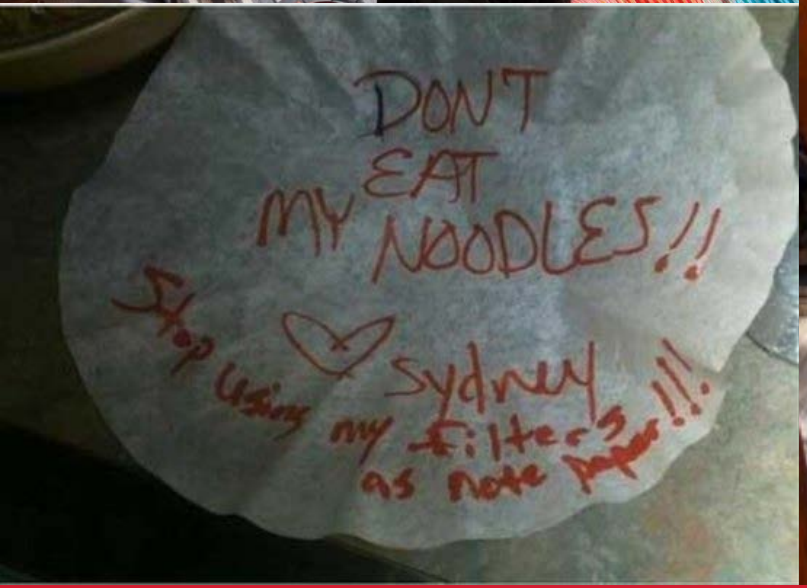


# THE UNIVERSITY OF TAMPA

*The University of Tampa is a community committed to the values of honesty, citizenship, inclusion, respect, responsibility and life-long learning.*

**As a member of The University of Tampa community, I agree and pledge that I will...**

## HONESTY

- Promote and practice academic and personal honesty.

## CITIZENSHIP

- Commit to actions that benefit our community and others.

## INCLUSION

- Recognize diversity and practice inclusion in our community.

## RESPECT

- Recognize the ideas and contributions of all persons, allowing for an environment of sharing and learning.

