

SH Kat Facts

WHAT'S A BEARKAT?

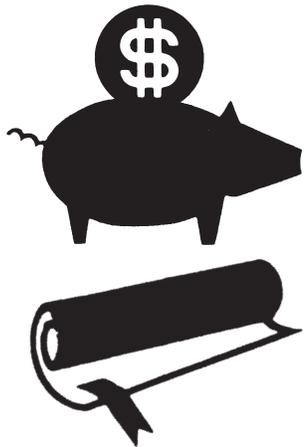


over **50%** are the first in their family to attend college
 about **60%** are classified as "At Risk"
 around **80%** of students work while pursuing a degree

With **77%** of students making it past their freshman year, SHSU has a first-year retention rate above the national average of **71%**.

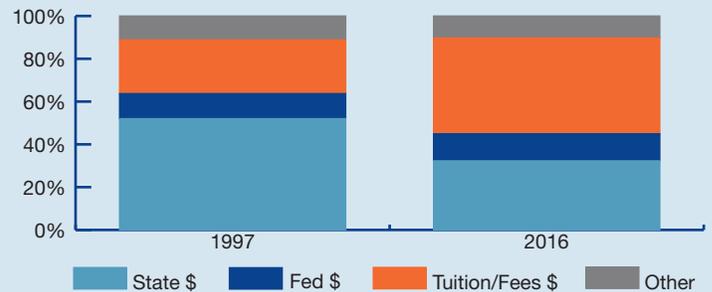
RETURN ON INVESTMENT

Out of 38 public universities, Sam Houston State ranks ...



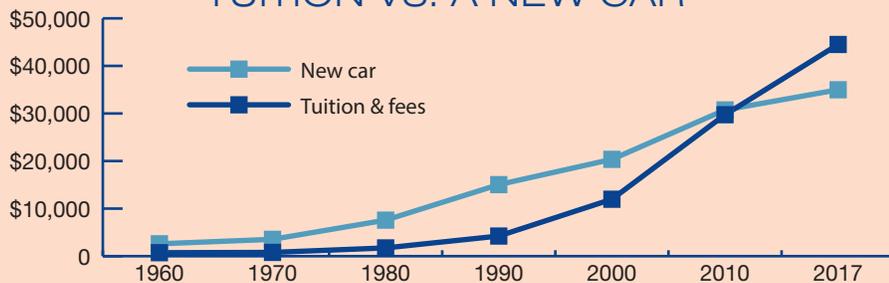
37 in state funding
37 in state capital funding
11 in tuition and fees
6 in retention
7 in workforce placement
10 in degrees awarded
12 in graduation rate

