

*If you want to go fast, go alone.
If you want to go far, go together.*

- African Proverb



The Colleges of the Fenway is a collaborative effort of six neighboring Boston-based colleges in the Fenway area; Emmanuel College, Massachusetts College of Art and Design, MCPHS University, Simmons College, Wentworth Institute of Technology and Wheelock College.

This collaboration was created to add value to student academic and social life while seeking innovative methods of investing in new services and containing the costs of higher education.

Through collaboration, our students and faculty will be able to share the best of both worlds; continuing to study, live, and teach in a small college environment while also enjoying the resources of a major academic environment.



EMMANUEL
COLLEGE

MASSART
MASSACHUSETTS COLLEGE
OF ART AND DESIGN



MCPHS
UNIVERSITY



SIMMONS



WENTWORTH
INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

WHEELOCK
COLLEGE

REFLECTIONS ON THE YEAR

CLAIRE RAMSBOTTOM, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



“ Building a culture of cooperation, coordination and collaboration to strengthen our members into the future.”

Nineteen years since its launch, the Colleges of the Fenway continues to support the member colleges by enhancing opportunities for students, faculty and staff and through pursuing joint purchasing initiatives that lead to financial savings. Student engagement through COF programs was a core part of the college experience for over 3,000 students during 2014-2015 and cost-savings increased to close to \$2.5 million.

Intramurals expanded to formally include recreational activities as we look to plan more one-day events that better fit student schedules and space availability. The Performing Arts program held its first alumni dancers reunion, over 430 students worked in teams to submit short films as part of the first COF Campus Movie Fest and the Center for Sustainability and the Environment engaged over 1,500 students through programs they offered.

The first major upgrade of COFAN since its launch 10 years ago was completed. Re-engineered and enhanced to provide additional capacity in step with ever increasing demands for internet service and bandwidth, this upgrade provided us with the opportunity to engage with Markley Group at One Summer Street. Due to the design utilizing an off-site data center, there are increased cost savings and the ability to leverage the common infrastructure to provide additional services collaboratively.

We launched a new shared Environmental Health and Safety position for three members and continue to work on a shared approach to emergency management. Our broad service offerings include training and development sessions for employees, the annual Teaching and Learning conference, immigration processing through the GEO Center, the annual MLK Breakfast and Admissions receptions for both domestic and international counselors. Faculty, staff, and students engage through COF building community, enhancing opportunities and finding ways to save money.

We continue to focus on improving the collaborative process as we plan for the future. Under the leadership of the Coordinating Council, committees have reaffirmed their purposes. Through the use of a Committee Effectiveness Assessment tool we look to strengthen both collaborative skills and outcomes as we identify new partnership opportunities that strengthen the colleges. We look forward to taking a deeper look at what students expect from their COF experience as we get ready to mark 20 years of collaboration.

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

ENHANCING THE OUT OF CLASSROOM EXPERIENCE

STUDENT ACTIVITIES



Close to 2,000 students attended the annual Block Party and After Party

Over 460 students participated in the inaugural Campus Movie Fest program, a student film-making competition

September Welcome Receptions for: Student Government Associations, Programming Boards, LGBTQ, and Multicultural students

240 individual campus programs open to all COF students.

**BLOCK PARTY
AFTER PARTY
CONSTITUTION DAY**

**COF'S GOT TALENT
NACA CONFERENCE
CAMPUS MOVIE FEST**

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

ENHANCING THE OUT OF CLASSROOM EXPERIENCE

RESIDENTIAL LIFE

The COF Residential Life committee focuses on collaborative programs, professional staff development, and a one-day joint RA training. This committee concentrates on best practices and exchanging strategies for risk management.

1000 STUDENTS WHO
ATTENDED THE COF
THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER

NUMBER OF RESIDENT
ASSISTANTS WHO
ATTENDED JOINT
RA TRAINING **175**

20 NUMBER OF
WORKSHOPS
OFFERED DURING
RA TRAINING

1 ANNUAL 'TAKE BACK THE
NIGHT' EVENT, A PROGRAM
TO END SEXUAL VIOLENCE

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

ENHANCING THE OUT OF CLASSROOM EXPERIENCE

PERFORMING ARTS

The mission of the Office of the Performing Arts is to enrich the lives of all COF students through co-curricular activities and to offer a concentration to students whose personal and professional objectives would be strengthened through a combination of academic work and experiential learning in the performing arts.



20 Concerts, Performances, and Special Events



Annual COF's Got Talent event



Raised \$2,600 for The David S. Browder Commemorative Contrabass Challenge

INTRAMURAL AND RECREATIONAL SPORTS

The COF intramural sports program provides a variety of opportunities that contribute to and promote physical and emotional wellness for students, staff and faculty across the Colleges of the Fenway. Programs are open to all who have an interest and enjoy engaging in recreational activities.



2,963 students participated in the 2014-2015 intramural program, an increase of 8%



Organized the 8th Annual Great Race Boston, a city-wide scavenger hunt in which 122 students and staff participated



Over 100 teams and 750 participants competed in outdoor soccer in the fall, the largest league to date



Created a Hall of Champions page on COF website to give increased recognition to students



230 students, faculty, and staff participated in the 9th Annual Turkey Trot



Surpassed 30,000+ pounds of food donation to the Greater Boston Food Bank

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

ENHANCING THE ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

CROSS-REGISTRATION

The hallmark of the six-college consortium, cross-registration enables students to take courses that may not be offered at their home institution, in addition to the chance to create unique academic minors.

OVER
2,000
COURSES
OFFERED



COF MINOR:
**PERFORMING
ARTS**



COF
MINOR:

SUSTAINABILITY



675

STUDENTS
CROSS-REGISTERED



"I inquired about the possibility of minoring at my school's registrar's office and the Sociology department chair was thrilled to grant my request to cross-register at Wheelock to fulfill my minor. This has been an unexpected pleasant experience and I urge all COF students to take advantage of all the programs and classes that are offered to us." -LaShawn Holloway, Simmons College '15

STUDENT AND FACULTY ENGAGEMENT

EDUCATION, SCHOLARSHIP, AND SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

CENTER FOR SUSTAINABILITY AND THE ENVIRONMENT



The Colleges of the Fenway Center for Sustainability and the Environment is a collaboration of faculty, staff and students from the six member colleges working together to enhance understanding of the complex issues of sustainability as they relate to natural resources and the environment. The mission of the Center for Sustainability and the Environment is to engage and support faculty and students in all aspects of sustainability and environmental issues by providing resources and activities focused on education, scholarship, and service to the community.

- Distributed \$3,000 total in mini-grant funding for 6 student sustainability projects
- Over 1,200 students, faculty, and staff participated in 2015 Earth Week events
- 9th Annual Muddy River Symposium with keynote speaker Bina Venkataram, Former Senior Advisor for Climate Change Initiative to President Obama
- 17 student teams presented their research at the 2015 Muddy River Symposium
- Over 75 students attended 4 "View-Ins" of the Emmy-award winning climate change documentary series "Years of Living Dangerously"
- 1 COF student presented sustainability research project at Northeast Sustainability Conference, UMass Amherst



"I am satisfied with this project because it gave me a chance to design a residence campus challenge, observe how people reacted, and what they did with information about the way they live. I was happy to see that the Simmons community was curious and proactive. People were not afraid to ask me questions about energy and water use and they were always happy to tell me about their latest conservation techniques." – Muddy River Symposium student participant

GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT

ENHANCE AND PROMOTE INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

GLOBAL EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES (GEO) CENTER

Founded in 2005, the Global Education Opportunities (GEO) Center aims to provide shared resources to faculty, staff, and students from across the colleges who are committed to study abroad and globalization. Working with directors of international programs, study abroad and international student advisors, and international admissions colleagues, the GEO Center facilitates and coordinate aspects of programs related to study abroad, support of international students, and travel courses.



