

Yazmin Trujillo  
Jesse Uppol

# Session Objectives

- What impact does SI have on leaders?
- Research design
- UHD and SI at UHD
- Graduation rates and GPA
- Survey respondents
- Careers
- Testimonials
- Challenges

Research  
Design

## Research Design

- Graduation rates and GPA
- What did SI do for the leaders?  
What did they gain from being an SIL?  
What are the SIL doing now?
  - Pursue further education
  - Teaching-related career choices
  - Degree-related career choices
  - Non-degree related career choicesDid the SI program impact these decisions?

## University of Houston-Downtown



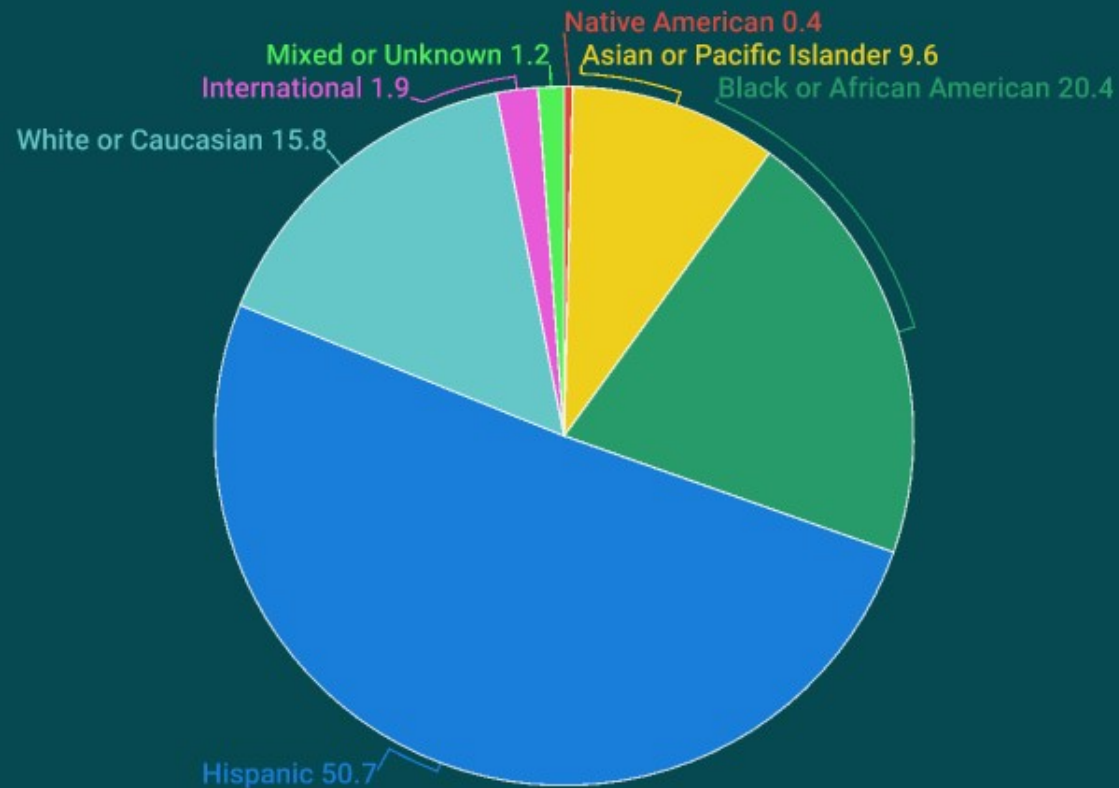
Minority-serving  
institution

Average  
student age

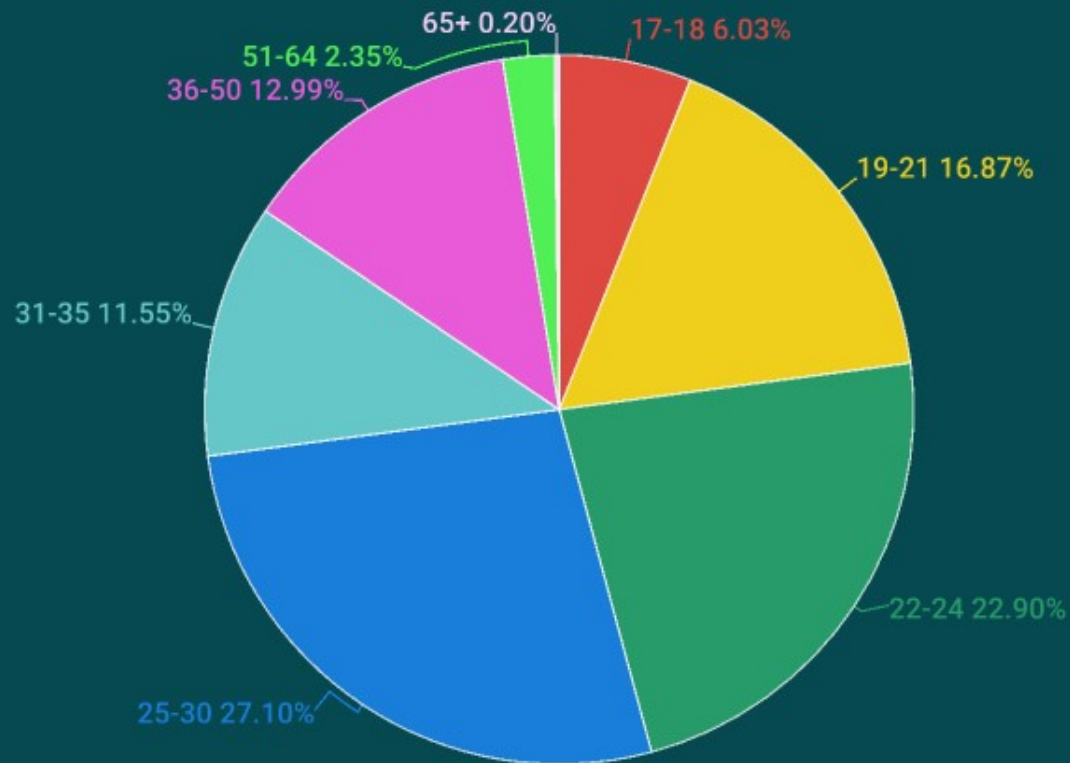
Commuter  
School

SI at UHD

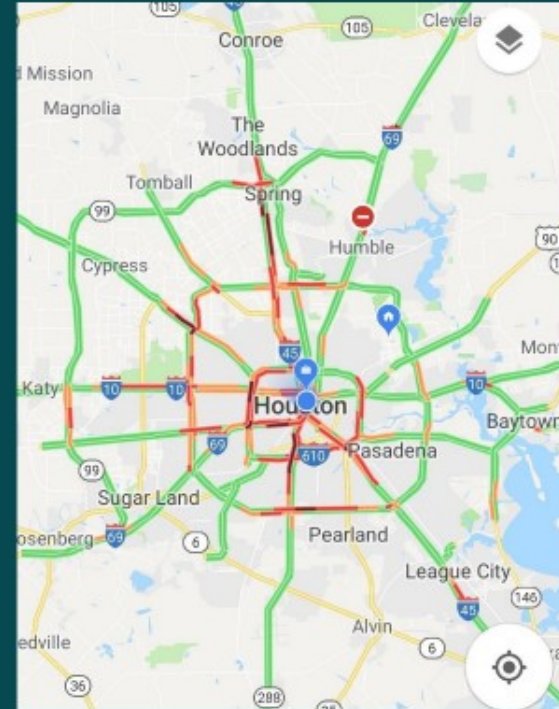
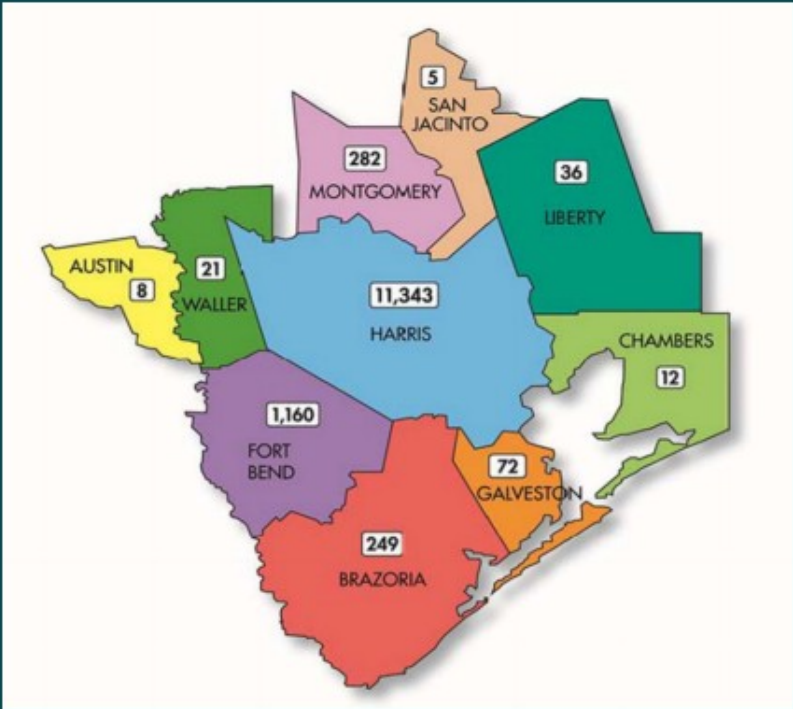
# Hispanic and minority-serving institution



