

SEM Progress Updates

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Progress on Adult Education Pathways, Work-Based Learning, and the Menlo Park Site



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SEM Initiatives Overview

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EMP 1.4

Degree/Certificates in Menlo Park and EPA

Update on progress related to Educational Master Plan

EMP 3.11

Career Exploration Experiences for Students

Update on progress related to Educational Master Plan 3.11

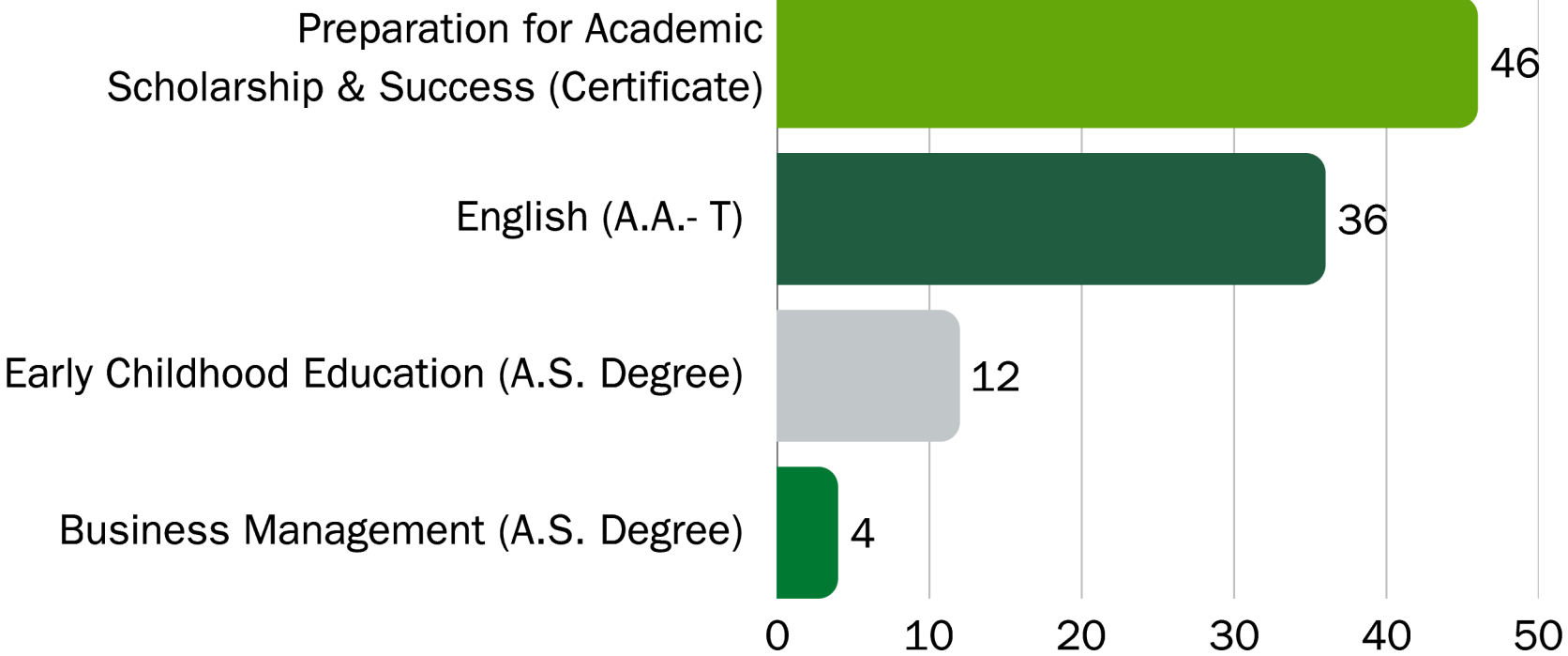
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Adult Education Student Transitions

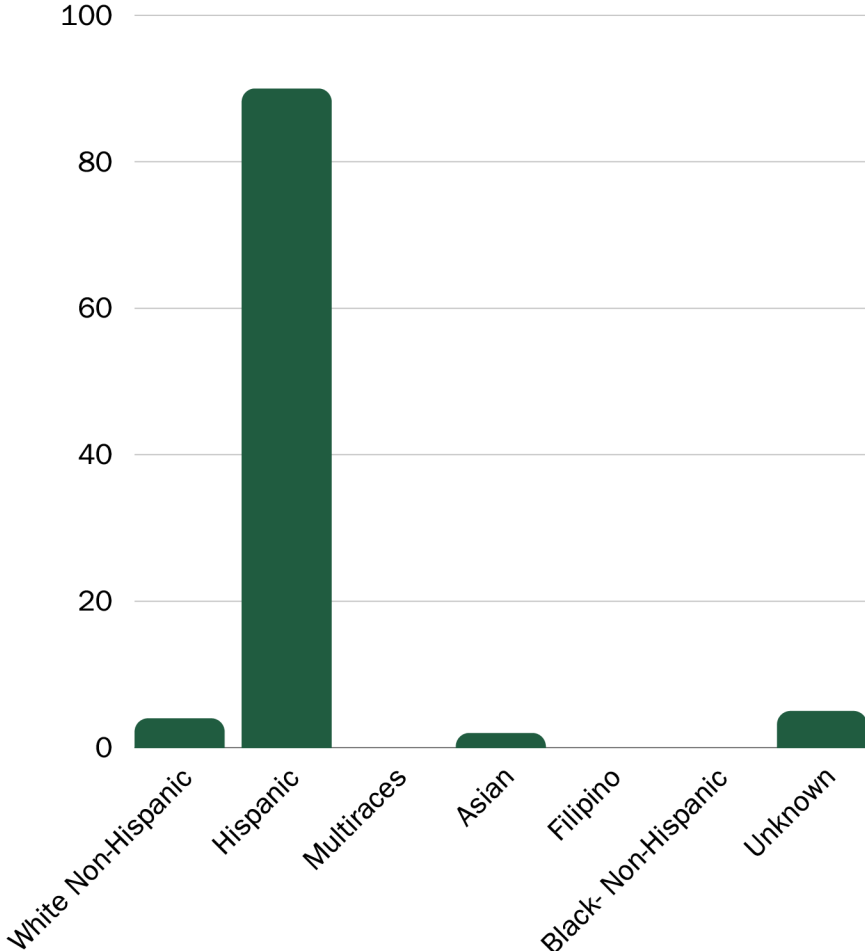
Programs Enrolled



Students Matriculated



Student Demographics



Leadership and Community Impact

- Strong community connections
- Presence and visibility in the community
- Connect students to key support services and resources

- Day and evening college presentations
- Day and evening college application workshops
- Day and evening Proactive Registrations
- On campus Field Trips for off-campus students

Adult Education to BIW Pathway



Students from Sequoia Adult School's (SAS) ESL programs are recruited into Cañada College's Business Information Worker (BIW) program, creating a pathway for adult learners to build workplace and digital skills that prepare them for entry-level business and office careers.