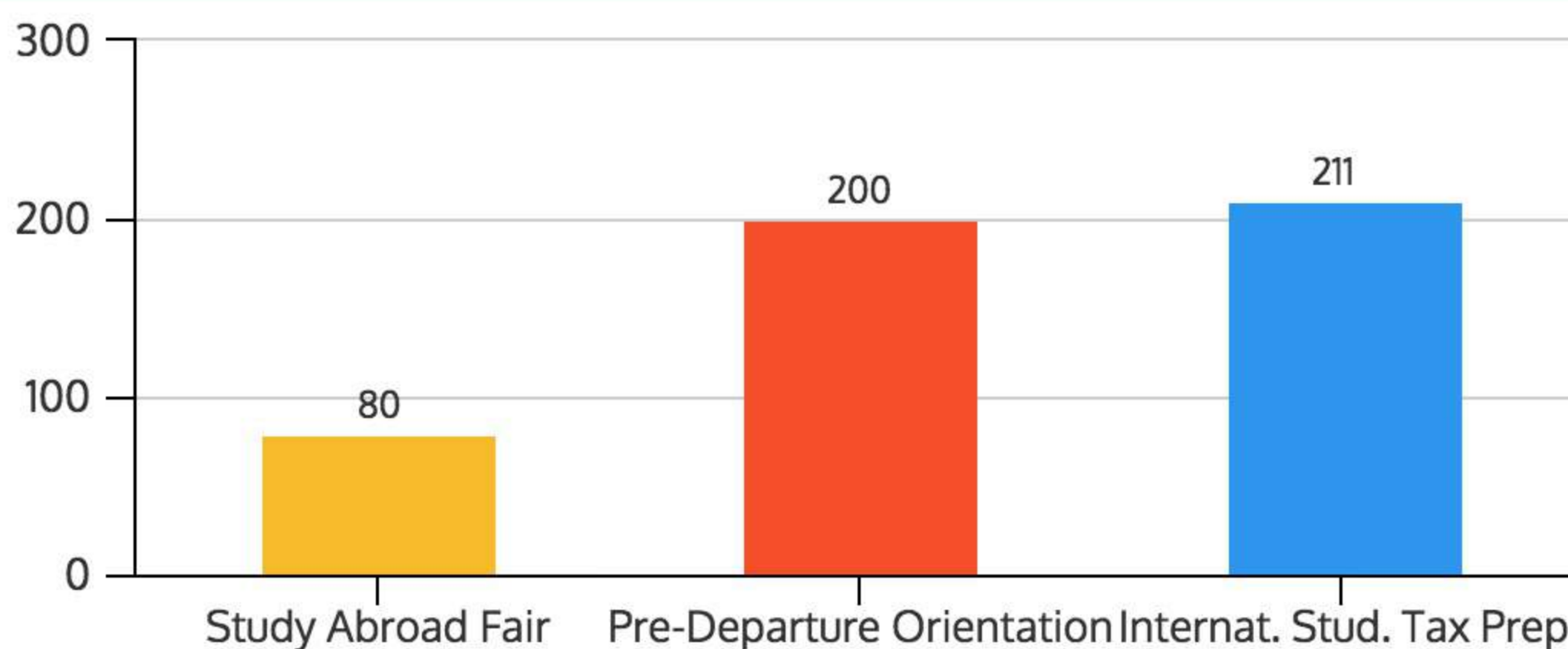
672
STUDENTS
TRAVELED
TO 55
DIFFERENT
COUNTRIES

14 faculty/staff
attended Faculty Network
Reception for travel course leaders

13 students
cross-registered
for travel courses

46
J-1 Visas
processed

33
college connectors with
SHOWA Boston



COMMUNITY VISIBILITY

CONNECTING WITH THE LOCAL, NATIONAL, AND INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY

ADMISSIONS



1 Hosted annual tour for 113 high school and independent counselors

2 Hosted 17 COF-specific campus visits for local and regional high schools

3 Organized luncheon in NYC for 18 New York and New Jersey independent counselors

4 All 6 schools participated in Veterans College Fair, hosted by MassArt

5 Over 60 COF Admissions' staffs attended joint social to network and share travel plans

JOINT SPONSORSHIP



COF Students Alexander Sebastianus (MassArt), Jonathan Celestin (WIT), and William Ma (WIT), attend the annual We Are Boston Gala

In consultation with the COF Marketing and Public Relations Committee, COF provided joint sponsorship of the following events this year. By supporting community organizations, joint sponsorships allow the COF to strengthen our connections in the local area.

- We Are Boston, Mayor's Office of New Bostonians
- Opening Our Doors, Fenway Alliance
- The Emerald Necklace Conservancy Annual Meeting
- AICUM Annual Dinner

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

PROVIDING VALUABLE RESOURCES TO FACULTY AND STAFF

16th Annual MLK Breakfast



Zenaida Peterson, Simmons '15, performs

The 16th Annual Colleges of the Fenway Staff and Faculty breakfast to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was held on Thursday, January 22, 2015 at Emmanuel College.

Over 190 COF faculty and staff attended the event. Those in attendance enjoyed listening to the COF Jazz Band, a performance by the COF Chorus, and COF students who delivered spoken word poetry and a personal essay. The keynote speaker was Dr. David Canton, associate professor of history from Connecticut College.

Training and Development

The Colleges of the Fenway Training and Development program provides a variety of workshops and programs to meet the professional developmental needs of faculty and staff.

8

Workshops

207

Participants

99%

Surveyed would attend future COF sessions

30

Participants

Leadership Management Program

The program was initiated to recognize and cultivate excellence among high-performing leaders. The sessions are customized and facilitated by highly regarded trainers and consultants. The overall goal of the series is to develop and strengthen vital leadership through interactive and thought provoking sessions. The program also provides each participant with the invaluable opportunity to meet and learn from colleagues across the Colleges of the Fenway.

Session topics included: Emotional Intelligence and The Inner Leader, Leading and Succeeding Through Change, Feedback that Works: Managing Performance Proactively and Managing Across Cultures: Valuing our Differences.

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PROVIDING VALUABLE RESOURCES TO FACULTY AND STAFF



The 13th Annual Teaching and Learning Conference

This year's COF Teaching and Learning Conference, held November 13-14, 2014 at Simmons College focused on: Improving Student Learning Through Metacognition: Teaching Students HOW to Learn.

Over 110 faculty and staff members from COF attended a series of focused sessions presented by Dr. Saundra McGuire, Director Emerita of the Center for Academic Success and Retired Assistant Vice Chancellor and Professor of Chemistry at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Dr. McGuire engaged all

participants in interactive workshops addressing "cognitive science research-based learning strategies that help all students experience meaningful, transferable learning in curricular and co-curricular setting".

During the two days she was with us, Dr. McGuire presented a variety of sessions on metacognition, aimed at different campus constituents including faculty, academic resources staff, faculty and professional advisors, and student affairs staff. In addition, over 40 faculty and staff members from across the Colleges of the Fenway attended a networking social on Thursday evening, hosted by Emmanuel College, and attended by Dr. McGuire.

On January 29, 2015, 13 faculty and staff members met at Simmons College to continue the discussion about metacognition and classroom strategies employed since the conference.



"I liked that the talk I attended had time built in for discussion with the people I was sitting with. Additionally, I very much appreciated that the talk had concrete actions for increasing student engagement with academic resources, rather than just outlines or ideas."
- Conference participant

COST-SAVINGS

CONTAINING THE COSTS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

OPERATIONS & COLLABORATIVE SERVICES

Operations and Collaborative Services is responsible for finding ways for the colleges to cooperate and save time and money through a broad array of common contracts, vendor management and conducting formal RFPs. Staff are also responsible for assisting with the overall strategic direction of COF and manages a key central IT resource: the Colleges of the Fenway Area Network (COFAN). While primary responsibility for managing joint contracts rests with this department, identifying opportunities for cost savings through shared contracts and services is something to which all COF staff and committees pay special attention.

Joint Contracts 2014-2015

- Akamai Servers
- All One Health
- Blackboard Vista CMS
- Boston IX
- Boston Bikes
- Boston Works
- Campus Clarity
- Cardsmith
- Casella
- COFAN
- Colocation
- Deb Beck Designs
- Earth Day
- Education Abroad Forum
- EH & S
- Exinda
- FIA
- Flexible Spending Account
- Gardner Museum
- Geo Center Webinars
- Glacier Tax Prep
- Harvard Partners
- HTH
- Integration Partners
- J-Exchange Program
- Liability Insurance/United Educators
- Life Advantages
- Life/LTD
- Lighttower
- Mac-Gray
- Markley
- NE HERC
- Property/Liability Insurance
- PSG
- Qualtrics
- Rave Wireless
- RCN
- Rentacrate
- Sigma
- Space Agreements
- Student Health Insurance/University Health Plans
- Terradotta
- Title IX Training
- TSG
- Vending (A&B, P&J)

COFAN was re-engineered and enhanced to provide additional capacity in step with ever increasing demands for internet service and bandwidth.

COFAN 2.0 resulted in an immediate increase in bandwidth capacity and scalability, true redundancy and diversity, and better load balancing capabilities.

**TOTAL
COST-AVOIDANCE
\$2,487,961**

**An increase of
\$466,239
from previous year**

**COF students,
faculty, and staff
made nearly
3,700 visits to the
Isabella Stewart
Gardner Museum**

COST-SAVINGS

CONTAINING THE COSTS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH & SAFETY (EH&S)



The Environmental Health and Safety (EH&S) Department is committed to aiding in the protection of human health, safety and the environment in a manner that enhances the quality of education, research and/or public service on the Colleges of the Fenway campuses. The Director of EH & S provides support and guidance for Emmanuel College, Simmons College, and Wentworth Institute of Technology.

- Passed the Boston Fire Department inspections for research laboratories at Emmanuel and Simmons.
- Submitted regulatory filings and status reports by deadlines.
- Performed 44 inspections of waste storage areas.
- Developed 34 draft policy documents.
- Conducted 22 industrial hygiene evaluations.
- Reviewed 15 laboratory protocols, 450 chemicals and 18 biological materials for hazards and safety precautions.
- Developed and conducted 24 training sessions on chemical fume hoods, hazard communication, hazardous waste, laboratory safety, and universal waste.
- Instituted an Institutional Biosafety Committee and Laboratory Safety Committee at Simmons.

FENWAY CARD

The Fenway Card Program was established in 2006. The Fenway Card combines a "stored value" card with the participant's ID card. The Fenway Card is honored both on campus and at close to 100 off-campus merchants to provide secure and easy electronic purchasing for dining, books, laundry and other services.

New retailers are recruited to participate on an annual basis at the suggestion of students and college personnel.