# Non-traditional Average Student Age



# Commuter School



## UHD SI Program History

- Spring 2001, as part of Title V federal grant known as the Learner's Community
- Uses UMKC model
- There have been 4 program coordinators
- Course changes

Our SI  
Program



## Leader Selection

- 3.0 GPA
- at least a B
- Faculty recommendation
- Resume
- Cover letter
- Interview



Expectations

## Expectations

- COPs
- Training
- Meetings
- Surveys



*'It was the most fun job I ever had.'*

Benefits

## Benefits of being an SI Leader

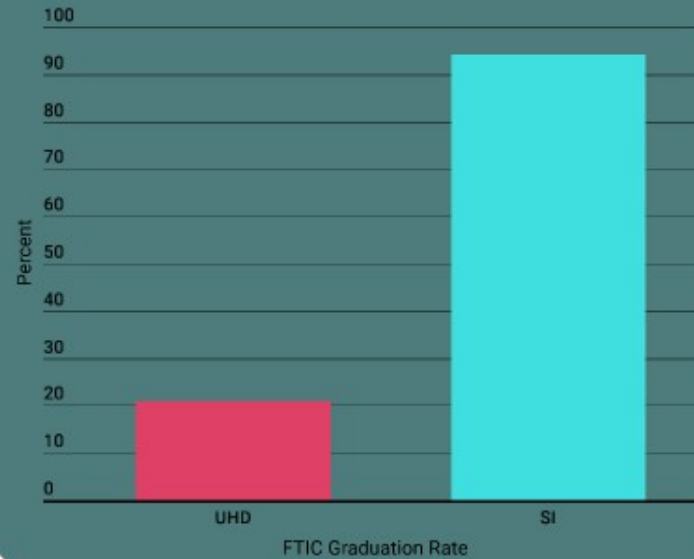
- Don't have to drive to get to work
- Highest paid student job on campus
- Consistent employment
- Recommendation letters
- Re-learn concepts from different professor perspectives
- Network
- Present at conferences
- Find your true love



*'I met my amazing wife in the SI Program (she was a fellow SI Leader). So, that was pretty cool.'*

# UHD Retention

- UHD is a transient school



*'I loved being an SI leader and considered staying at UHD longer to continue. (UHD does not offer and Economics degree and I transferred to UH to complete my degree)'*

