



Student Success Scholars

Nova Southeastern University & America Mentors Case Study

In Spring 2021, the America Mentors team was introduced to Emilio Lorenzo, Director of Student Success at Nova Southeastern University (NSU). After completing an America Mentors demo and talking through NSU's mentoring program goals and objectives, America Mentors and NSU's formal relationship began! The Student Success Scholars program was born, with the first mentoring cohort launching in Fall 2021.

Student Success Scholars is a peer-to-peer mentoring program offered to full-time NSU first-generation freshmen and sophomores. Strong high school performance is a requirement to participate, and upper-class students are able to serve as mentors to Scholars.

Since Fall 2021, America Mentors has been the technology fueling Student Success Scholars, allowing the program to increase its overall reach and success rate, serving more underrepresented students year over year.

2021-22 Program Metrics

- 165 Student Success Scholars enrolled
- 133 of 165 Student Success Scholars enrolled for 2022-23 program (81% overall retention)
- 2.84 cumulative GPA

2022-23 Program Metrics

- 593 Student Success Scholars enrolled
- 477 of 593 Student Success Scholars enrolled for 2023-24 program (80% overall retention)
- 3.01 cumulative GPA

2023-24 Program Metrics

- 996 Student Success Scholars enrolled
- 2024-25 Retention TBD
- Cumulative GPA TBD

OVERALL SUCCESS METRICS:

✓ Year over year retention*

Overall NSU FTIC (first time in college retention) is 77%; for those participating in the mentoring program, it's **80%** ↑

✓ Year over year program growth and increased student reach

Fall 2021 (165 mentees)
Fall 2023 (**996** mentees) ↑

✓ Average Cumulative GPA Increase

Consistent increase in average cumulative GPA for mentees in program
Overall NSU FTIC average GPA - 2.65
Student Success Scholars - **3.0** Average Cumulative GPA ↑



✓ Impact on At Risk Student Populations

“America Mentors has been such an impactful partner in helping NSU not only launch but execute an effective mentorship program for first-generation college students. The team has been instrumental in assisting our matching process to ensure mentees are working with a mentor that best fits their needs. In addition, the resources provided have had an immense impact on our mentees being able to understand the hidden curriculum in college and ease their transition into a college environment while reaching desired goals.”

- Emilio Lorenzo

STUDENT SUCCESS SCHOLARS PARTICIPANTS:



Sabrina R.

Sabrina is entering her junior year as a Dominican-American, first-generation college student at NSU. She is a former mentee of the year and has maintained a 3.5 GPA. She hopes to be accepted into NSU's nursing school, becoming the first in her family to earn a college degree. Sabrina credits Student Success Scholars for providing her with opportunities for professional and social-emotional growth as a student while transitioning into the college environment.



Khamyshae P.

Khamyshae is a first-generation sophomore honors student and former mentee of the year at NSU. She is an Accounting major enrolled in a fast-paced program that will allow her to graduate with her Bachelor's and Master's degree in only 4 years. She aspires to be a CPA and entrepreneur following graduation. She has served as both mentee and mentor in the Student Success Scholars program and says mentoring has been crucial to her heart and happiness. As a mentor, it brings her joy to leverage her knowledge to help make new students' college experiences easier.