**COF faculty, staff, and
students spent
\$2,433,741
in Fenway Cash both
on and off campus**

CENTRAL OFFICE

Colleges of the Fenway Inc. shares central office space with MASCO (Medical Academic and Scientific Community Organization) at 375 Longwood Avenue in Boston. Program offices are located on the college campuses. The Office of Performing Arts is on the Simmons campus, the GEO Center and Intramural Sports are at Wheelock College, the Office for Operations and Collaborative Services is at Massachusetts College of Art and Design, and the offices of Environmental Health & Safety are at Emmanuel College, Simmons College, and Wentworth Institute of Technology.

Hosted 25 consortial leaders for the Association for Collaborative Leadership 2015 Summer Institute

Participated in 19 Open Houses, Accepted Student Days, and Orientations

Hosted visits from two Ukrainian delegations of educators and administrators



Colleges
of the Fenway™

Increased Twitter followers by over 300%

New groups meeting: Alumni Affairs, Veterans Support, Academic Advisors, Institutional Advancement

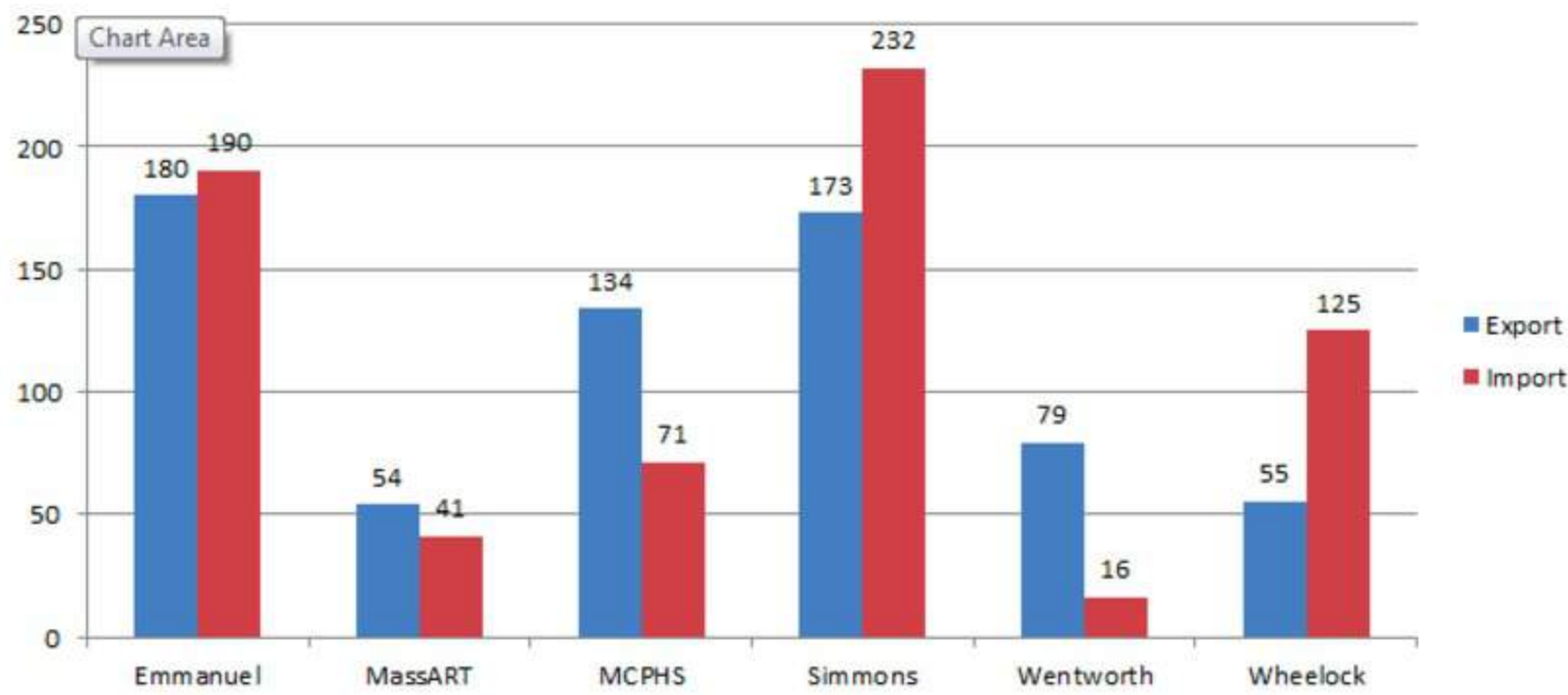
Published inaugural Student Synergy newsletter, highlighting 17 COF students

The COF Operating budget for 2014-2015 was \$1,923,012 to support programs.

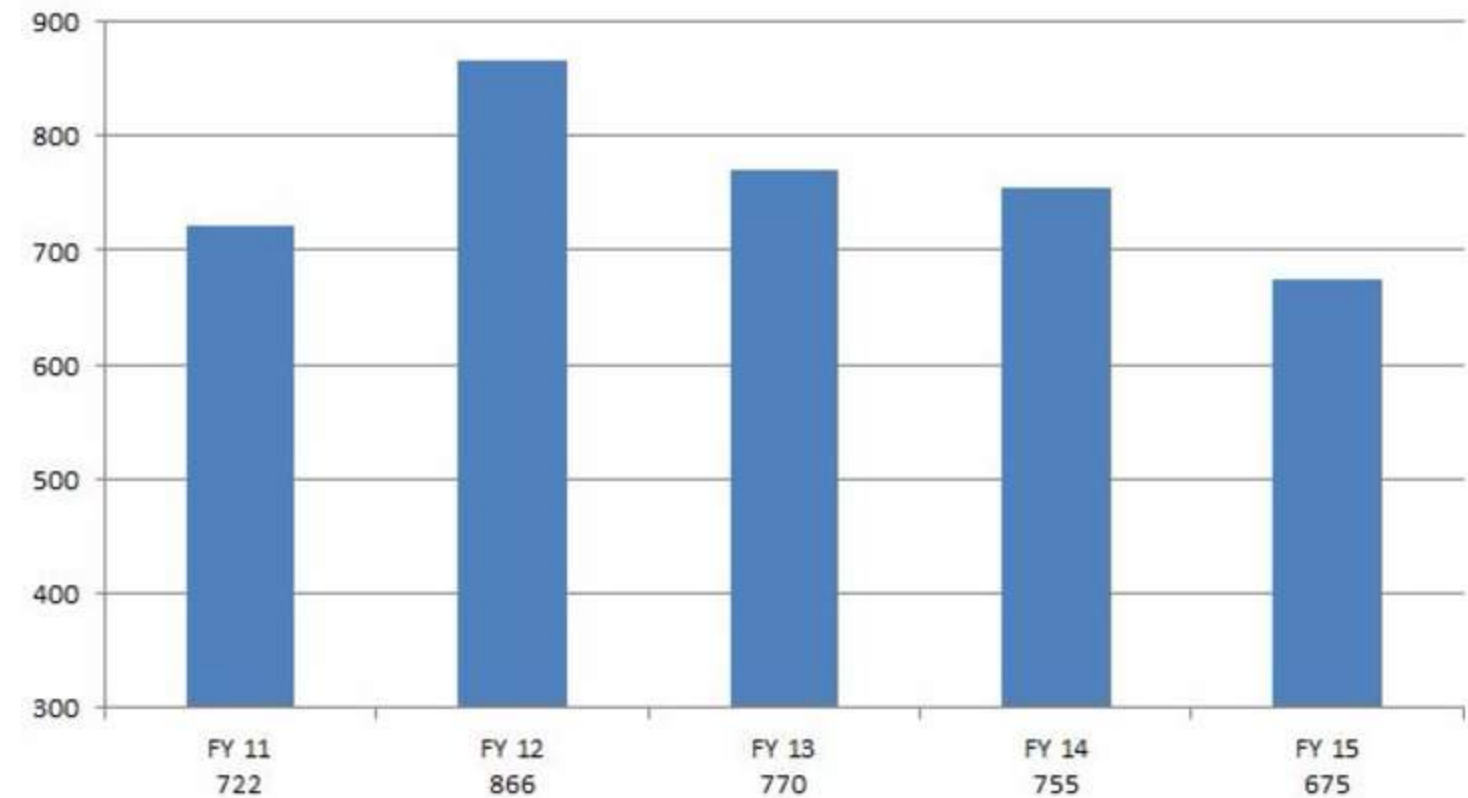
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Cross-Registration
FY 2015 (Fall, Spring, Summer)
Total 675



Cross Registration
FY 2011-2015



Most Popular Cross-Registration Courses

Emmanuel College

Relationship, Marriage, Family
Intermediate Arabic
Intro to Statistics

MassArt

Architecture
Intro to Painting
Photo I

MCPHS University

Anatomy & Physiology I (online)
Medical Microbiology
Calculus II

Simmons College

Elementary Japanese I
Introduction to Philosophy: The Big Questions
Elem Spanish I

