

Advanced Auxiliary Services

BUS 2211

Housing, Dining, Campus Store

Faculty Introductions



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Cathy Pacheco, Director of Stores for Barnes & Noble College, leads teams serving a diverse portfolio of academic institutions. She is known for her collaborative leadership style, contract expertise, and commitment to delivering exceptional, student-focused retail experiences that meet evolving needs and expectations.



Cathy Pacheco

Campus Retail and The Changing
Course Materials Landscape

What We Will Cover

- What is Campus Retail & Core Offerings
- The Changing Landscape of Course Materials
- Programs that support affordability and access



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What is Campus Retail

Campus retail provides essential products and services to students, faculty and extended campus community, serving as a community & social hub for the campus.



Textbooks



Dorm Essentials



Supplies



Spirit Gear



Technology



Convenience



Accessories



Wellness



Trade



Graduation



Course Materials

Let's Focus on Course Materials

Course Materials & Student Success Are ***Central To The Campus Store Mission***



What Forces Are Shaping Course Materials Today?



Forces Shaping Course Materials

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- Rapid Shift To Digital Learning & AI
- Changing Student Behavior & Expectations
- Outcomes and Workforce Readiness Alignment
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As A Result, The Textbook Delivery Model Is Evolving

Product-based Model

- Transactional



Service-based Ecosystem

- Access
- Platforms
- Learning Experiences

Leading To An Emergence Of Affordable Access Models

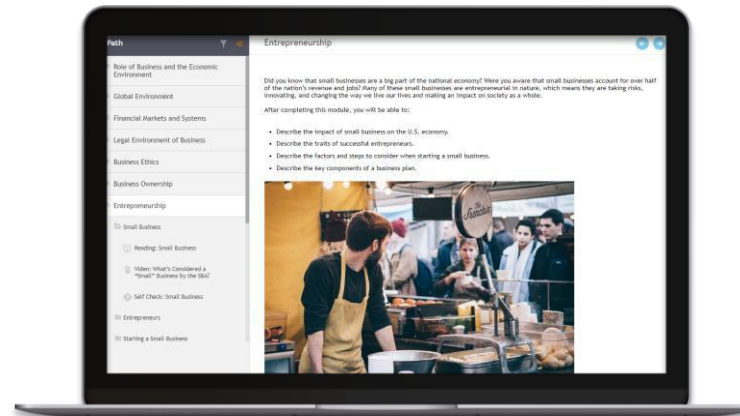
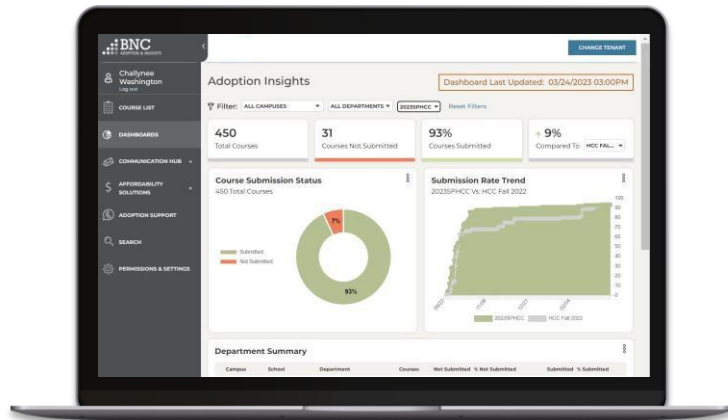
An **affordable access textbook program** is a model that provides students with **required course materials at a reduced, predictable cost**—available on the first day of class, billed through a course charge or in tuition.