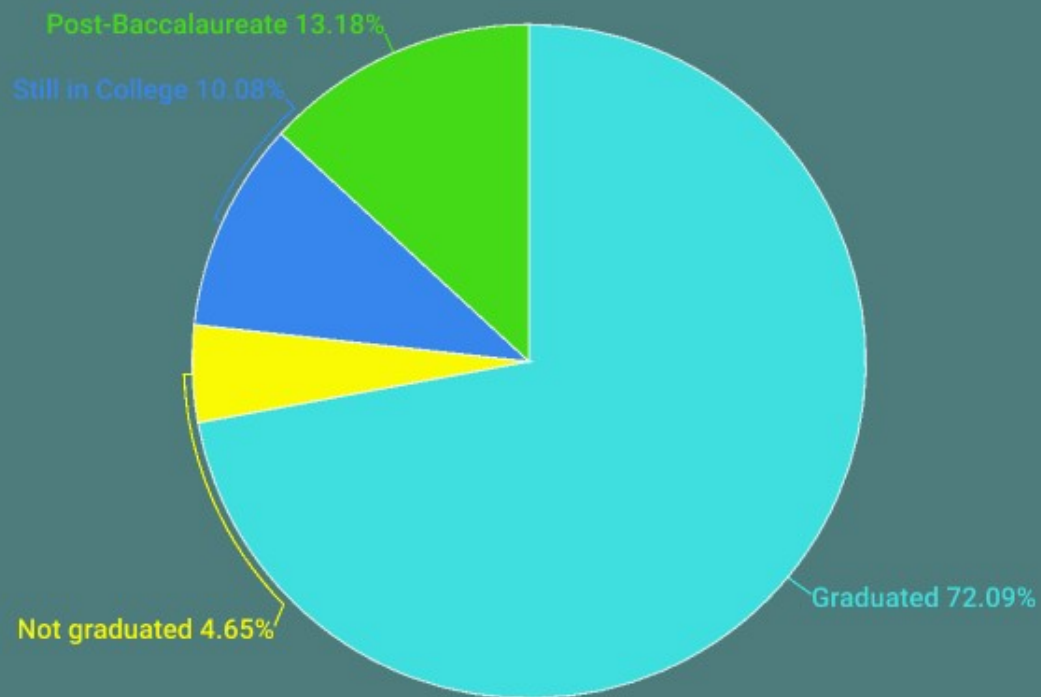
SI Leaders  
Fall 2009-Spring 2018

Degree-seeking  
SIL

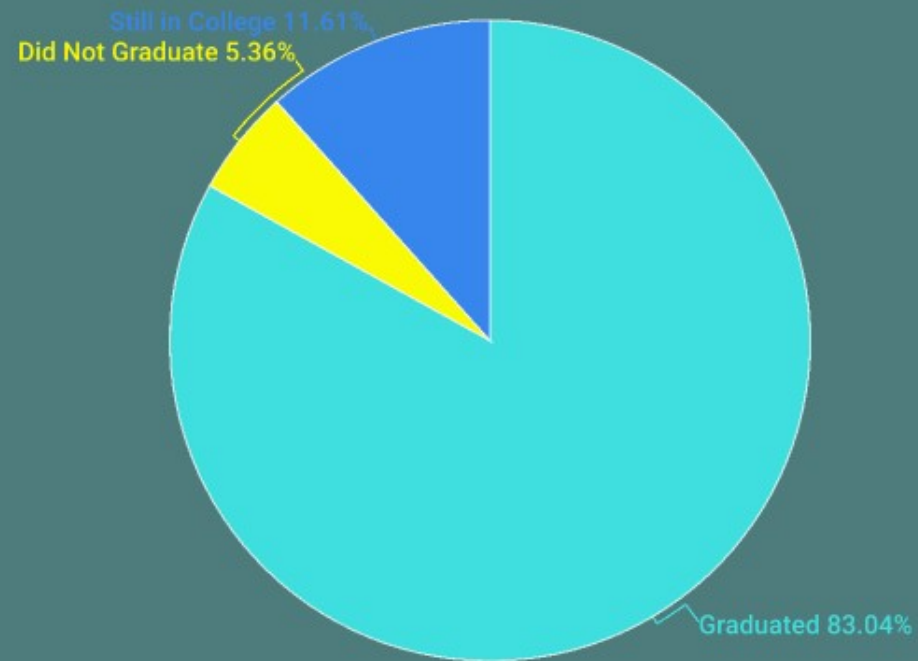
FTIC SI Leaders

SI GPA

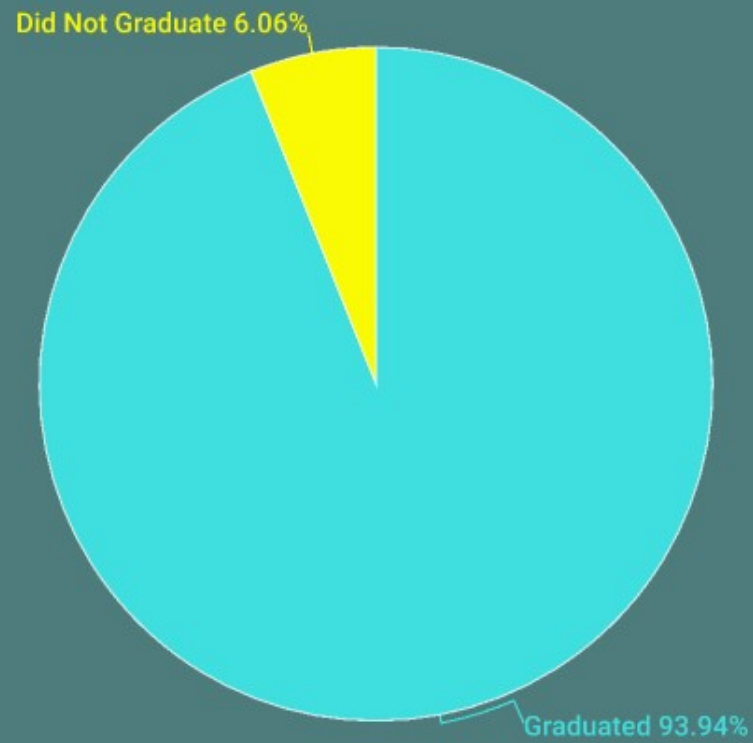
# SI Leaders Fall 2009-Spring 2018

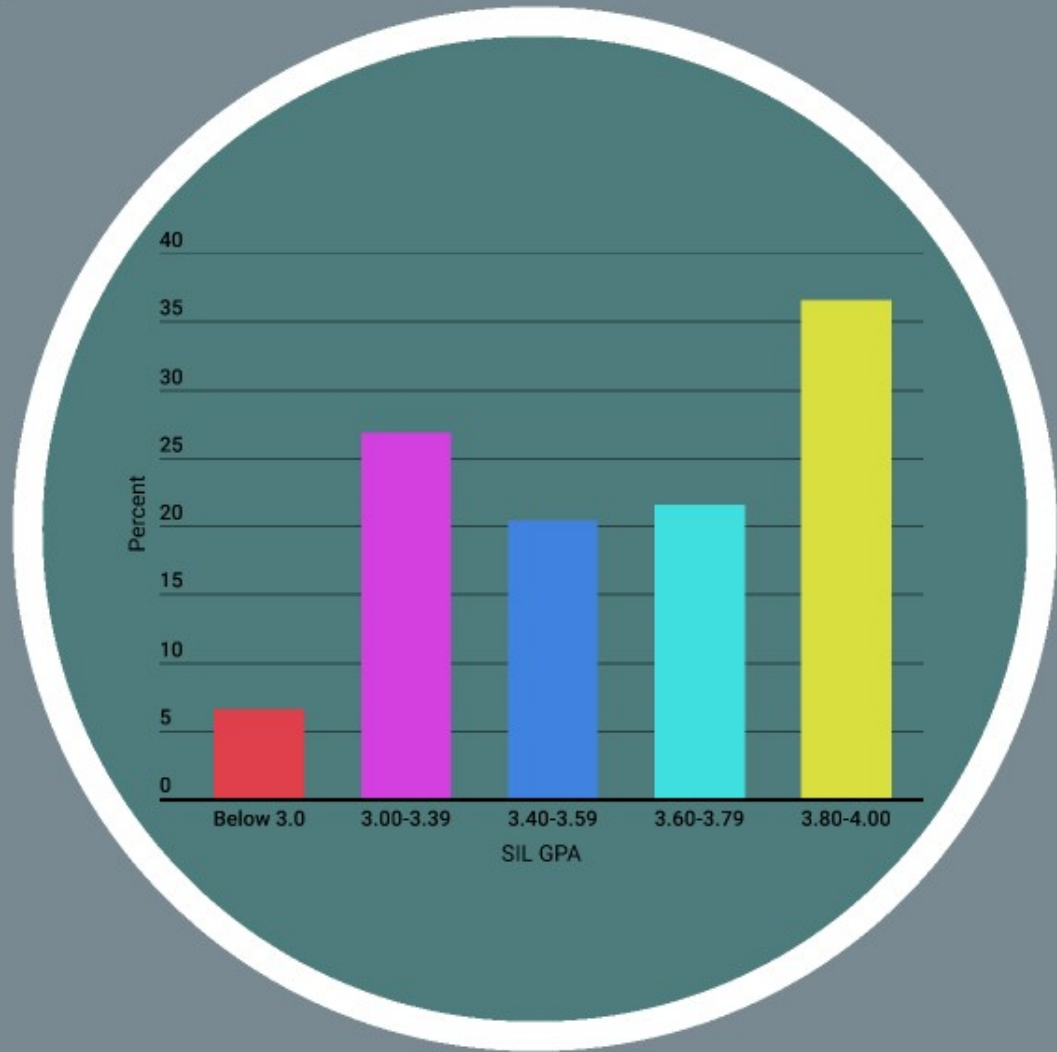


