



# Emerging

## *Hispanic Serving Institution*

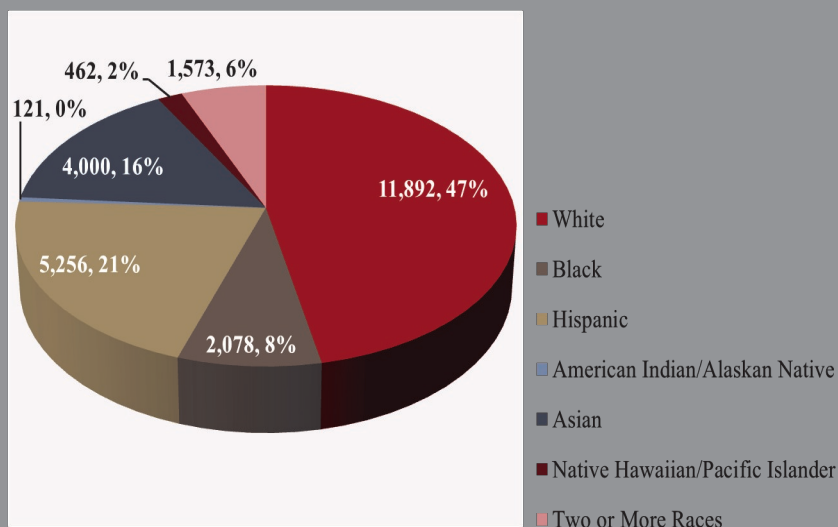
# UNLV

## Title V: Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI)

The Higher Education Act, 20 USCA Section 1101a defines a Hispanic-serving institution as an institution of higher education that (a) is an eligible institution; (b) at the time of application, has an enrollment of undergraduate full-time equivalent students that is at least 25 percent Hispanic students; and (c) provides assurances that not less than 50 percent of the institution's Hispanic students are low-income individuals (IPEDS, 2011).



UNLV Students by Race/Ethnicity  
2012



### U.S. News Ranks UNLV Among Nation's Most Diverse Universities for Undergrads

51 percent of undergrads reported being part of a racial or ethnic minority. Of that, Hispanic students make up the largest minority undergraduate student group at UNLV at 19 percent.

*Southern Nevada's growing diverse population is reflected in UNLV's enrollment. UNLV is dedicated to ensuring campus life programming and academic courses are geared toward cultural awareness, a vital part of our students' college experience. Luis Valera, UNLV Vice President of Diversity Initiatives and Government Affairs*

Source: UNLV News Center



UNLV Science and Engineering Building

## THE OFFICE OF DIVERSITY INITIATIVES

We greatly appreciate the hard work, feedback and insight provided by so many of you, whose vested interest continues to support our joint efforts for campus improvement.

### *Vision Statement*

The vision of the Office of Diversity Initiatives is to advocate, promote, and support the advancement of equity, inclusiveness, and empowerment of a continuously changing collegiate and global community.

### *Mission Statement*

The mission of the Office of Diversity Initiatives is to provide leadership and support for UNLV's diversity mission: *to nurture equity, diversity, and inclusiveness that promotes respect, support, and empowerment.*

ODI will accomplish this by facilitating policy creation and compliance; supporting strategies that enhance professional development, mentoring, recruitment and retention; as well as working in collaboration with campus and community partners to foster and encourage cultural competency.

# The UNLV MSI Task Force

- Office of Diversity Initiatives
- Office of the Provost
- Office of the President
- Division of Student Affairs
- Academic Success Center
- Institutional Analysis & Planning
- Honors College
- Graduate College
- Multicultural Programs for Engineering, Sciences & Allied Health Sciences/ Nursing
- Faculty Leadership
- Student Leadership
- Community & Industry Leadership

The University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) applied for and achieved designation from the Department of Education as a Title III & Title V Minority Serving Institution (MSI) in December of 2012. Qualification for this designation requires that institutions meet specific primary indicators that include diversity of the student body by race and ethnicity and students qualifying for federal assistance under Federal Pell Grant, Federal College Work Study, Federal Perkins Loan or Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant. UNLV meets the requirements as an Asian American, Native American, and Pacific Islander-Serving Institution (AANAPISI) and is an emerging Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI).

***What does this mean for UNLV?*** We can now compete for new grants under Title III & Title V but in order to be competitive, we must be able to show institutional commitment and support for these student populations.

### **Campus Conversations Update**

All UNLV students, staff and faculty were invited to participate in the campus conversations being held throughout March and April. These conversations were held to ensure that all stakeholders were engaged in and provided input into the development of the strategic plan to support MSI implementation and sustainability.

### **THE HISPANIC ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES**

The Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) was established in 1986 with a founding membership of eighteen institutions. Because of HACU's exemplary leadership on behalf of the nation's youngest and fastest-growing population, the Association rapidly grew in numbers and national impact. Today, HACU represents more than 400 colleges and universities committed to Hispanic higher education success in the U.S., Puerto Rico, Latin America, Spain and Portugal. Although our member institutions in the U. S. represent less than 10% of all higher education institutions nationwide, together they are home to more than two-thirds of all Hispanic college students. HACU is the only national educational association that represents Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs).

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