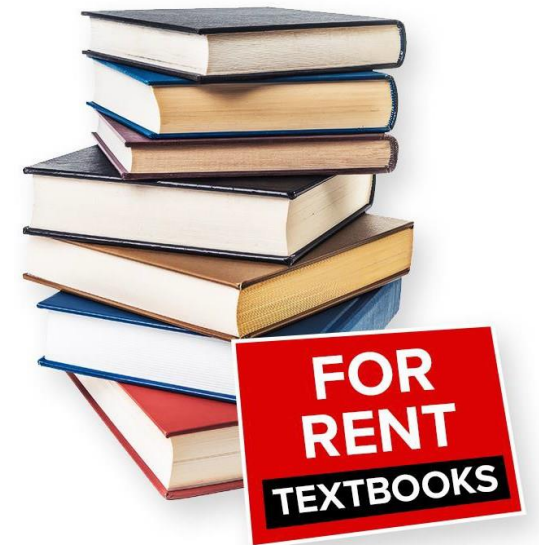
Affordable Access Models

	All Courses	By Course
Course Material Format Options?	PRINT AND DIGITAL	DIGITAL
Scope Of The Initiative?	CAMPUS-WIDE	COURSE/ SECTION SPECIFIC
Access To Digital Course Materials Through LMS	✓	✓
Dedicated Student Portal	✓	LMS Integration
Course Materials Saving Average Between 35-50%	✓	✓
Materials Available By First Day Of Class	✓	✓

In Parallel, Other Affordability Initiatives Exist



BNC OER+



Affordable Access Programs Provide A Solution For....