# Degree-seeking SI Leaders



# FTIC Graduation Rate







## Survey Correspondents

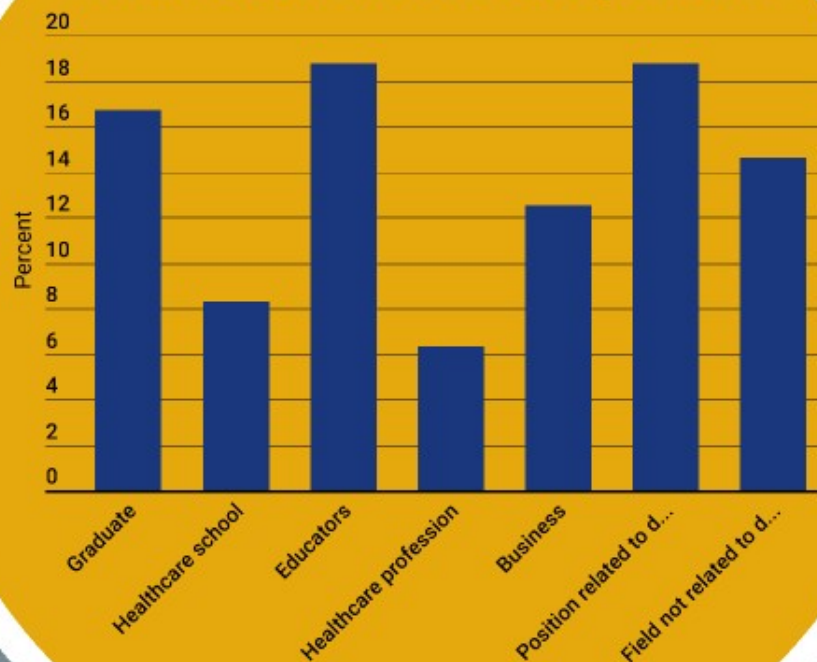
- Surveys were sent to 129 non-active SIL that entered the program from Fall 2009 to Spring 2018
- 81 SILs received the survey
- 45 SILs responded
- The majority of the correspondents graduated in 2012 or beyond