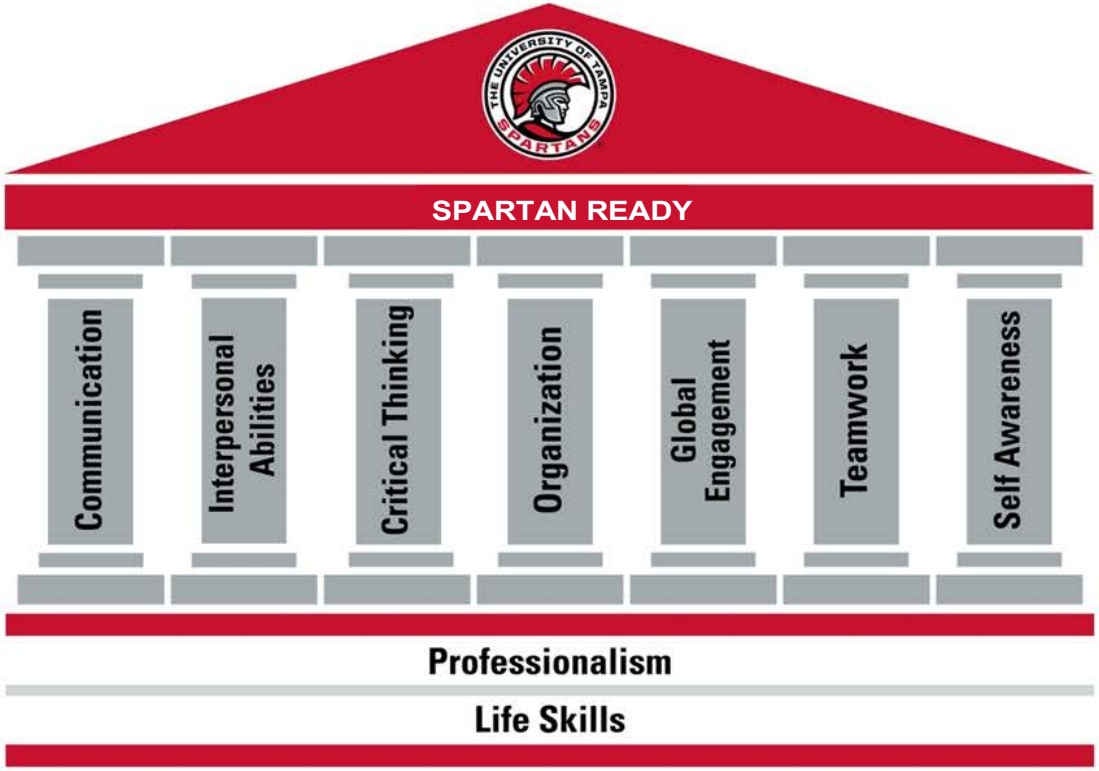
## RESPONSIBILITY

- Accept responsibility and be accountable for all decisions and actions.

## LIFE-LONG LEARNING

- Engage in intellectual curiosity and commit to high academic standards and performance on campus and beyond.

*Building a culture* of life preparedness and career readiness.




The University of Tampa graduates students who are prepared to be successful individuals with an advanced understanding of their field of study, the interdisciplinary workplace and how to be leaders who contribute to society.

www.ut.edu/spartanready

# The University of Tampa First Destination Report Undergraduate Class of 2017

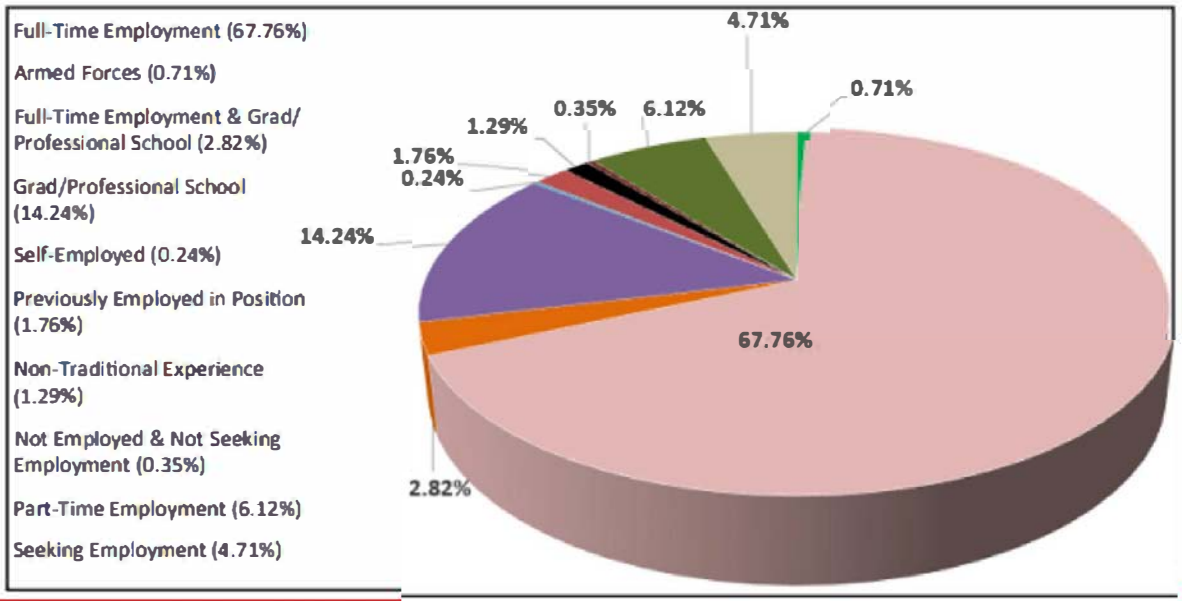
## Executive Summary

Data from fifty-six percent (56.29%) of the 2017 undergraduate degree recipients was collected from online surveys, faculty, employers, and other verifiable information sources in accordance with the National Association of College and Employers' First Destination Standards. (56% knowledge rate based upon data obtained for 850 out of 1,510 total graduates.)