**Rising costs and
missed purchases**



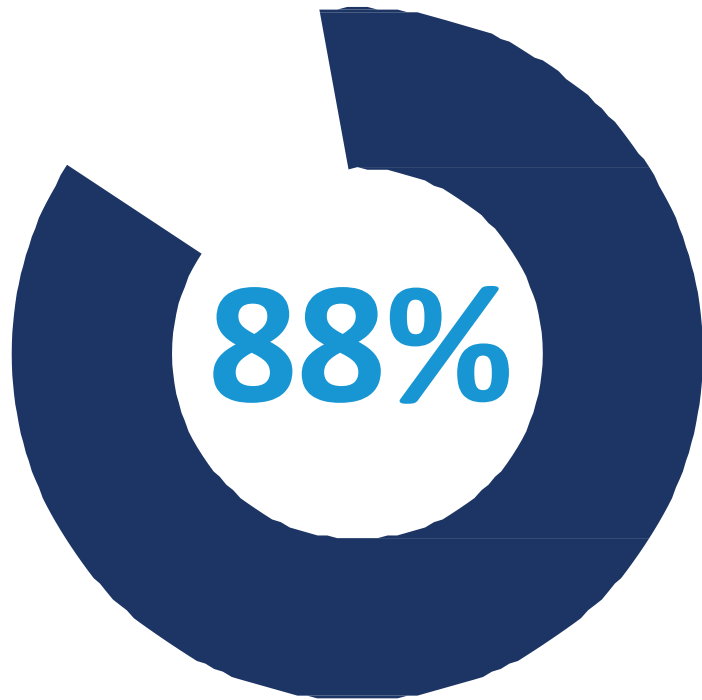
**Equity Gaps in
Learning Resources**



**Rising Demand for
Digital Services**

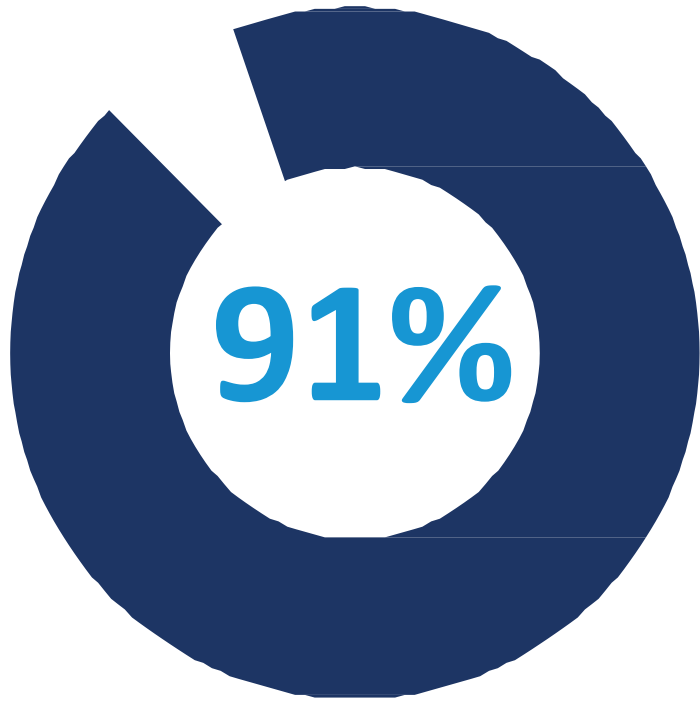
Enrollment And Retention Pressure

Students Are Interested In Affordable Access Programs



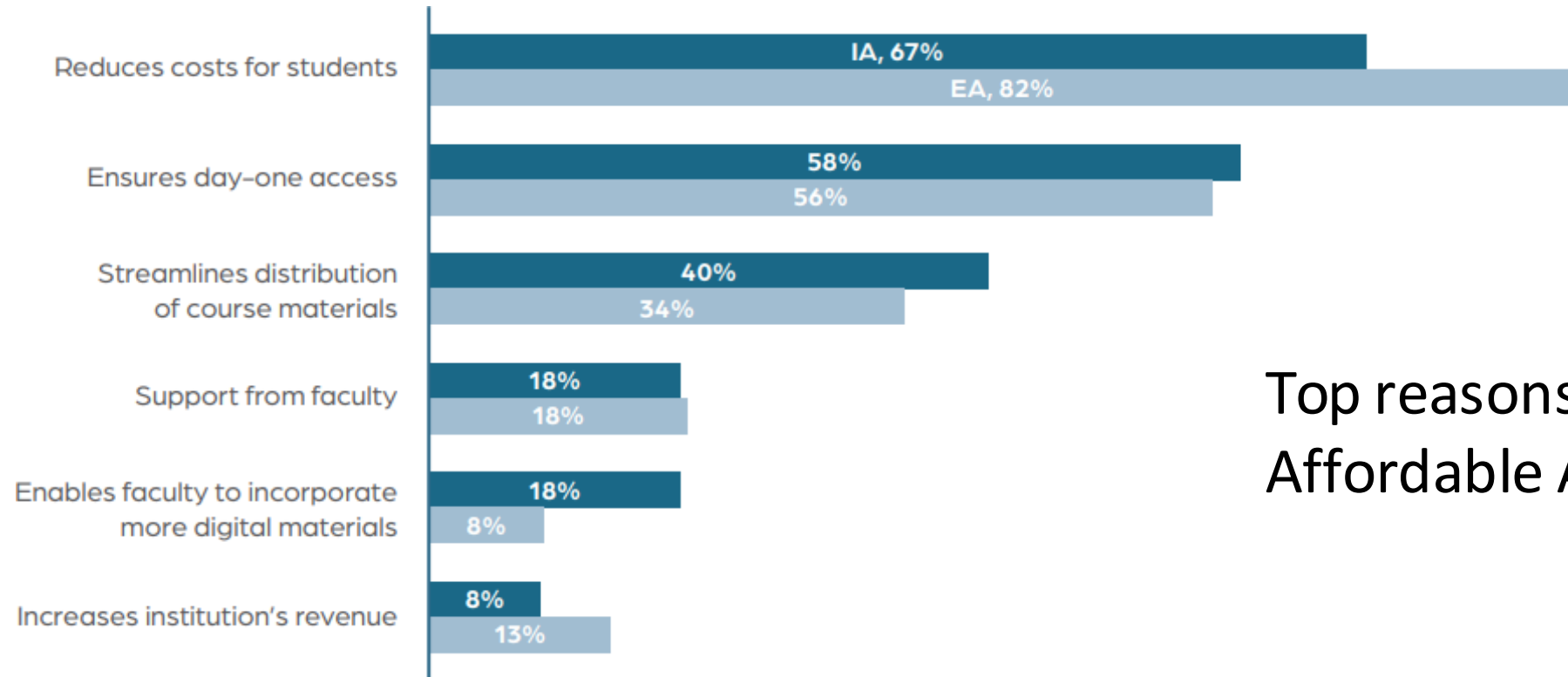
Of Students Surveyed, Said They Were Interested In Course Materials At Lower Price Bundled With Tuition