Outreach Efforts

- Presentations in ESL classes at SAS and Cañada College
- Registration workshops off campus
- Super PEP Event Registrations
- One-on-one individual registrations
- Collaboration with Menlo Park counselor

Students Enrolled

Fall 2025:

7 Adult School Students

Spring 2026:

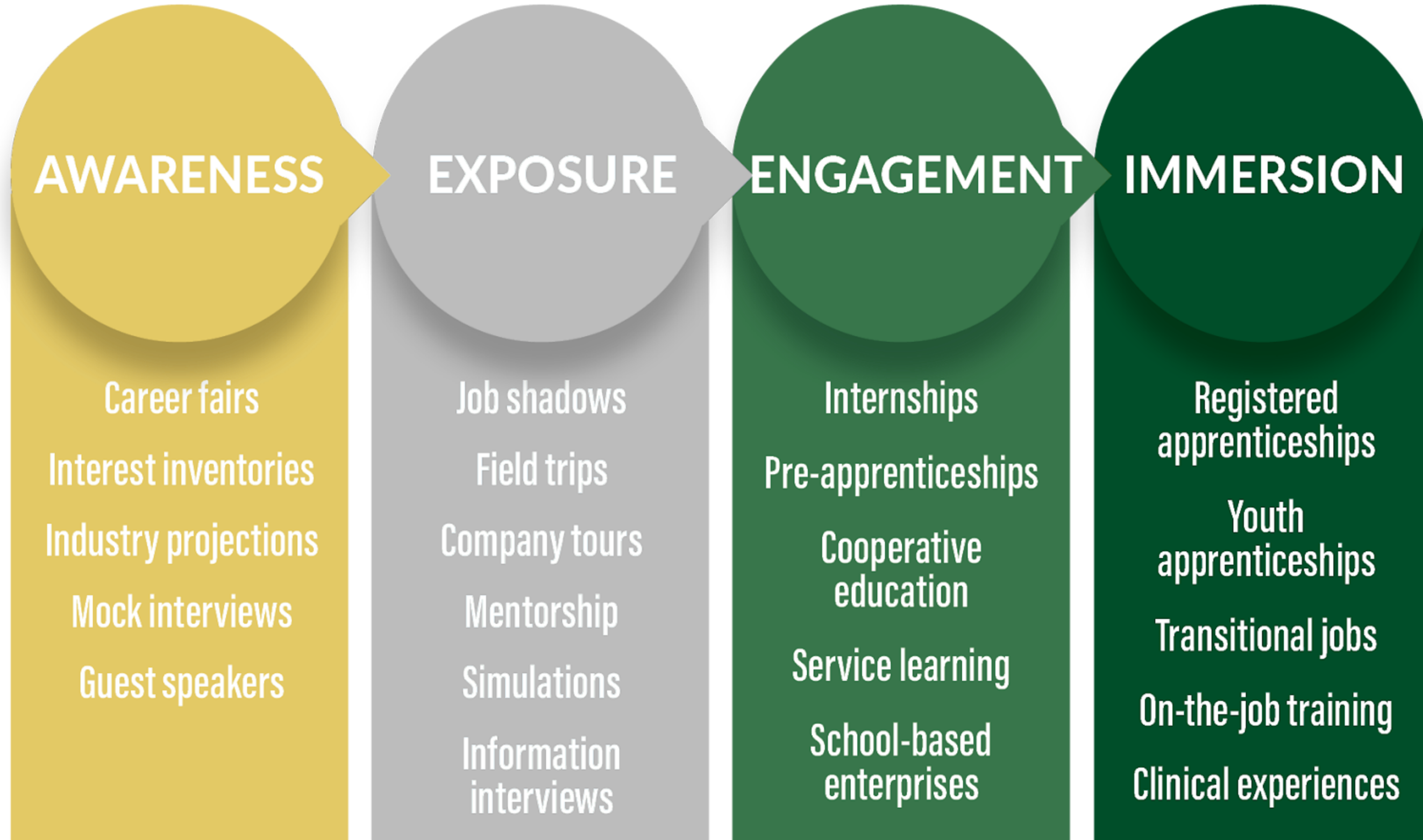
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Continuum of Work-Based Learning Models Across Phases



Work Based Learning at Cañada College

Awareness

Awareness of careers and academic pathways

- Guest Speakers
- Speaker Series
- Mock Interviews
- Resume Workshops
- Job fairs
- Career Cafe

Exposure

Students observe career environments

- CE Dual Enrollment field trips
- Earth Day Fashion Show
- Social Sciences special events
- Game Developers Conference
- Animation Show of Shows
- Trabajo Grant: Site visits, career exploration (STEM)