Wentworth Institute of Technology

Computer Science I
Calculus II
Database Management Systems

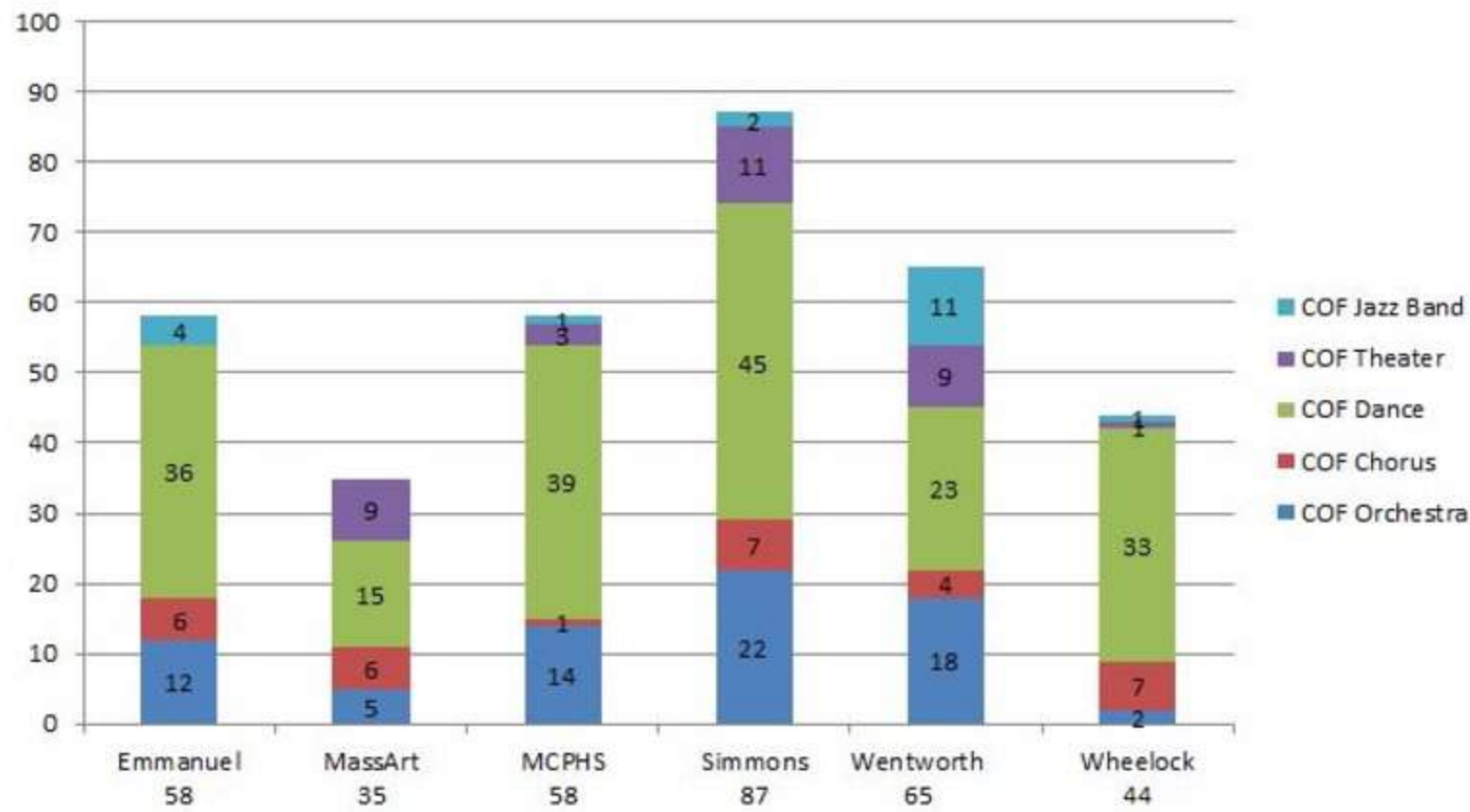
Wheelock College

American Sign Language I
American Sign Language II
Art for Children I

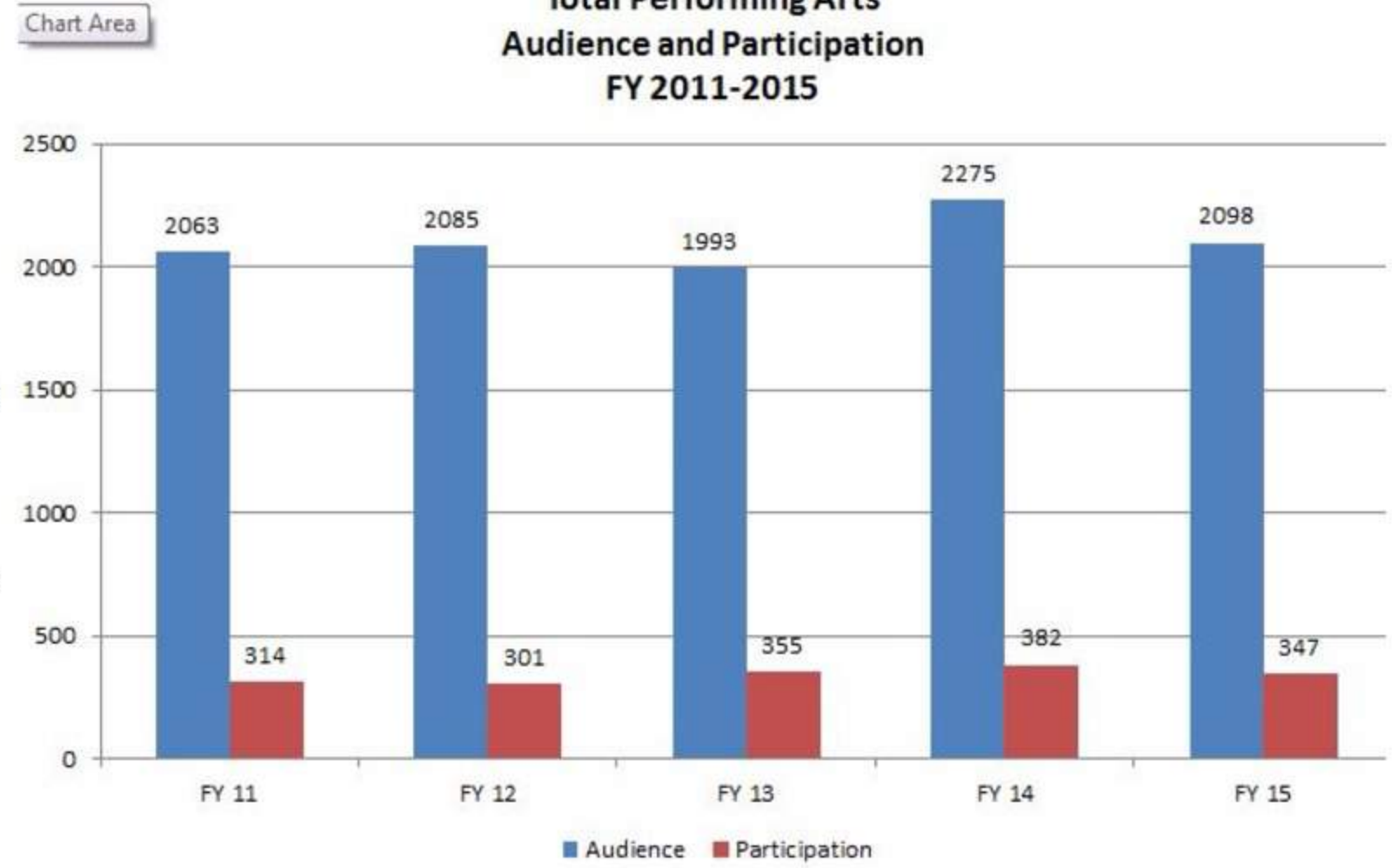
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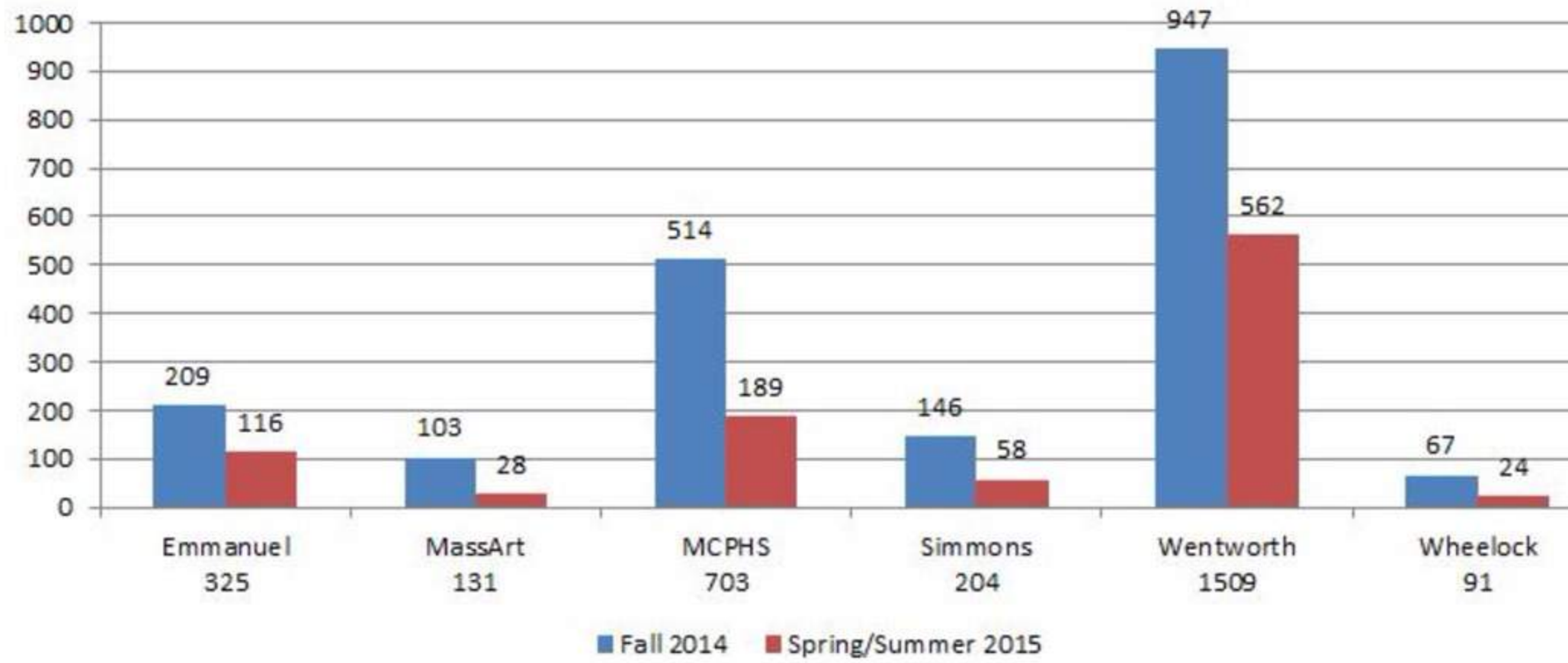
**Student Participation Performing Arts
FY 2015**