Faculty Expect Students to Have Textbooks For the Start of Class



of Faculty said students are first required to use their book in either the **first (68%)** or **second (23%) week of class.**

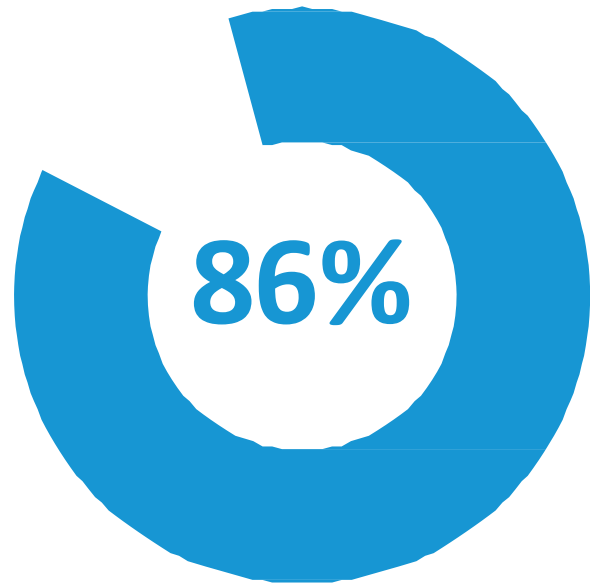
Administration Expect Students To Save Money And Be Prepared



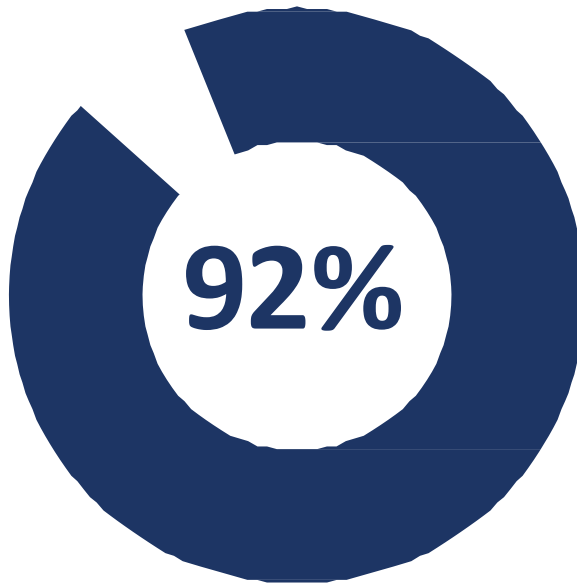
Top reasons for using
Affordable Access Models