Engagement

Students participate in workforce prep

- ECE Pre-Apprenticeship
- WORK (formerly COOP)
- Menlo Studio

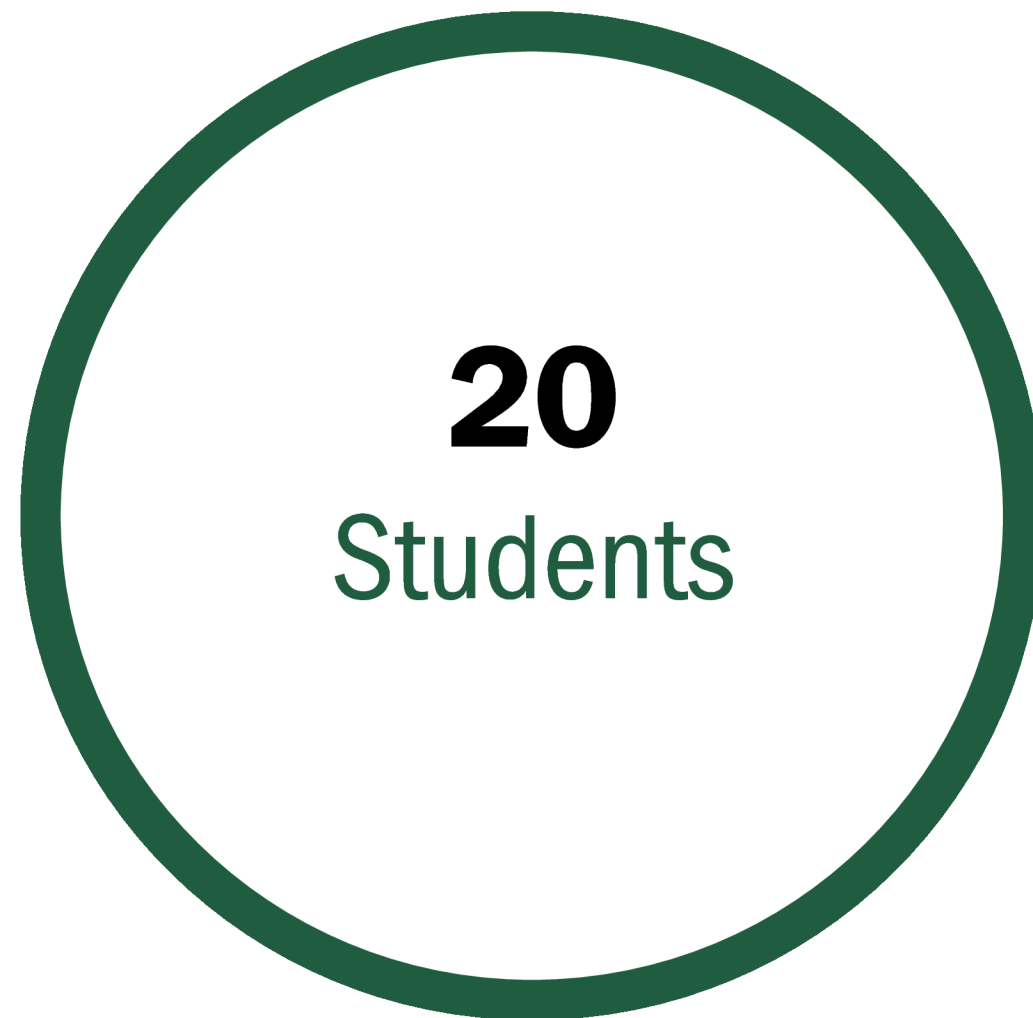
Immersion

Students participate in real work environments

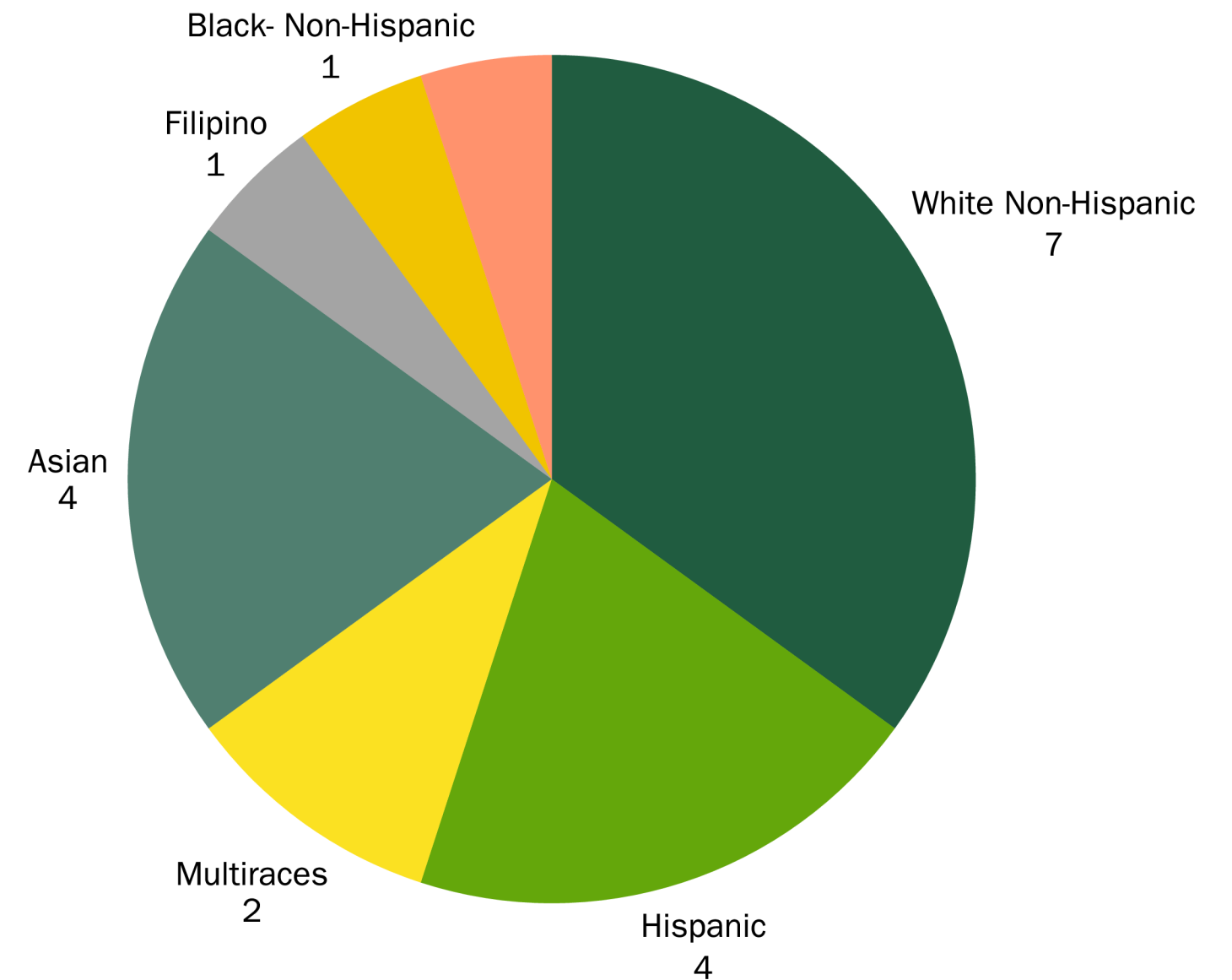
- Medical Assisting Clinicals
- ECE Practicum
- Radiologic Technology clinicals
- Community Fitness employment