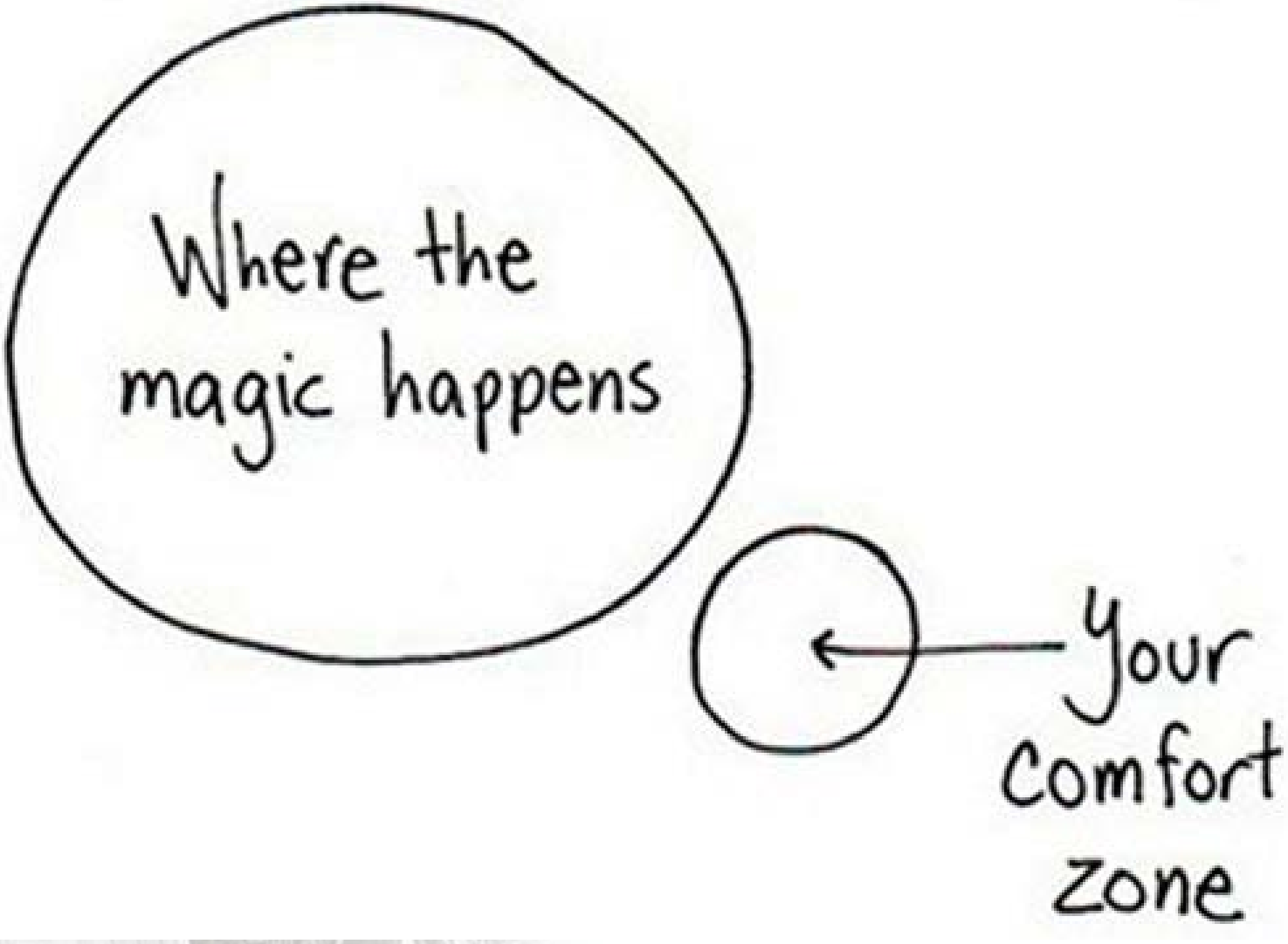
**95.3% Success Rate**

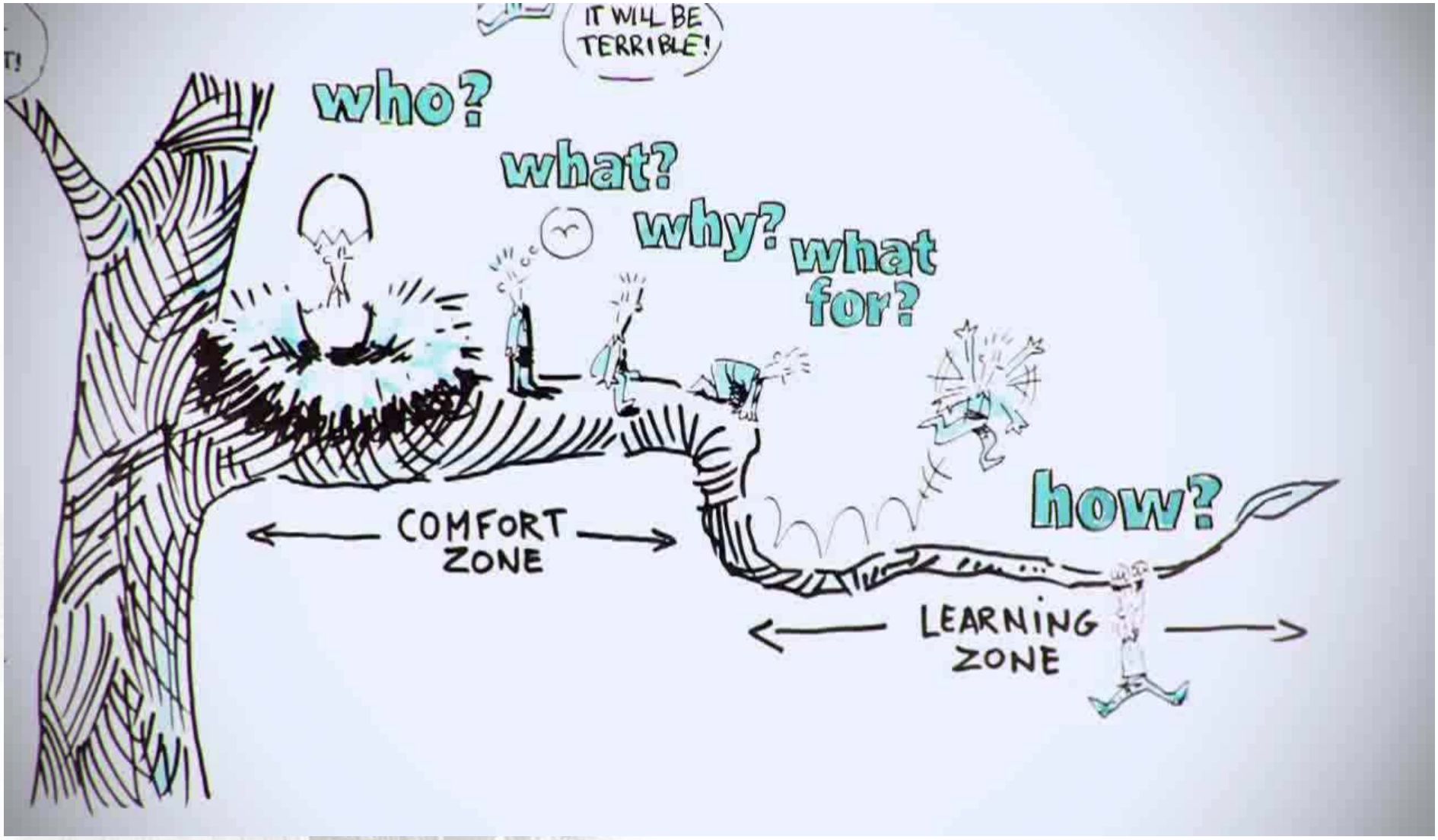
95% of the respondents from the undergraduate **Class of 2017** survey (May, August, December graduates) reported success in achieving their post-graduate goals.

