Undergraduate Degree Recipients
December 2010 through July 2011

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This report is based upon the 356 baccalaureate degrees posted in Banner from December 2010 through July 2011. Almost 2/3 of our baccalaureate degree recipients are female, 48.6% are Hispanic, and 7.9% are Native American.

Gender of Baccalaureate Degree Recipients

	# of Degree Recipients	% of Degree Recipients
Female	257	72.2%
Male	99	27.8%
Total	356	

Ethnicity of Baccalaureate Degree Recipients

Ethnicity	# of Degree Recipients	% of Degree Recipients
African American	25	7%
American Indian or Alaskan Native	28	7.9%
Asian or Pacific Islander	8	2.2%
White	92	25.8%
Hispanic	173	48.6%
Non-Resident Alien	10	2.8%
No Response	20	5.6%
Total	356	

The table below indicates the status of the student the first time the student appears in Banner. This should indicate whether a student first enrolled at NMHU as a first-time freshmen or as a transfer student. For the continuing and returning students it is impossible to say what their starting category was, since they were enrolled at NMHU before the Banner system was implemented in 2000. Of the four students in the “other” category, two were pursuing their second bachelor’s degree and two seem to be miscoded in Banner.

Based upon the students whose start-state we can identify, only 24.7% began at NMHU as first-time freshmen. At least two-thirds of our undergraduate degree recipients began their careers at Highlands as transfer students.

Status of Student When First Coded in Banner

	# of Degree Recipients	% of Degree Recipients
Freshmen	88	24.7%
Transfers	244	68.5%

Continuing	9	2.5%
Returning	14	3.9%
Other	1	0.3%
Total	356	

As would be expected, transfer students took much less time to graduate than did first-time freshmen.

Length of Time to Graduation (in years)

	Mean Years	**Minimum**	**Maximum**
Freshmen	7.05	2.5	16
Transfers	4.34	1.0	17

Sixty-nine of the baccalaureate recipients participated on a Highlands' athletic team at some time during their academic career. There was no significant difference in the length of time to graduate between athletes and non-athletes.

Length of Time to Graduation (in years)

	Mean Years	**Minimum**	**Maximum**
Athletes	5.15	1	12.5
Non-athletes	5.55	1.0	17