Menlo Studio 2024-2025

Total # of Students

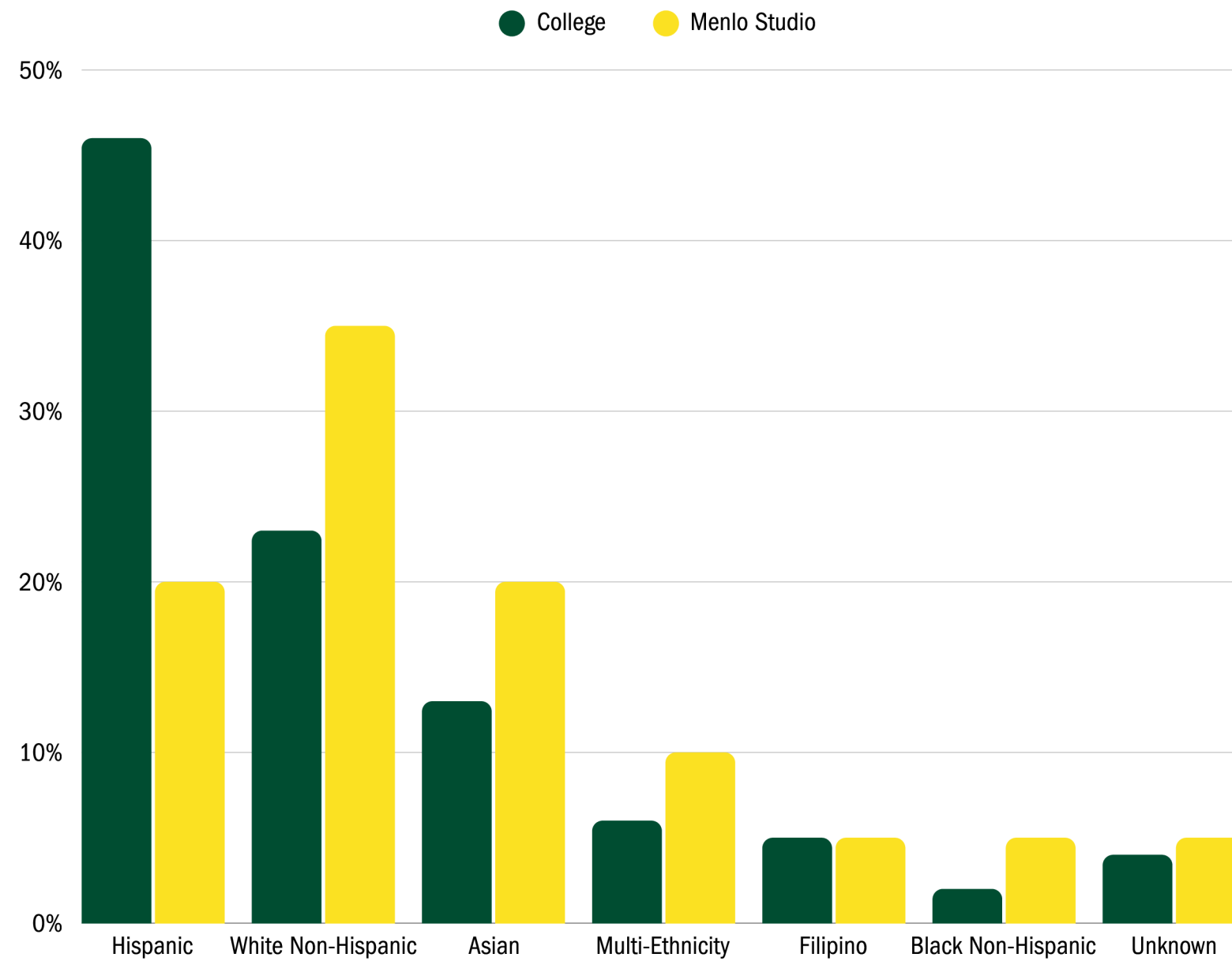


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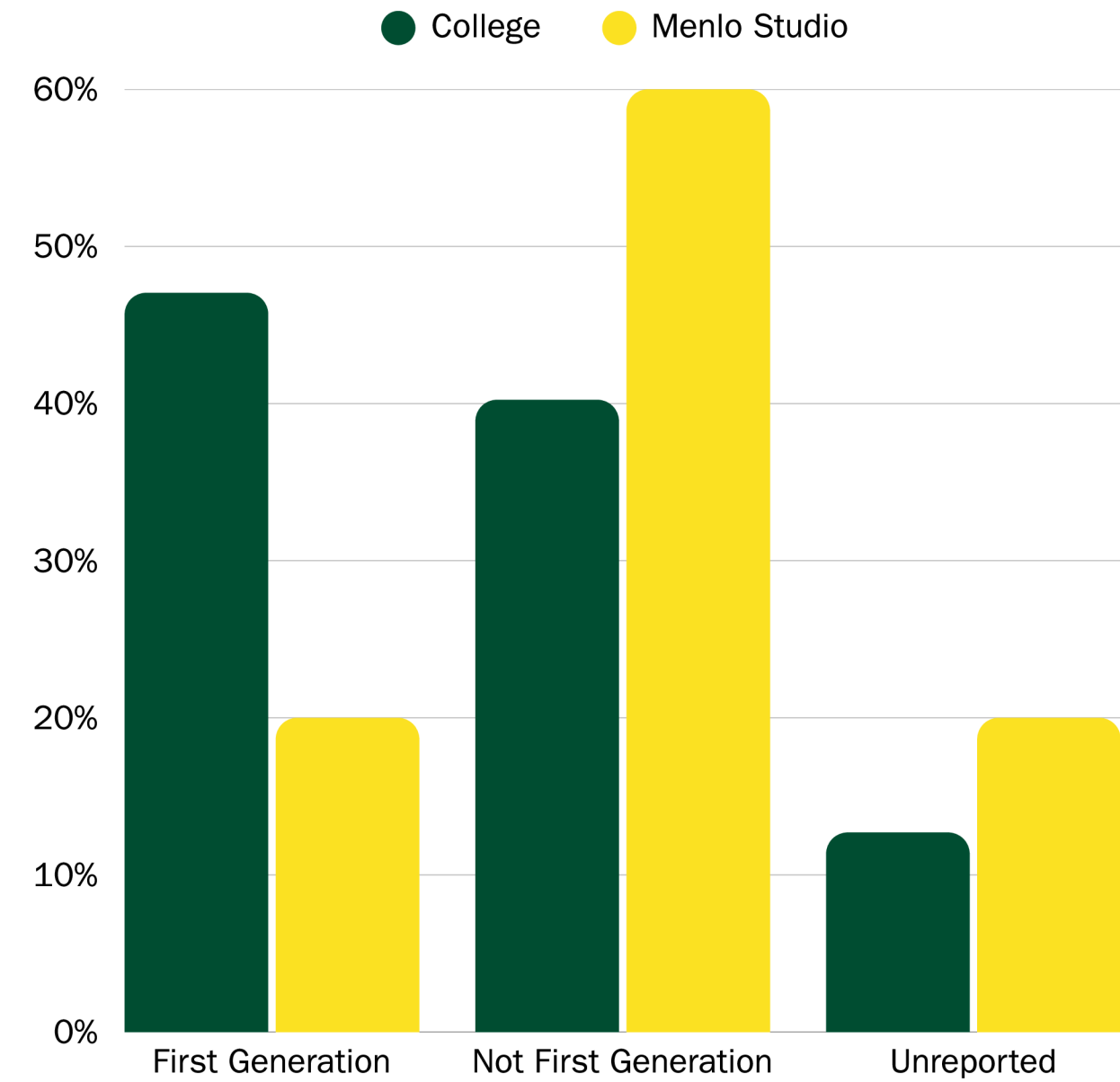