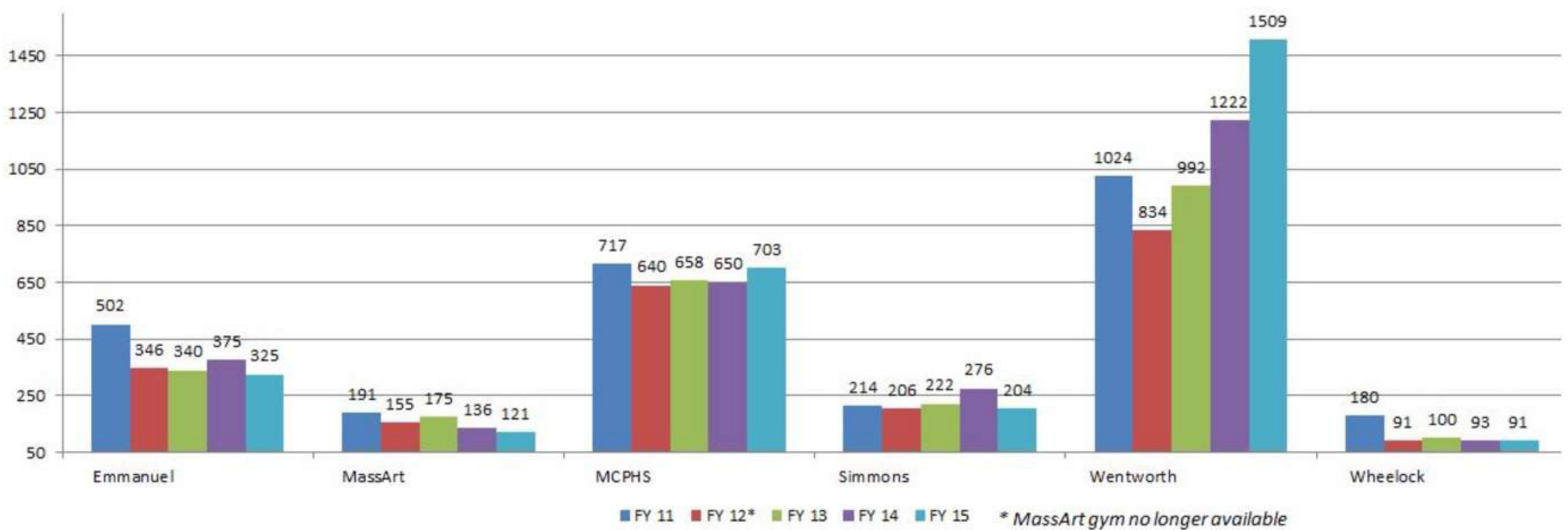
**Total Performing Arts
Audience and Participation
FY 2011-2015**



**Intramurals Participation
FY 2015**



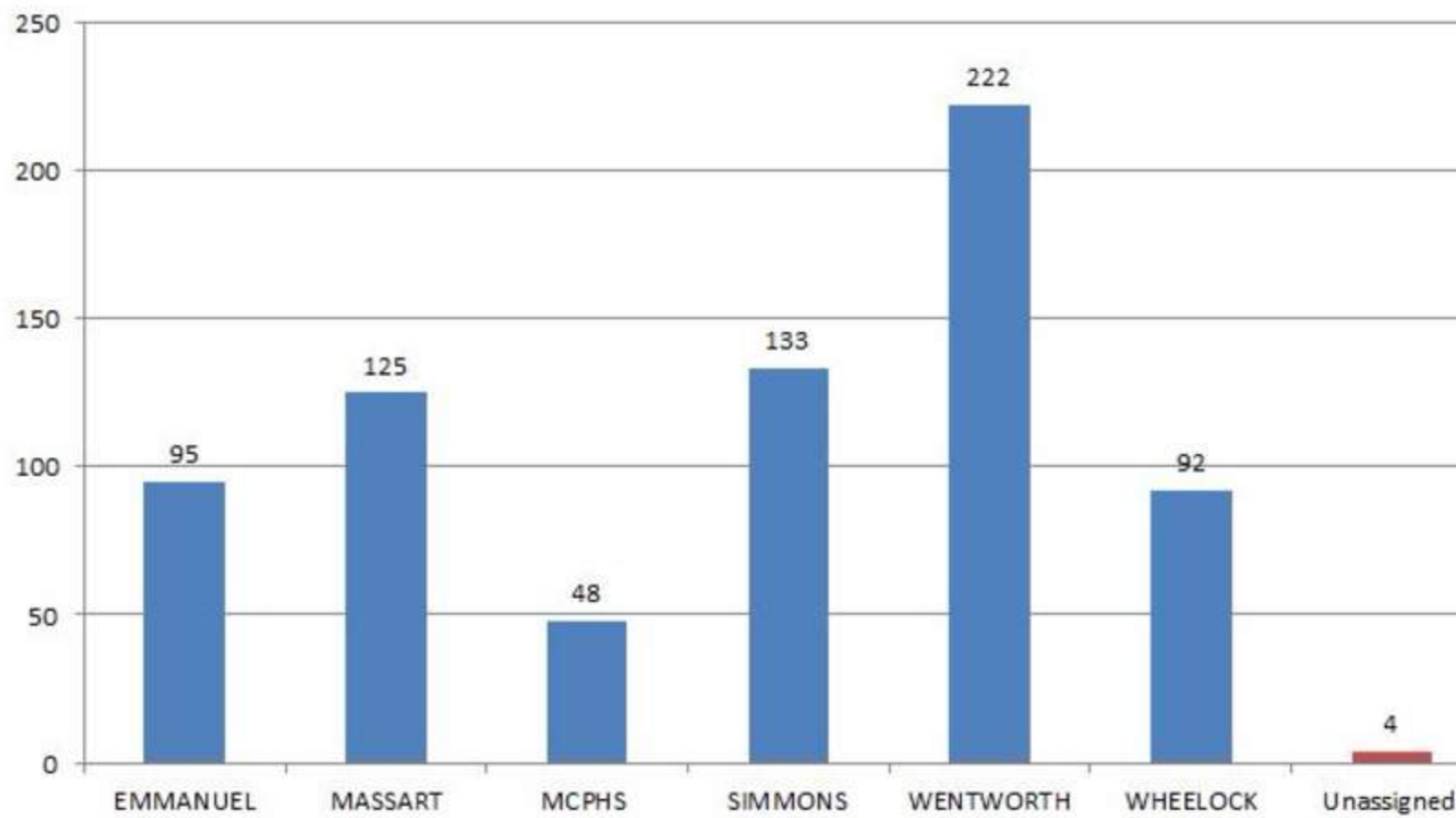
**Intramurals Participation
FY 2011-2015**