Post  
graduation

Skills

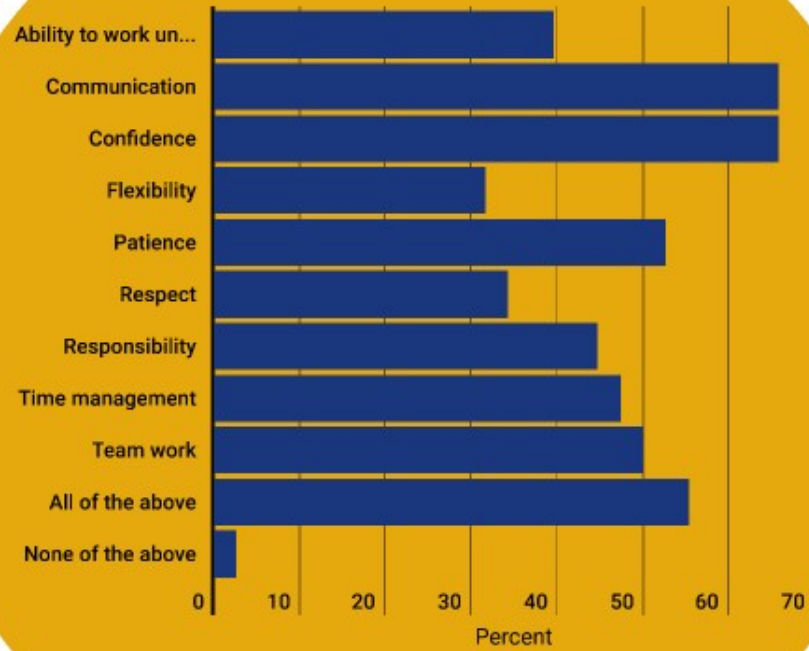
Likert  
Question

## What is your current occupation?

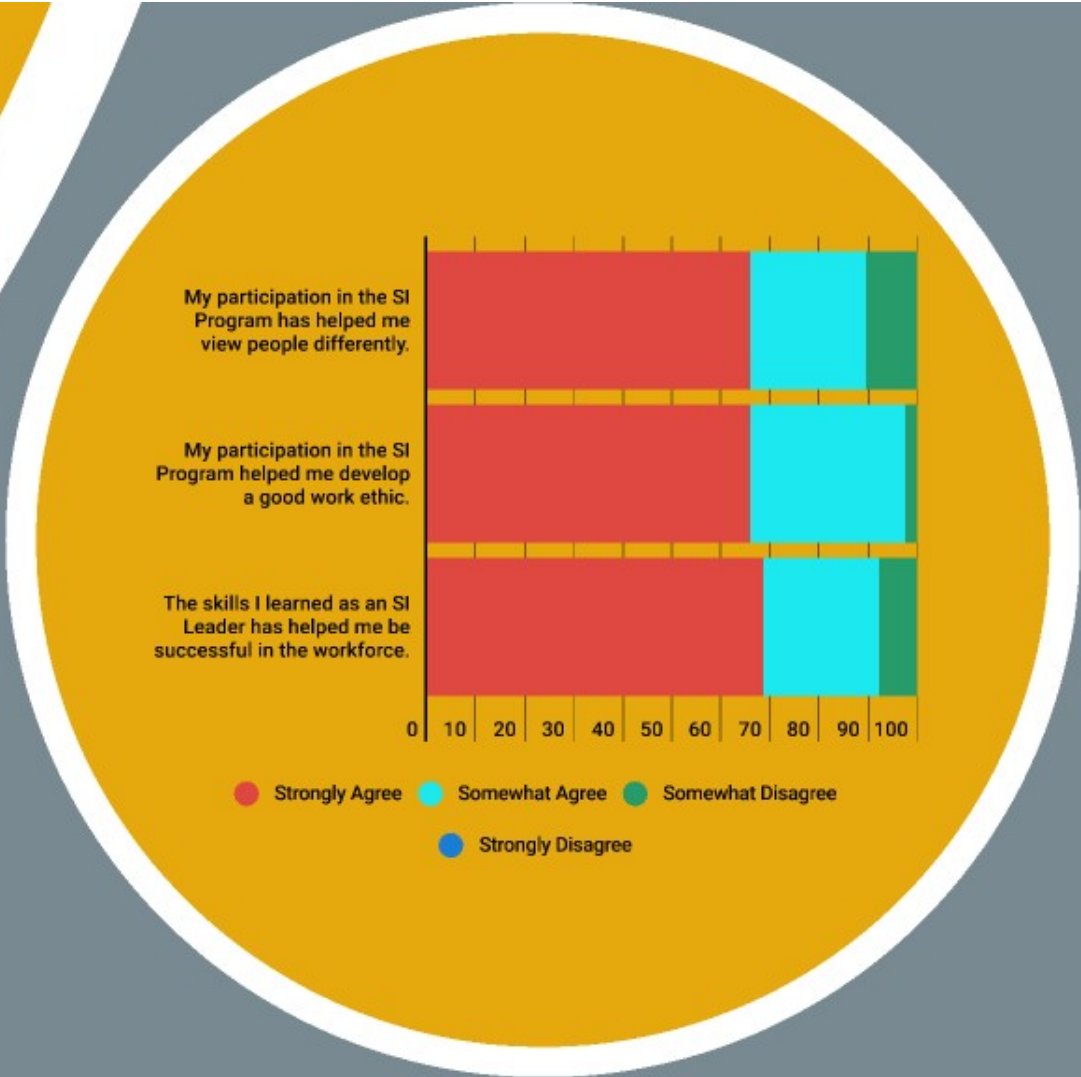


*'It significantly helped me cement my knowledge of bio and chem for the MCAT.'*

*'I could not speak more highly of the SI program, and it definitely played a big role on my application to medical school!'*

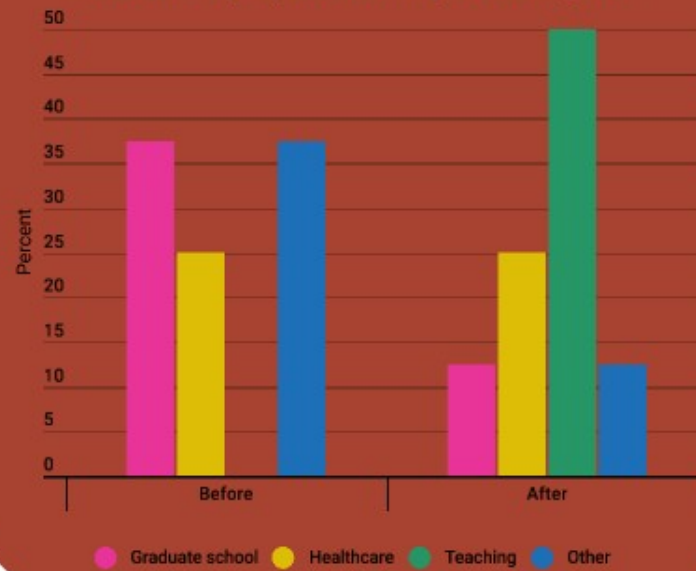


*'Awesome experience. Very valuable for my future goals. My confidence in working as a leader among groups increased significantly, by 200%. Lol. I am more confident in holding a TA position while pursuing a graduate degree...'*



# Careers

How many changed their minds after SI?  
How did SI prepare them for these jobs?



Education  
Careers

## Education Related Careers

- Helping students learn is a rewarding to SI leaders
- As SI may discover a hidden talent of teaching

*'As an instructional assistant for Texas State University's history department, I use a number of techniques with my students. This includes creating interactive games, one-on-one discussions, and student-led group exercises...'*



# Ashton Snider

- Philosophy adjunct at UHD
- Bachelor's and Master's in Philosophy
- Philosophy SI Leader, Spring 2013

Anna Nguyen

## Anna Nguyen

- Current mathematics lecturer at UHD
- Former SI coordinator
- Bachelor's in Sociology
- Master's in Mathematics
- SIL for math courses, Spring 2012

Challenges



## Challenges

- GPA
- Contacting SI leaders
- Survey questions

## Future Research

- What was the SIL's career path before becoming an SIL?
- Are any SIL unemployed?
- What did SIL do right after graduating?
- How long did they spend in the program?