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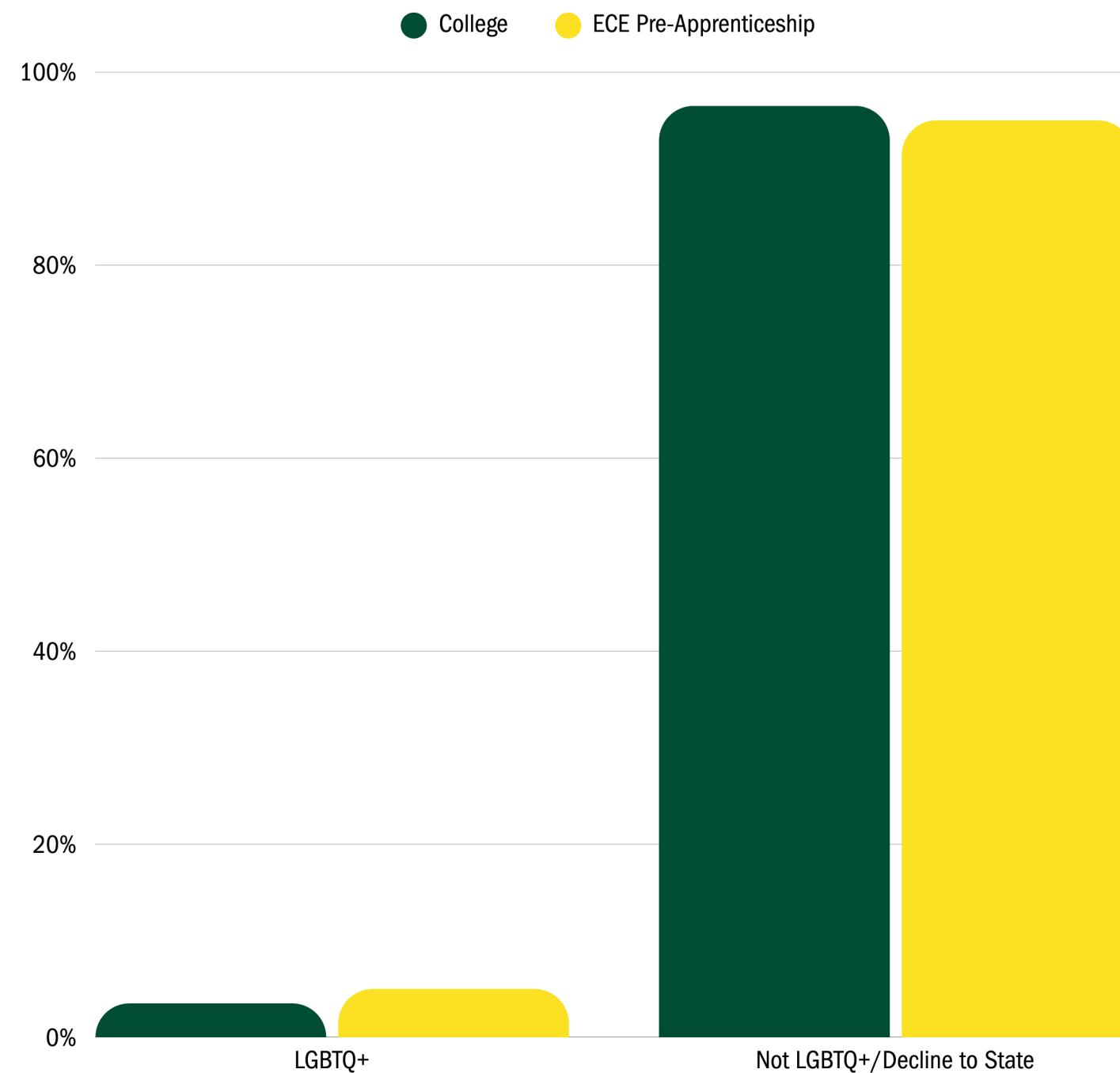


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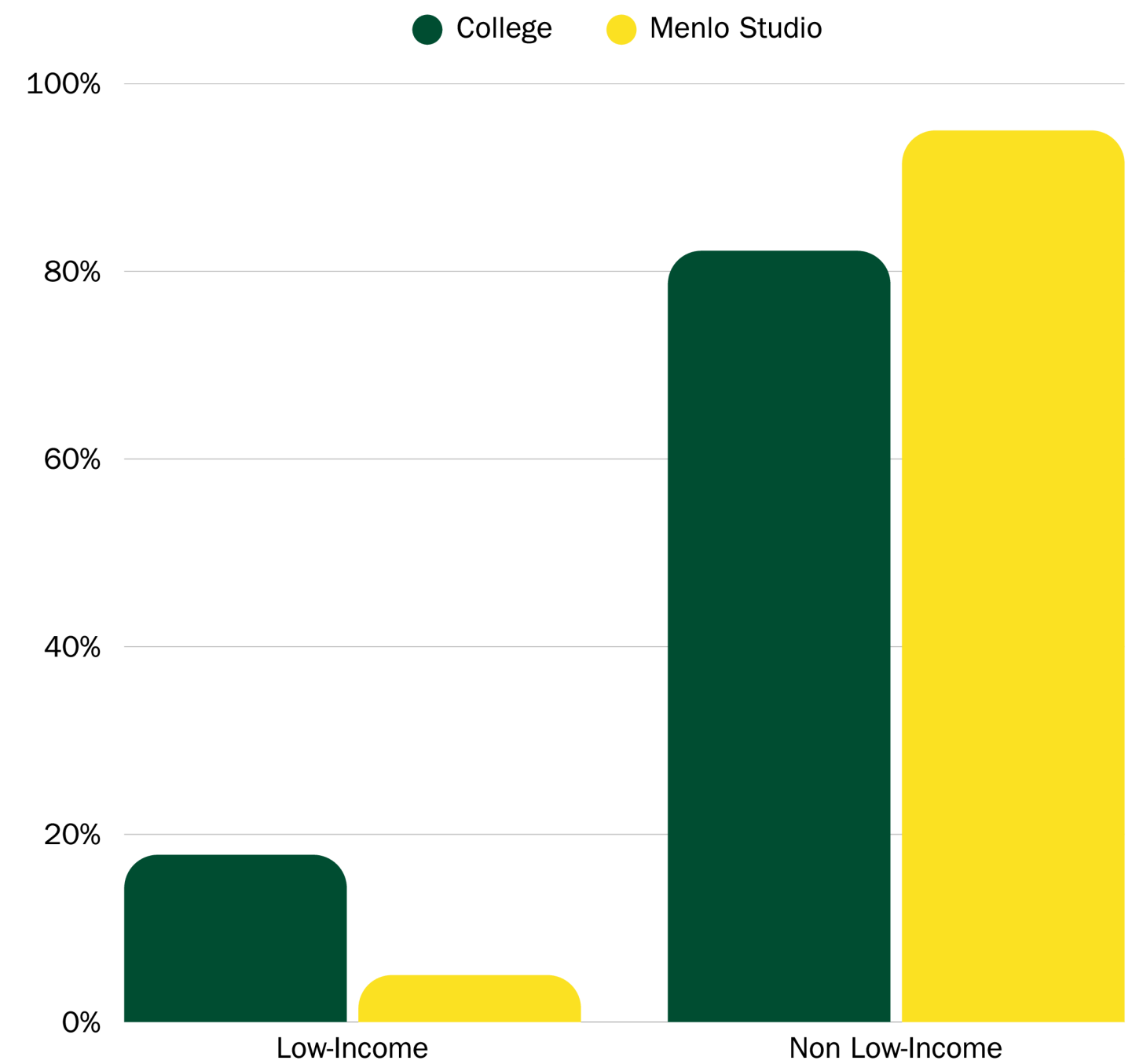