4.7% were still seeking full-time employment.



# Sometimes we win, sometimes we learn


Where the magic happens
Your Comfort Zone


IT WILL BE TERRIBLE!
who?
what?
why?
what for?
how?
COMFORT ZONE
LEARNING ZONE

"Our job as parents is to work ourselves out of a job!"

**Parents as Partners**

# Opportunities for Connection

# Opportunities for Involvement

- Leadership Programs
- Student Organizations
- Life Skills Programs
- Community Engagement Opportunities
- Wellness Programs
- Campus Recreation
- Diversity Programs
- Student Employment

# Opportunities for Support

- Careers Services and Internships
- Campus Safety
- LASER Team
- Student of Concern Program
- Silent Witness Program
- Victim Advocacy Programs
- Title IX
- Health and Wellness Center

# Opportunities to Make Good Choices

- UT supports FL state law and our own published policies
- FL is a zero tolerance state for under-aged drinking
- Support students to make healthy choices
- The majority of UT students DON'T abuse alcohol or other drugs.
- Warn your students about fake ID's and drug laws, specifically marijuana and THC Oil
- Check out our Student Code of Conduct

# Engagement Opportunities for your student

Connect Lunches with faculty and staff

Diversity Advisory Group

Student Government Lunches on Friday

# Campus Safety

This is the students' perception of dealing with campus safety.

# Campus Safety

…in reality we are here to help.

# Our Main Focus and Mission

To provide a safe environment for students, faculty, staff and visitors while on the campus.

# Traffic and Parking Enforcement

**Only upper class students may park their vehicles on campus.**
**Parking permits are required for all upper class student vehicles.**
Bicycles can be registered on campus (for free) by logging on to SpartanWeb and following link to Bicycle Registration on Campus Safety page.
***We also have Zip Cars, Bike UT, and the Downtowner picks up at the Vaughn Center upon request. No electric scooters are permitted on campus.***

# Office of Campus Safety

CampusSafety@UT.EDU

(813) 257-7777

Or on campus at ext. 7777

# Who do I call if…

- Campus Safety Office (24 hours/7 days/ 365 year)
- 813 257 7777

- Office of Residence Life
- 813 253 6239

- Victim Advocate Hotline
- (813) 257 3900

- Dickey Health and Counseling Center
- 813 253 6250

# Or if off Campus…

- Have your student program their phones for our numbers.
- Encourage them to travel to places after dark in groups and always stay together.
- Never go with someone they do not know.
- Do not go into an area they are not familiar with or even looks like it may be a problem.
- T H I N K

# Break Out Sessions

***Spartan Living***
**Falk Theatre**

*The Residence Life staff will share the benefits of living in the residence halls as well as the resources in place to support student transition to living on campus.*

***Academic Success at UT***
**Grand Salon, PH &**
**Fletcher Lounge, PH**

*The Academic Success Center staff will provide an interactive session to inform families of academic support services and answer questions about academic life at UT.*

***Orientation Q&A****
**Music Room, PH**

*Meet Dr. Krebs, Dr. Pendleton, and UT students in an informal setting to ask your questions regarding your student's transition to college.*

***Open to guests in Reeves Theatre and non-registered family members.**

# Following today's orientation…

- Visit campus offices until 4 pm today
- Visit www.ut.edu/orientation/family
  - PowerPoint presentations
  - Video recording of the morning sessions
  - Guest log in access to online orientation
- Family Farewell from 11:30-12 pm

# What's Next for Your Student…

- Family Farewell from 11:30 am – 12 pm
- New Student Convocations

1 pm College of Natural & Health Sciences *(Martinez Athletics Center)*

1 pm College of Social Sciences, Mathematics & Education *(Plant Hall, Fletcher Lounge)*

1 pm College of Arts & Letters *(Falk Theatre)*

2:30 pm Sykes College of Business *(Falk Theatre)*

- Week of Welcome Activities begin!

# Thank You for Your Attendance!
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