## Conclusion

## How SI Impacts Leaders

- Students benefit from being part of the SI program.
- The SI program serves as an anchor program to UHD.
- SI leaders are more likely to maintain a "good" GPA.
- SI leaders have gained skills which they might use in the future.
- Being an SI leader helped some students make career choices.

Contact Info

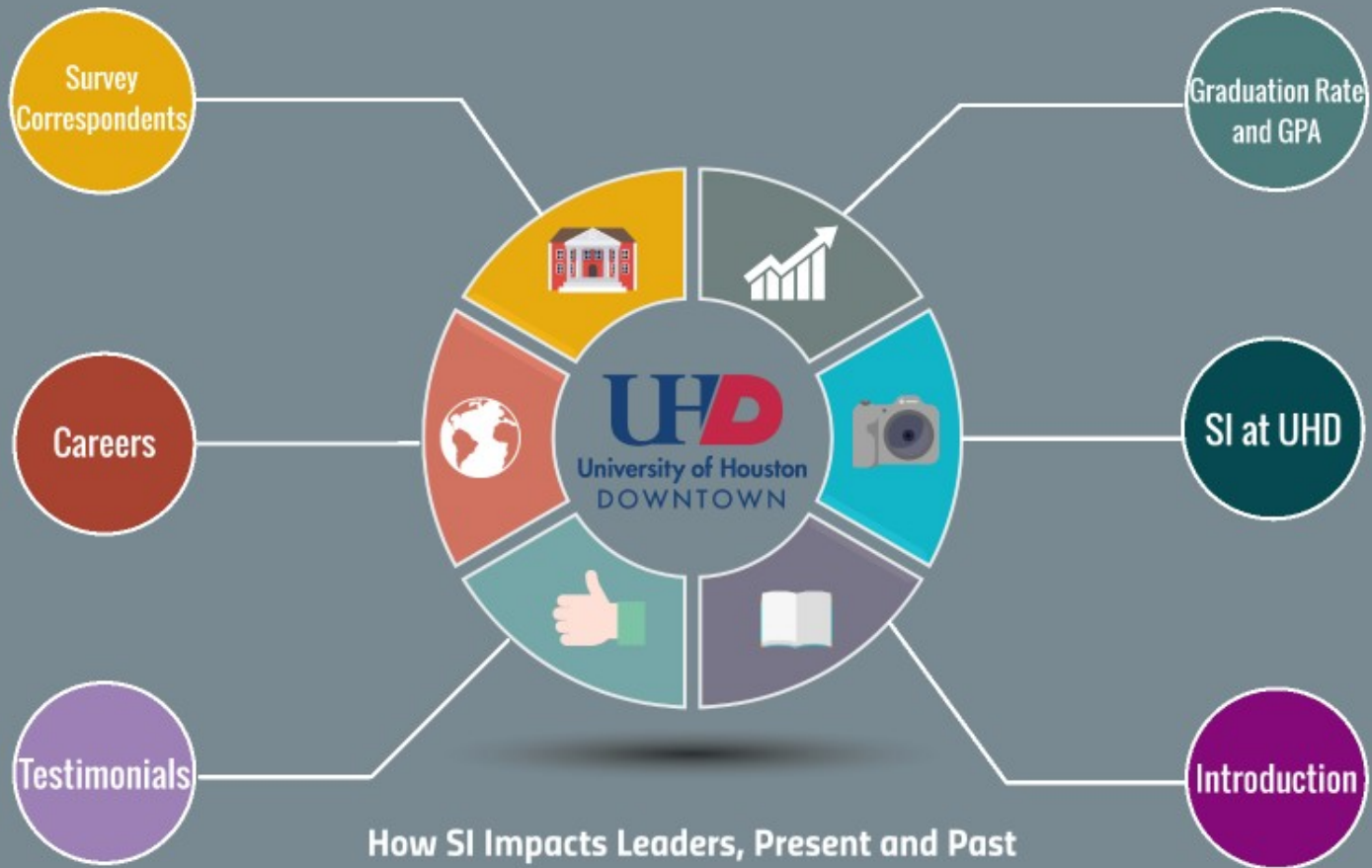
# Feedback/Insights/Questions



Learn more about us at:  
[uhd.edu/si](http://uhd.edu/si)



Follow us on Facebook!  
[@UHD.SI.Program](https://www.facebook.com/UHD.SI.Program)



Yazmin Trujillo  
Jesse Uppol