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LGBTQ+ Identity



Low-Income Status

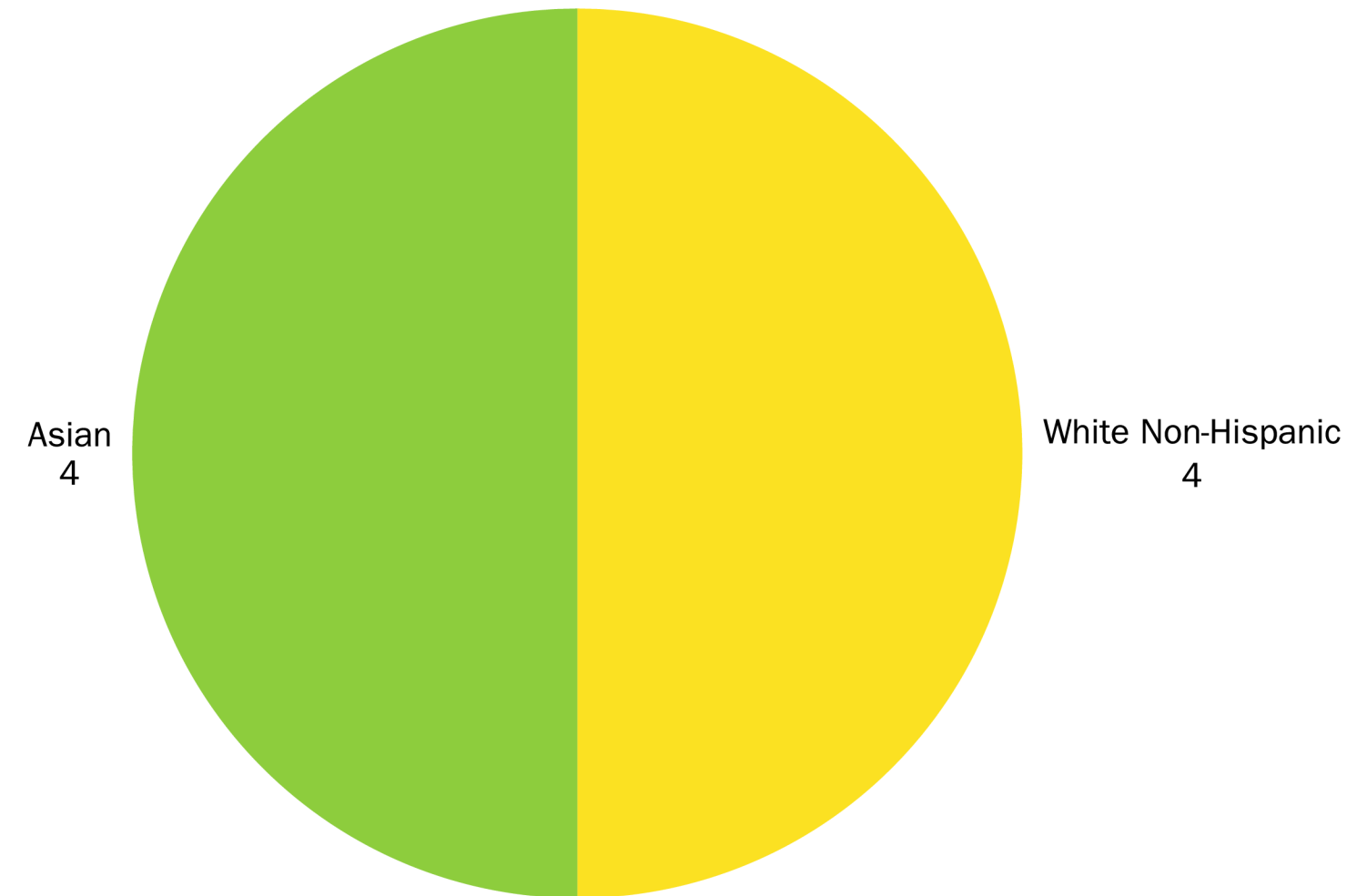


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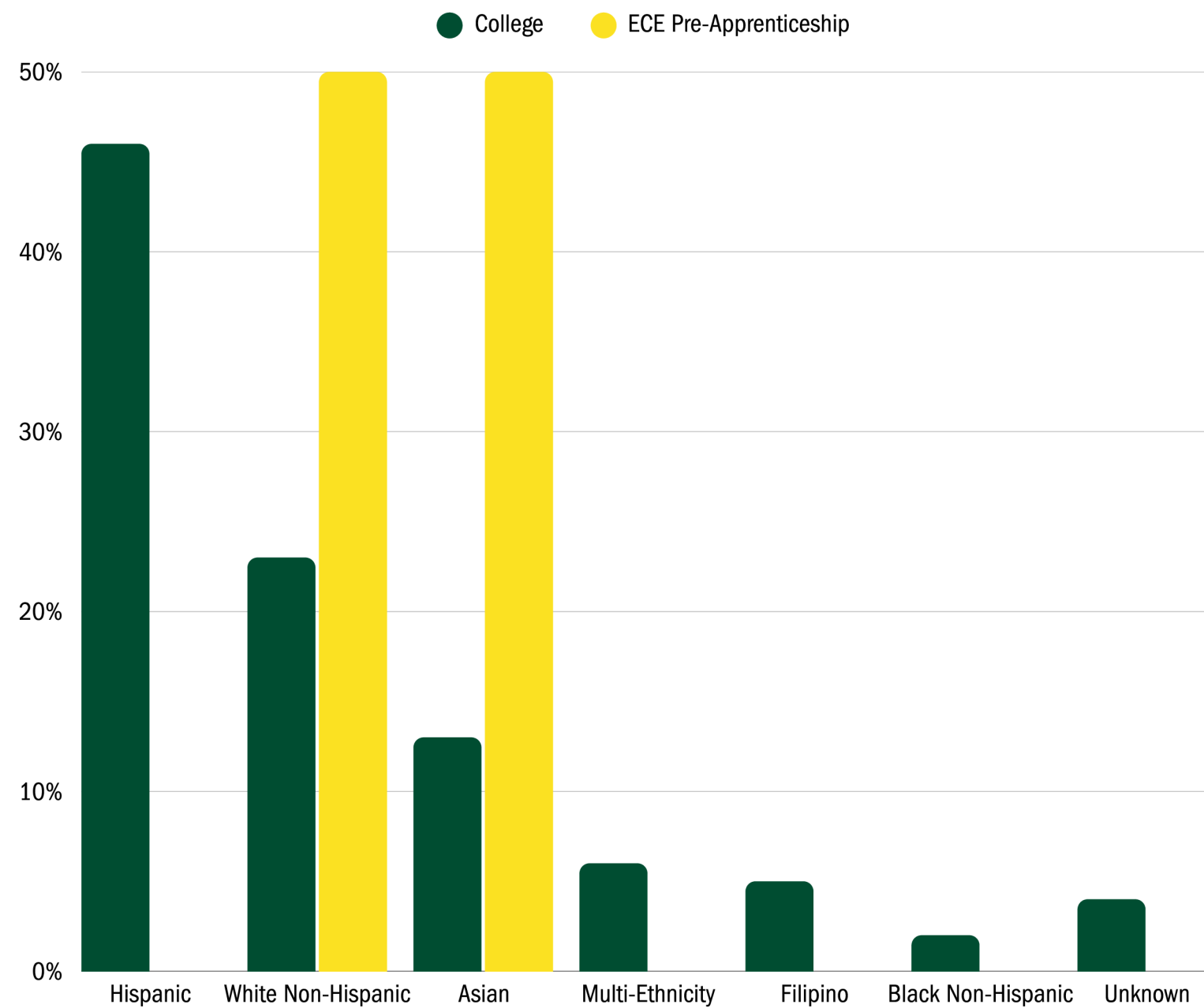