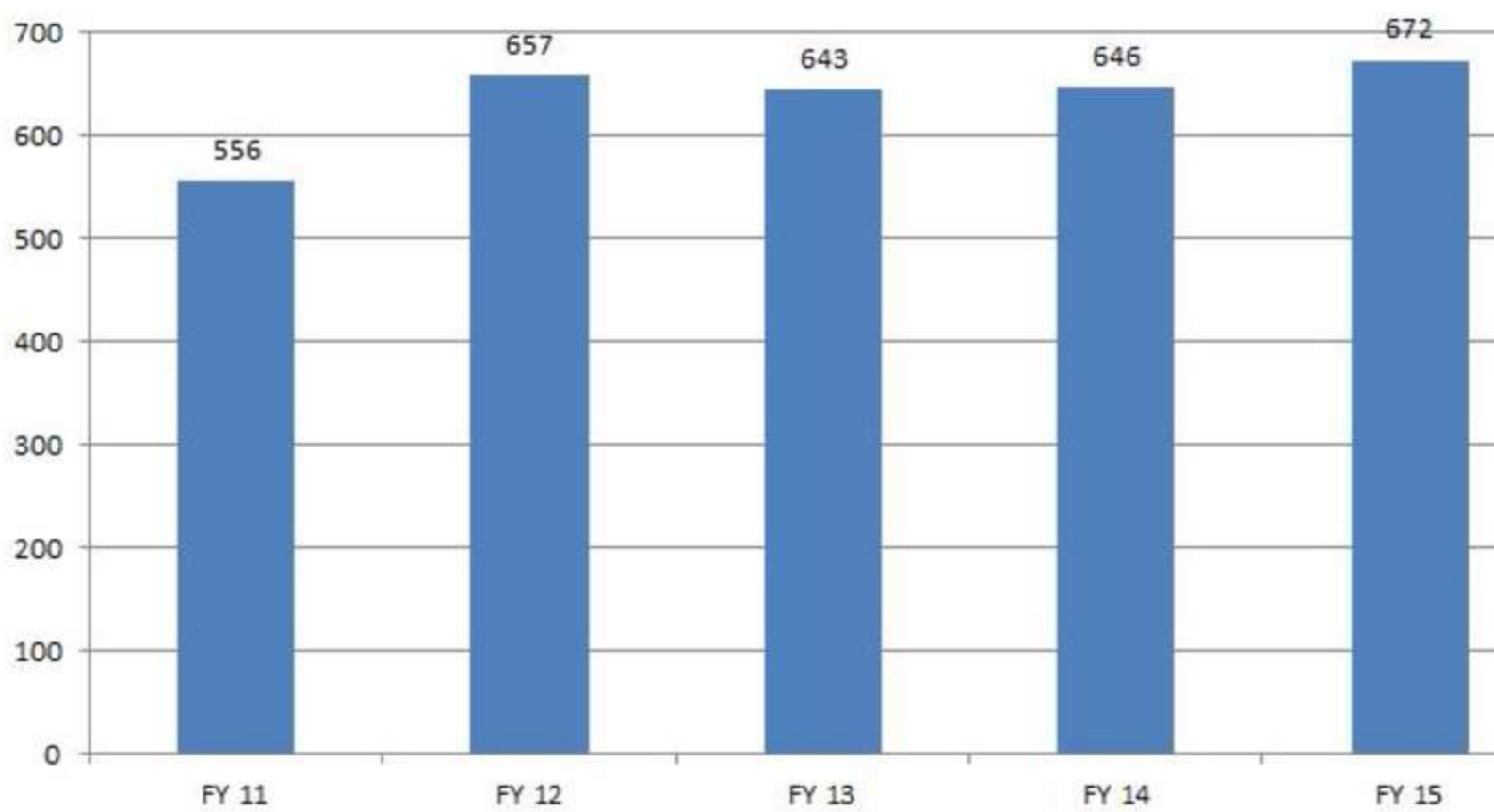
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COF International Travelers
FY 2015

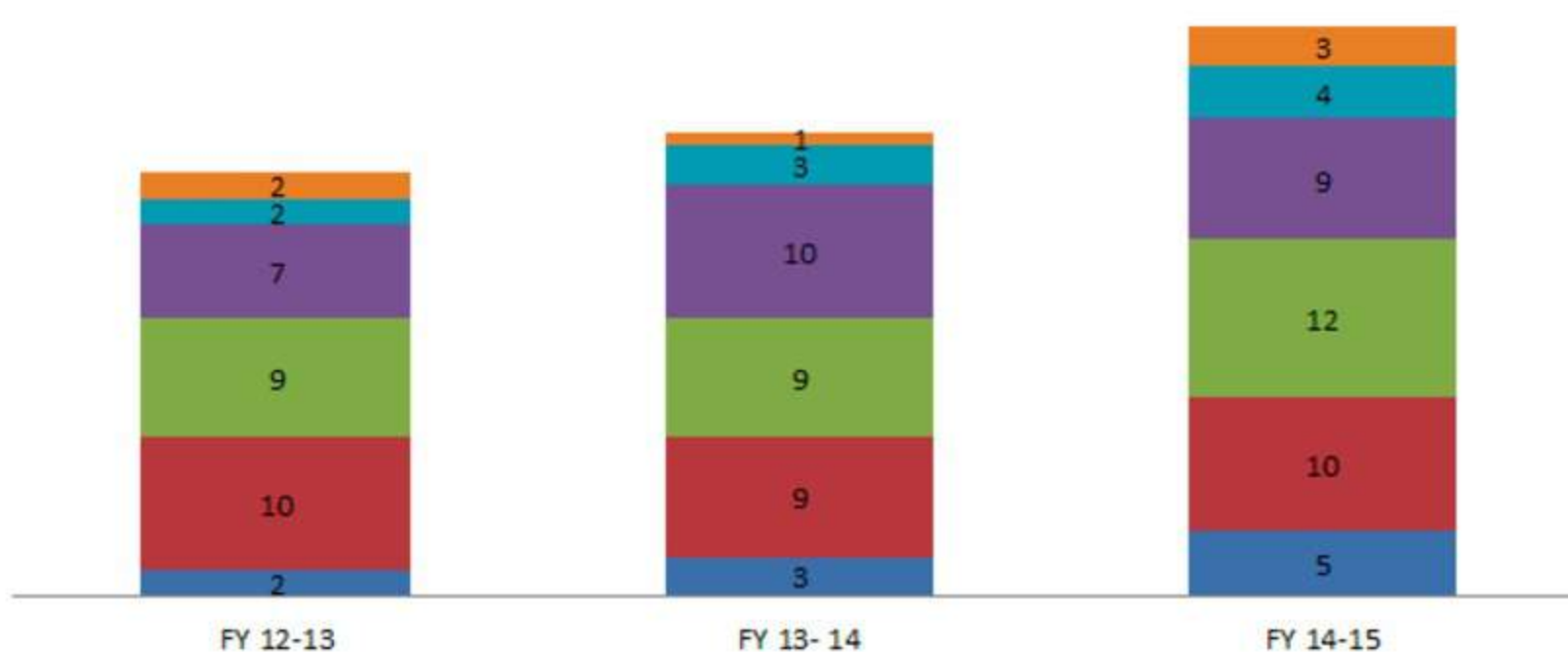


International Travel Student Participants
FY 2011-2015



J-1 Visa Scholars
FY 2012-2015

■ Emmanuel ■ MassArt ■ MCPHS ■ Simmons ■ Wentworth ■ Wheelock



Cross-Registered
Travel Courses
Student Participation

Poland and Germany:
Communication Design
in the Global Village -
Warsaw, Cracow
and Berlin (MassArt)

Ireland: Irish Art (Emmanuel)

Gender, Religion, and
HIV/AIDS in Southern
Africa (Emmanuel)

Summer Institute in
Crete, Greece (Emmanuel)

Switzerland Cultural
Excursion (Wentworth)

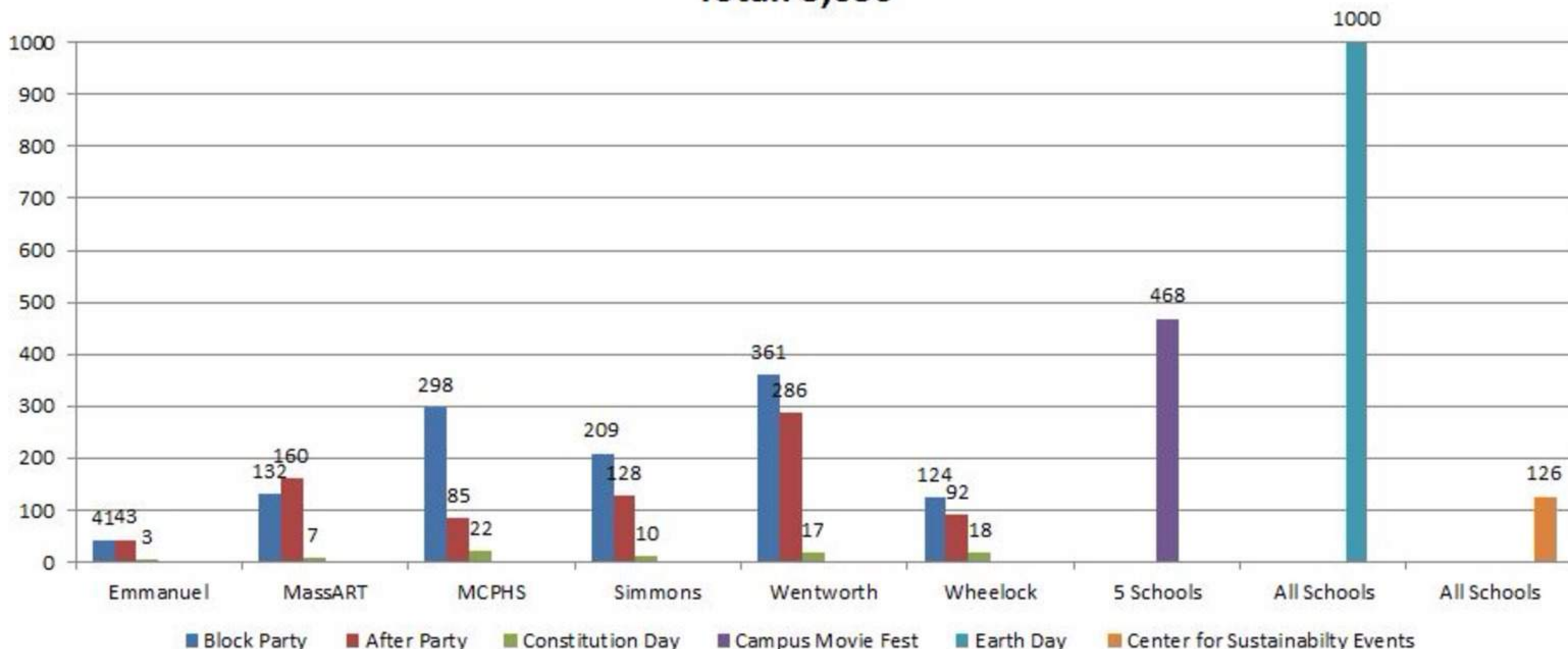
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Student Programs Participation