Impact of AA Programs

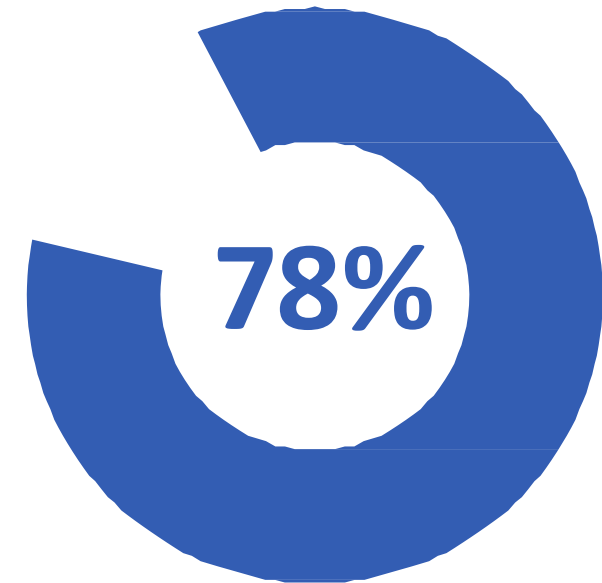
Impact on Student Outcomes



**Of Students Felt
Better Prepared**



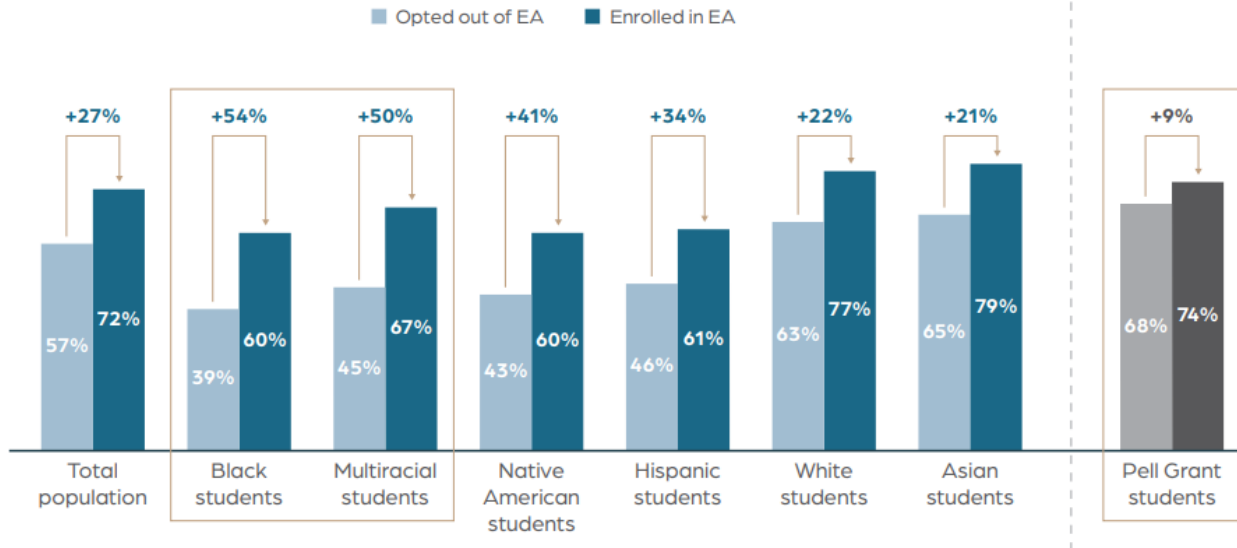
**Saved Students Time
Shopping For Textbooks**



**Provided More Affordable
Course Materials**

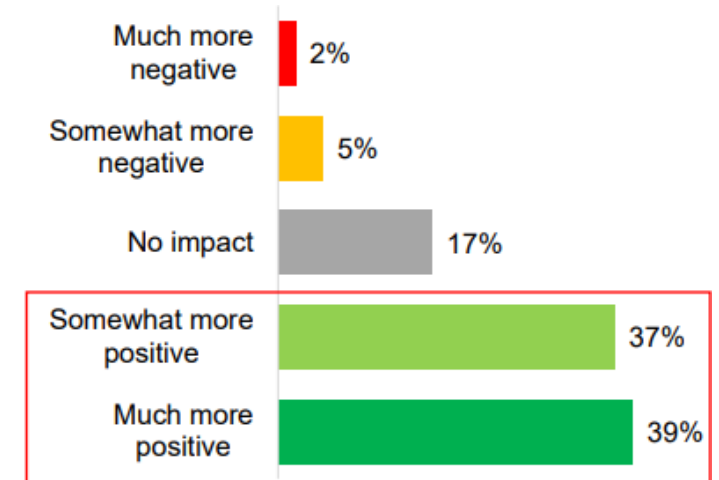
"I was able to purchase materials needed at affordable price, if not I might not have been able to get all materials needed." – Senior at Florida International University