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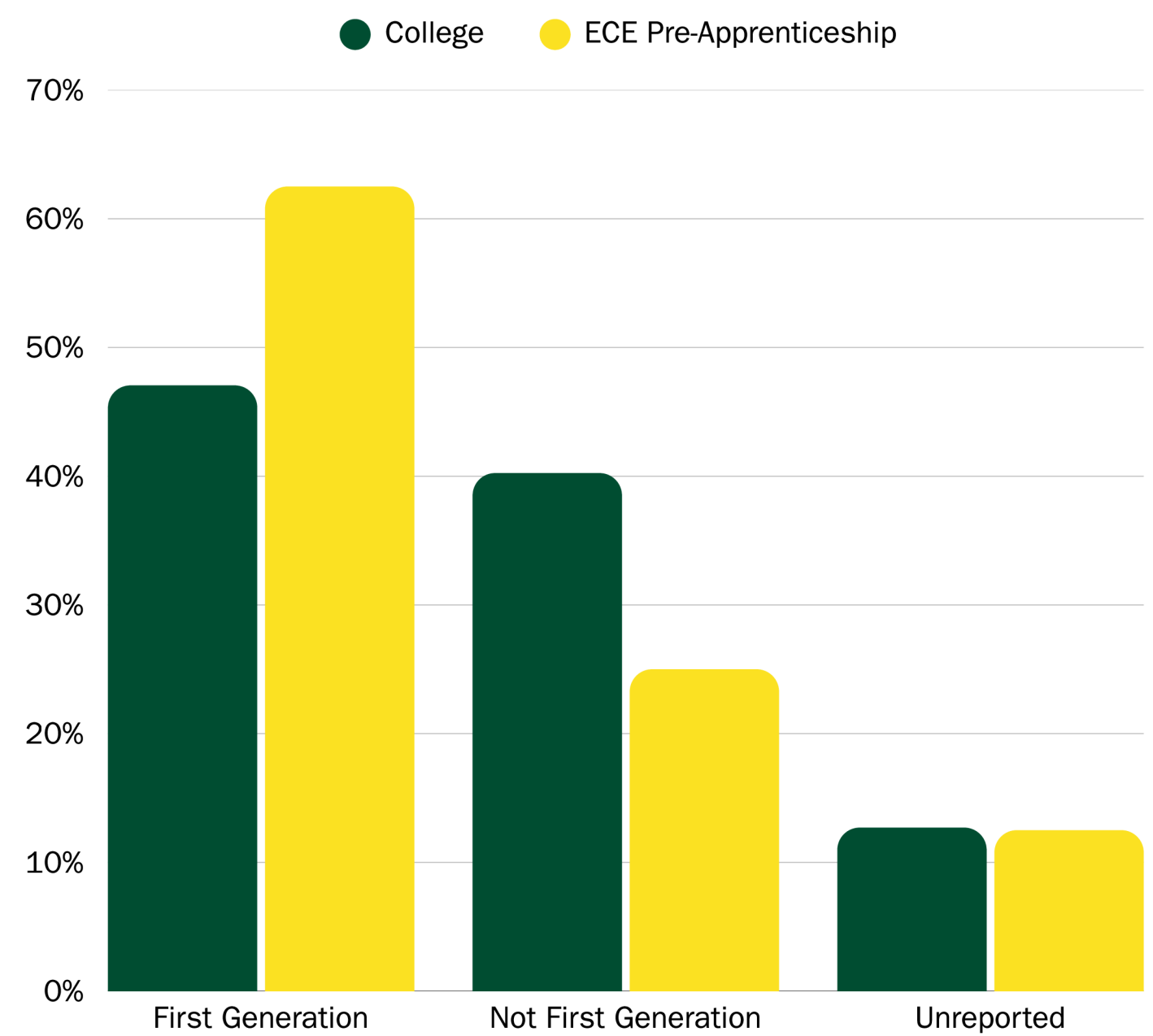


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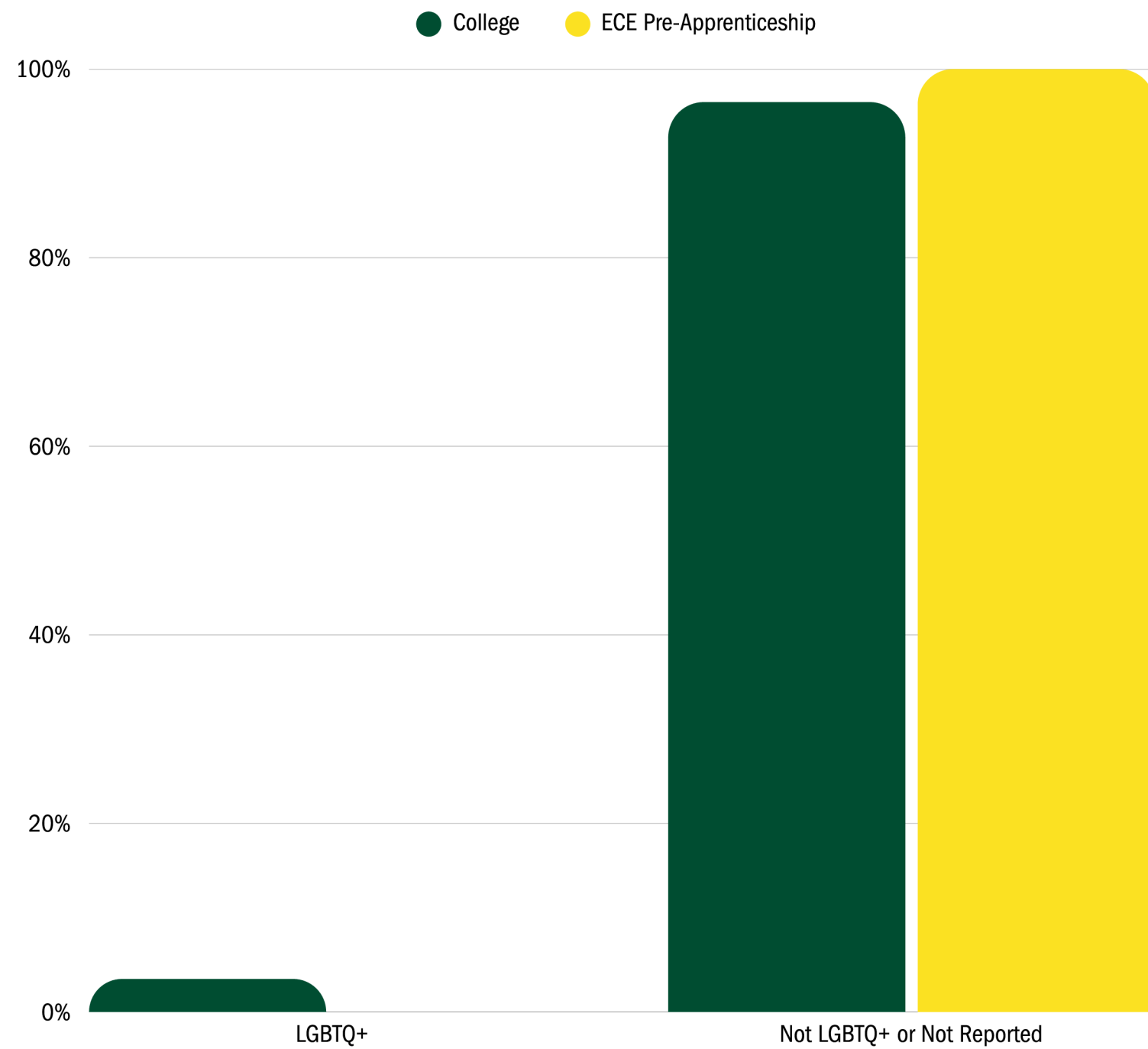