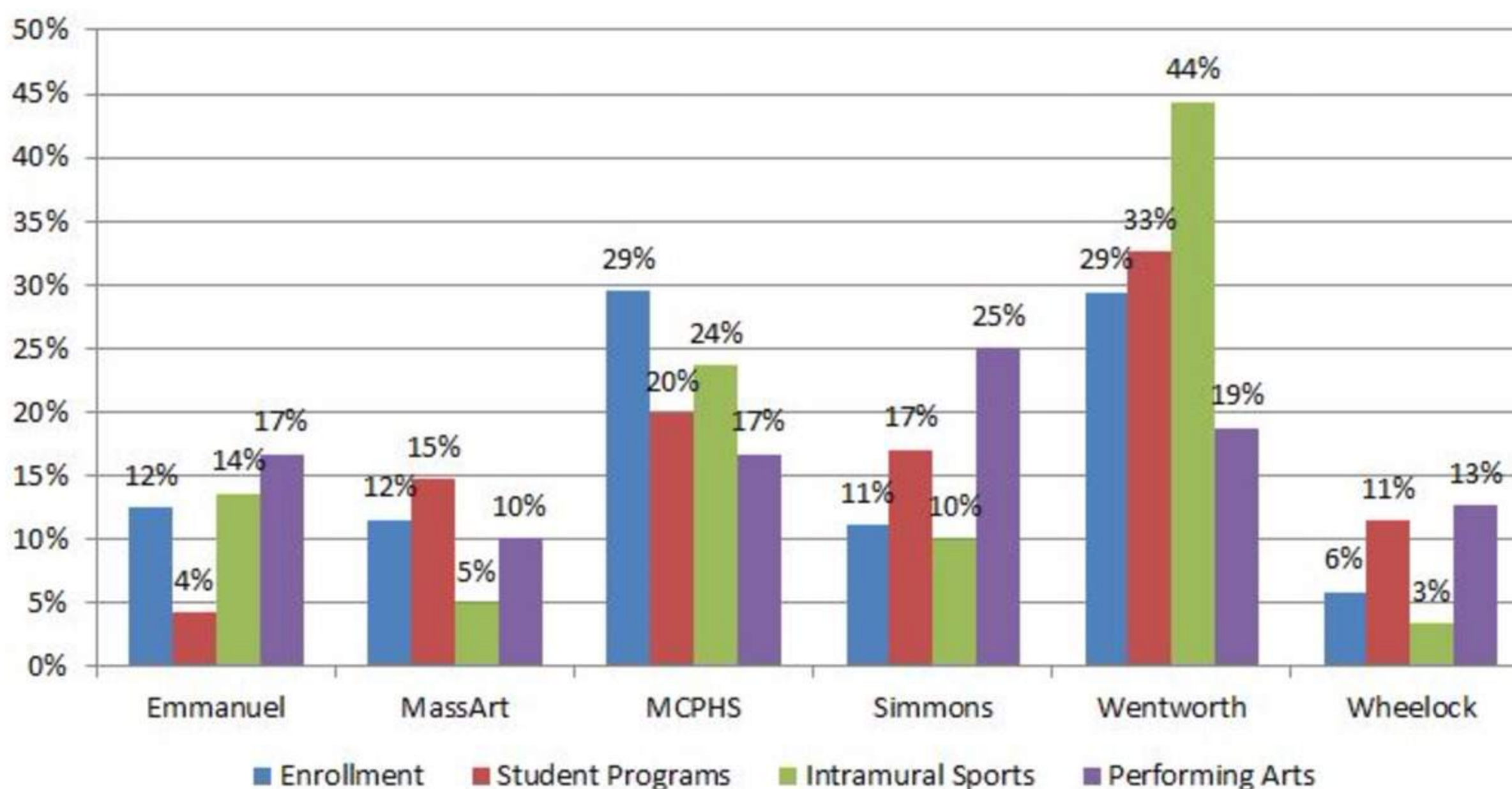
FY 2015

Total: 3,630



Enrollment vs. Participation Rates

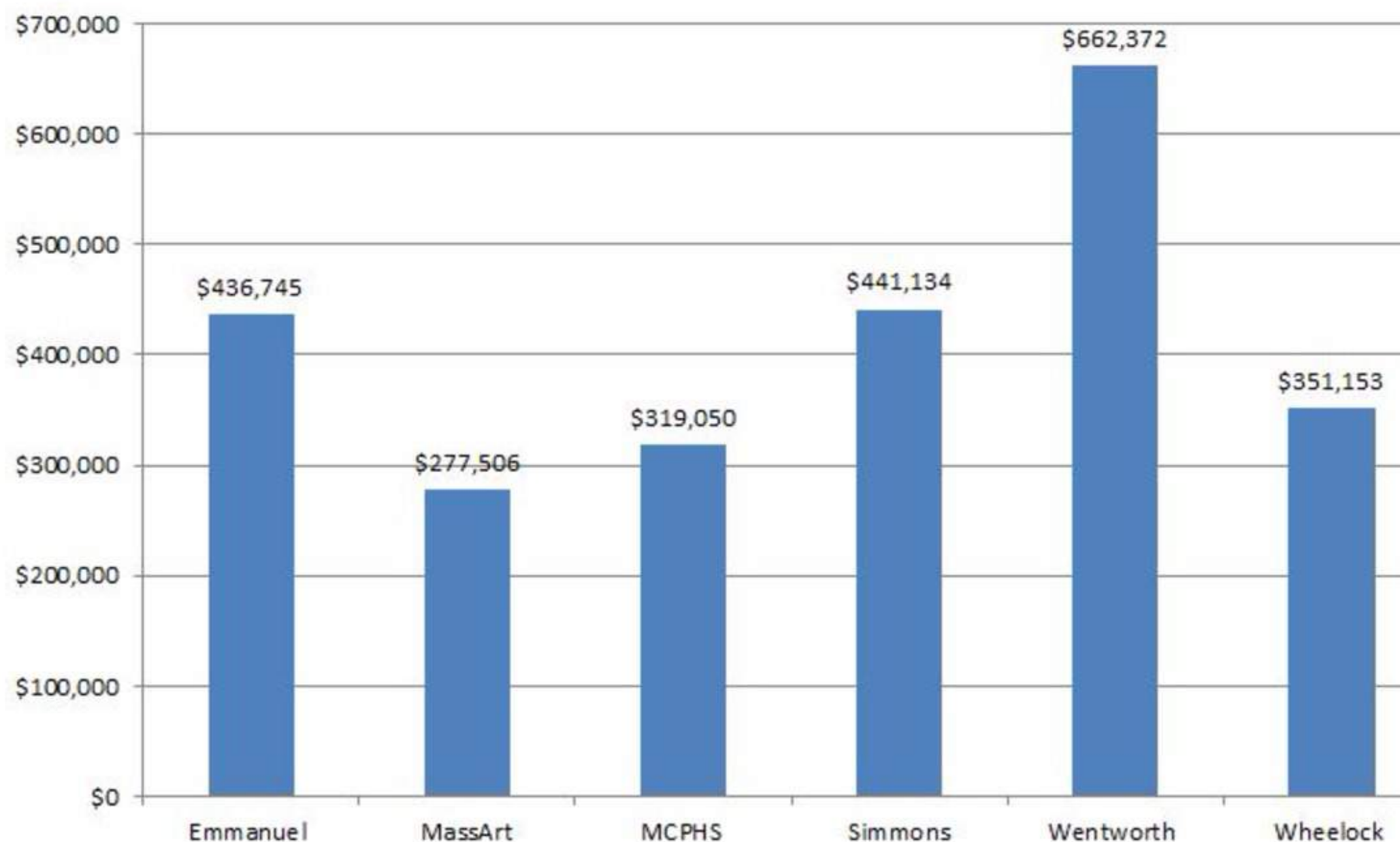
FY 2015



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Cost-Avoidance By School FY 2015