Institutional Outcomes



Increase In Course Completion For Students Enrolled In An Affordable Access Program

Michael Moore EA Study, July 2022



Student Would Have A More Positive Perception Of The School

BNC Insights: Student Pulse Survey 2024

EKU Becomes Kentucky's Third-Largest Public University

APRIL 8, 2026



A Customizable Program



Case Studies



- ***Panther Backpack***
- Launch: Fall 2021



- ***One Price Promise***
- Fall 2020



- ***First Day***
- Summer 2018

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Beyond Beds

Housing Operations, Student Success
& Public-Private Partnerships

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Why Housing Matters

Student Success

Retention

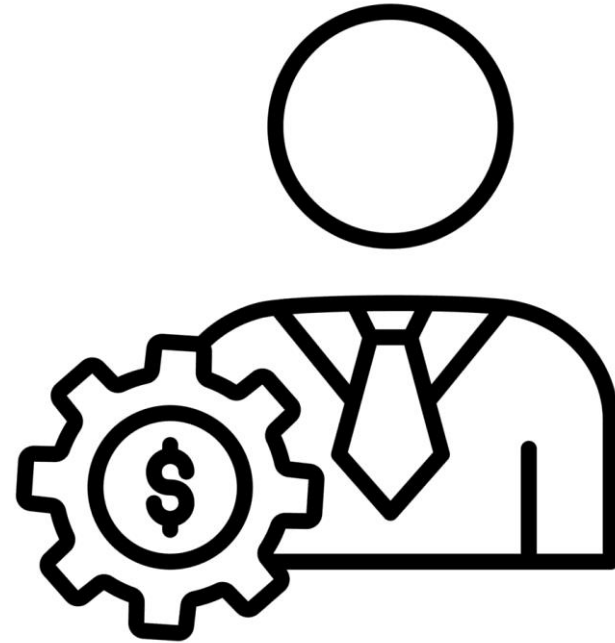
Campus Experience

Institutional Reputation



Operations ARE the Experience

Maintenance
Staffing
Communication
Technology
Safety



Measuring Success

What do we actually measure?

Satisfaction

Response Time

Renewal Intent

Occupancy

Retention



Why UKY Pursued a P3

2011

Avg. Hall Age: 44 Years
\$500M+ Deferred Maintenance
Growing Dissatisfaction



The Partnership Model

UKY

- Residence Life
- Student Experience
- Institutional Standards

Greystar

- Development
- Operations
- Maintenance & Facilities Management

75-Year Ground Lease Structure



The Scale of Transformation

6,850 Beds Added/Replaced
18 Classrooms
137 Learning Spaces
46 Multi-Purpose Spaces
4 Retail Locations



Flexibility & Demand

Demand Continues to Grow
No Live-On Requirement
TRI-IT Flexibility
Building #15 Underway



Key Takeaways

Housing impacts student success

Operations shape perception

Alignment drives outcomes

Flexibility matters



The Strategic Value of a 3rd-Party Dining Partner

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Dining Is No Longer Just Food Service

A critical driver of recruitment, retention, and satisfaction

One of the most operationally complex auxiliary services

Increasing expectations with increasing financial risk



Specialized Expertise & Talent

Culinary, wellness, sustainability, and brand expertise

National recruiting and professional development pipelines

Continuous innovation aligned with evolving student demand



Risk Mitigation Through Partnership

Shared exposure to labor volatility and food cost inflation

Predictable budget models and capped institutional risk

Operational accountability supported by contractual performance metrics

Scale, Systems & Infrastructure

National purchasing power and resilient supply chains

Advanced technology platforms and actionable analytics

Established compliance, safety, and quality systems



When a Partnership Creates the Most Value

Aging facilities or limited capital investment capacity
Enrollment pressure and heightened competition
Desire for innovation without assuming additional risk



A Simple Decision Framework

Who carries financial risk?

Who invests capital and manages lifecycle costs?

How rapidly must the program evolve to meet expectations?

Questions ?