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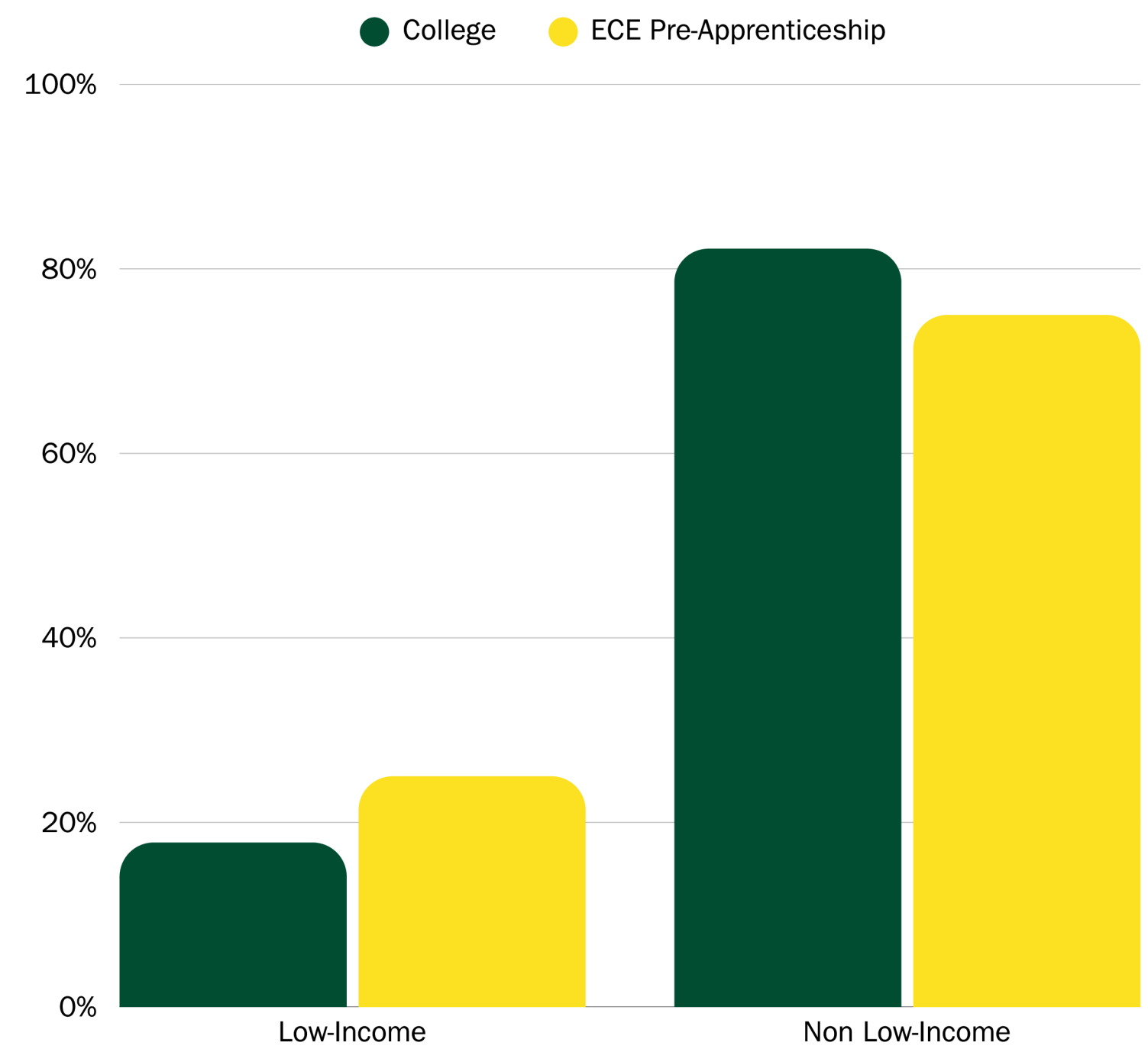


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New Programs at the Menlo Park Site

Business Information Worker (BIW)

**For-credit certificate program
7.5 units · 2 semesters (1 year)**

- Prepares students for admin and office careers
- All classes offered in person at the Menlo Park Site
- Laptops provided to support student access and participation

Supports transitions for students coming from Adult Education and ESL pathways.

Entrepreneurship for Spanish Speakers (ESS)

**For-credit certificate program
13 units · 2 semesters (1 year)**

- Prepares students to start or grow their small business
- Develop bilingual and community-focused business skills
- Evening and hybrid modalities available

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Summer Community Workshops

Computer Skills Workshop · 7/7 & 7/9

Workshop for students with little or no computer experience. Preps students for BIW

Registration Workshops · 7/14 & 7/16

Assistance with college applications and Fall 2026 registration

Counselor Days · 7/21 & 7/23

Students receive support selecting courses and academic pathways

Onsite Student Support

On-site counselor support

Every Fall and Spring semester, a counselor is available on-site Tuesday evenings

Laptop access for students

Technology support during class to help students participate fully in coursework and build digital skills

Sparkpoint snacks

Evening snacks for students coming from work or home, helping create a more welcoming and accessible learning environment

Outreach & Partnerships

College recruiter on-site

Maggie De Paz Fernandez joins us every first Wednesday to support student applications and enrollment

Updated lounge and marketing displays

Comfortable seating creates a welcoming space for students, while TV slideshows and banners increase visibility and encourage exploration of Cañada College programs

Ongoing partnership with JobTrain

Monthly coordination meetings to support outreach and enrollment



Call to action: Menlo Park Support Rotation

To ensure continuity of services at the Menlo Park Site, support responsibilities will rotate beginning in April during the PSC's (Mercedes) maternity leave.

Members of our team will be encouraged to help support scheduled shifts to maintain:

Student support services
Program coordination & visibility
Ongoing partnership with JobTrain

Please scan to view our Menlo Park coverage sign up sheet