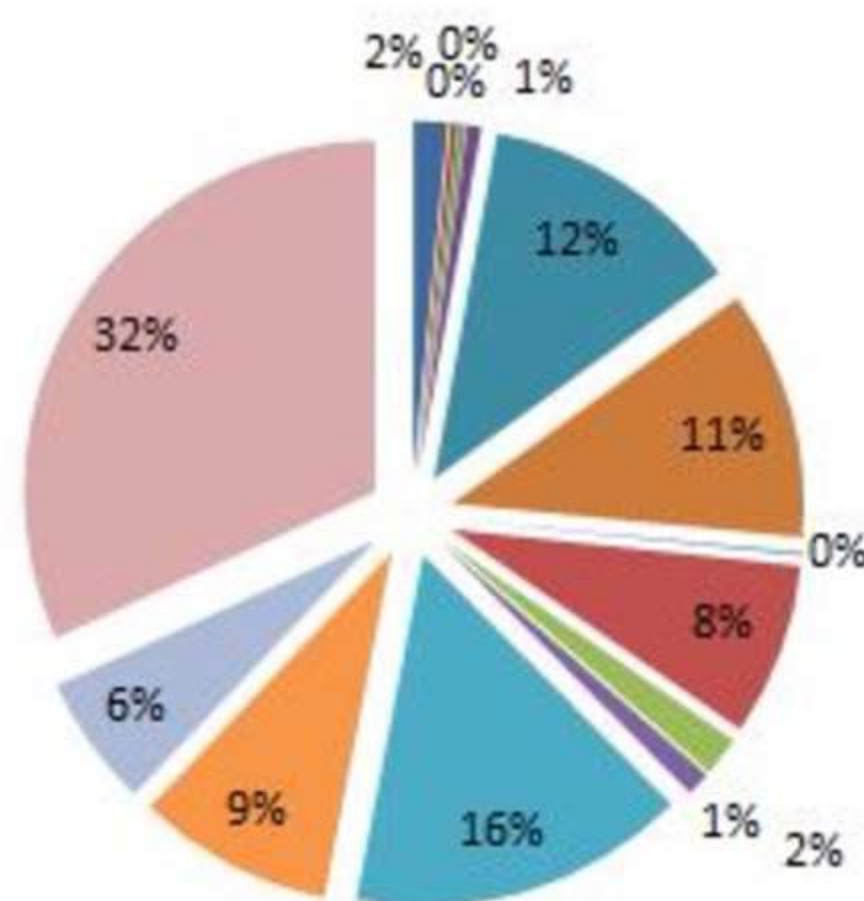
Operating Budget vs. Cost-Avoidance FY 2011-2015



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COF Operating Budget FY 2015



**Total
Operating
\$1,923,012**

- Human Resources \$30,487
- Teaching & Learning Conference \$6,500
- GEO Center \$233,498
- Residence Life \$2,520
- Student Activities \$34,825
- Operations & Collaborative Services \$298,453
- Emergency Planning \$116,700
- MLK Breakfast \$6,000
- Center for Sustainability \$12,749
- Performing Arts \$220,968
- Intramurals \$153,208
- Admissions \$21,315
- Environmental Health & Safety \$173,700
- COF Central Operations \$612,089

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8 PERSPECTIVES

THE COF STUDENT EXPERIENCE

MLK BREAKFAST

"I was very nervous presenting at the MLK Breakfast in January, giving a speech in honor of a man for whom words fail to describe. As a freshman, this was my first exposure to public speaking in college and I didn't know if my speech would be moving enough or something quite forgettable. Nevertheless, the faculty and staff members I met during the breakfast have become a large part of my life." - Zahra Dhanerawala, Simmons College '18

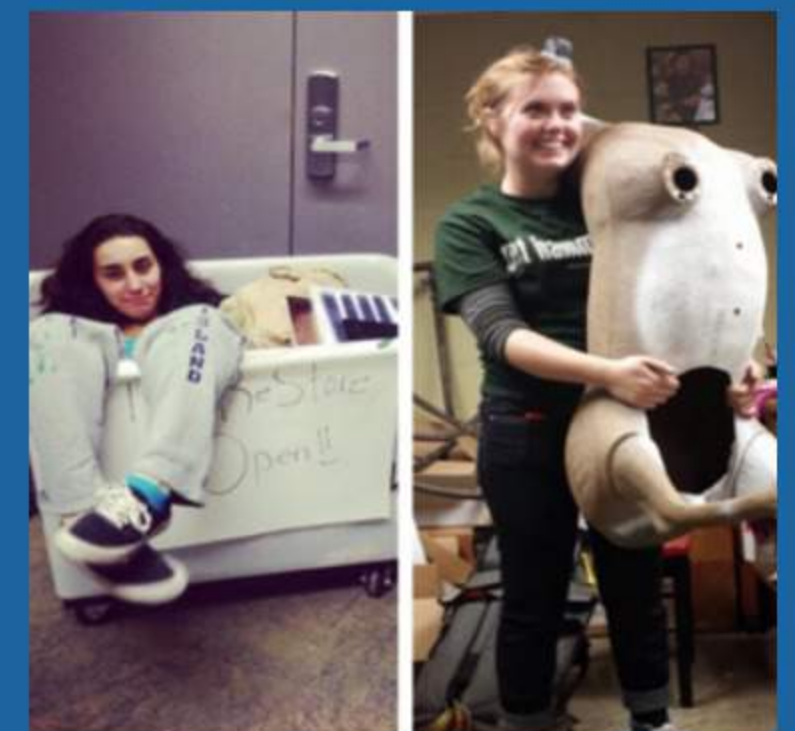


CROSS-REGISTRATION

"I had a wonderful experience cross-registering with Simmons College where I took a Women's History course to fulfill my history general requirement. Taking a course on the women's suffrage movement and learning about how women have fought to get to where they are today seemed like an excellent course to take at an all women's college where students and faculty are passionate about women's progression in society." - Olivia Cavalieri, Emmanuel College '17

CENTER FOR SUSTAINABILITY MINI-GRANTS

"Our goal for this academic year has been to spread the visibility of the ReStore across the COF sphere and beyond. We've developed a lot of great relationships in our six years of existence and we're committed to keeping those bonds. Our ultimate goal is to reach out to other COF schools and help them start their own ReStore." - Olivia Marciano & Pippa Adam, MassArt '17 & '15



EXCHANGE STUDENT EXPERIENCE

"I have no words to describe how amazing the city is. I just love the mixed architecture between old and modern buildings, and I also like all of the parks and green areas, which are not common in big cities in Brazil. Walking around Boston to take nice pictures is one of the coolest things I like to do. Also, watching the sunset from The Charles River pier is pretty cool!" -Felipe Bley, MCPHS Exchange Fall '14

8 PERSPECTIVES

THE COF STUDENT EXPERIENCE

COF CHORUS

"I just LOVE being able to be part of this choir! It gives me so much confidence and it pulls me away from the craziness that is life and school and lets me have 2.5 hours a week that is for me and me only and is a blast!"

- Alexa Curtiss, Wheelock College '16



DANCE PROJECT ALUMNI REUNION

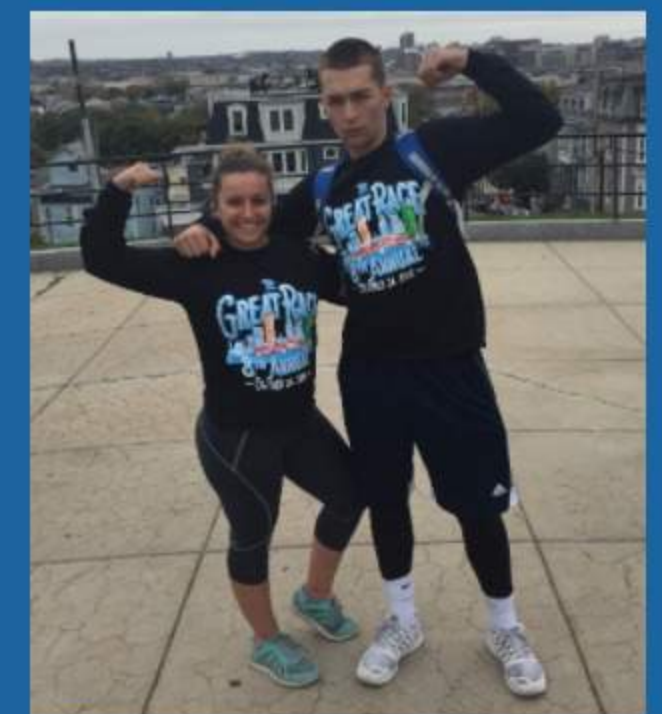
"The COF Dance Project was definitely a highlight of my time as a student at Emmanuel. Being able to choreograph for the Dance Project and learn so much from the other dancers and instructors was so rewarding and some of my closest friends from college were made through the program. I love being able to return to the show each semester as an alum and Emmanuel staff member. I am continually impressed by the talent, dedication and enthusiasm that comes through in the performances from the students and instructors!"

- Jill Meleedy, Emmanuel College Alumna '11

INTRAMURALS

My time spent with the COF Intramurals has given me some of my best memories in school so far. Their events are always something to look forward to throughout the school year. It has also helped broaden my experience at Wentworth, meeting students from other COF schools, and expanding my knowledge and experience with Boston.

-Patrick Myers, Wentworth Institute of Technology '17



GLOBAL EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES (GEO) CENTER

"I can honestly say that going to graduate school wasn't really on my mind before your [GEO Center's] contact in the Kyoto Consortium mentioned that I could study abroad that way. For a long time, my interest in Japan had nothing to do with the mechanical engineering that I came to college for. Now they've virtually become the same thing. The GEO Center was a huge help getting here."

- Roger Larrabee, Wentworth Institute of Technology Alum '13



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