FUNDING SOURCES



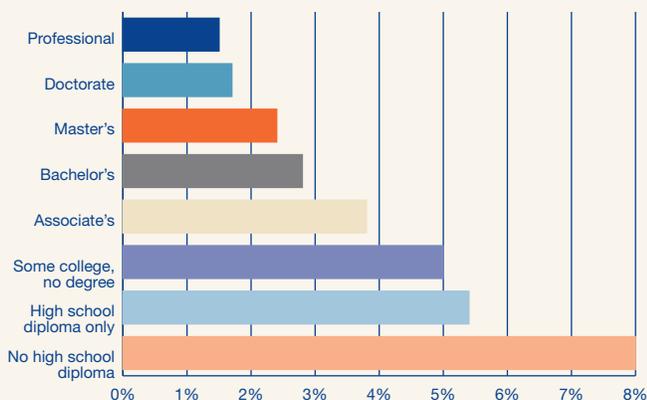
INVESTING IN THE FUTURE

TUITION VS. A NEW CAR

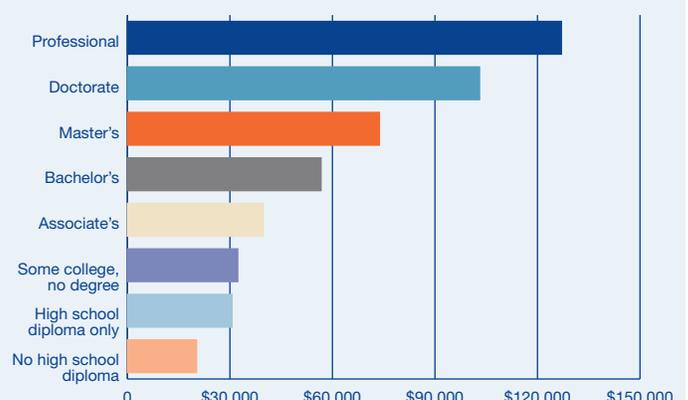


It wasn't until about 2011 that the total cost of a degree at Sam Houston caught up with the average cost of a car. While both are significant investments and remain comparable in pricing, there are some significant differences. The value of an education appreciates over time versus a car's value, which begins to drop as soon as it is driven off the lot. Cars must be replaced—the average American will purchase twelve vehicles over a lifetime. Beyond the purchase price, car ownership costs about \$8,876 per year per the American Automobile Association.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES BY EDUCATION



MEAN ANNUAL EARNINGS BY EDUCATION



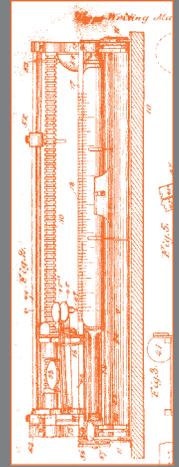
“We produce great teachers who love kids. We are the premiere teaching program in the state and have a great reputation, and I don’t think that’s by accident. We have students that really love what they’re doing and intend to make a career out of education.”

Teachers graduating from SHSU stay in the classroom, five-year retention rates were 87.7% compared to the state’s 72.5%

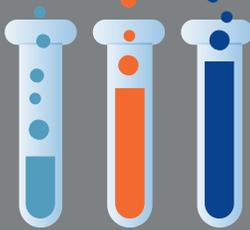
—Christina Ellis

Director, Accreditation and Accountability Services

After graduating in 1886, Elizabeth Sthresley Townsend accepted a position at the Texas Institute for the Blind where she invented the punctograph—a machine much like a typewriter that enabled written communication with the visually impaired.



Designer drugs pose a growing problem to crime laboratories and medical examiners’ offices. In



2017, forensic science Ph.D. student, Lindsay Glicksber, was recognized as an “Emerging Forensic Scientist” for her research on the stability of “bath salts” in biological evidence.

KATS behind the FACTS

“I’m excited to see what the future holds.”

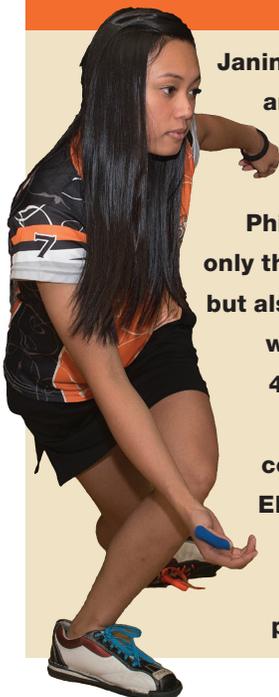


Musical theatre major, Dominic Pecikonis won a National Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival Award, which included a full ride scholarship to a prestigious summer institute in New York City.

Assistant professor Brian Matthew Jordan was a 2016 finalist for a Pulitzer Prize in History for his book “Marching Home: Union Veterans and Their Unending Civil War.”



Six of the last seven years, the SHSU women’s bowling team participated in the NCAA Championships.



Janine Kuwahara, an accounting major from the Philippines, not only throws strikes but also graduated with a perfect 4.0. This MVP received the coveted NCAA Elite 90 Award for her academic performance.

SHSU has over 250 student organizations. Students belonging to Greek organizations posted an overall GPA of 2.91 while racking up 137,237 service hours and raising \$603,403 for the community.



Alumnus Dr. Tarek Souryal, patented a process that color-codes dangerous injectable medicines helping eliminate mistakes when administering drugs.



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