

The Orchestra as Inclusive Classroom

Being Part of the Solution

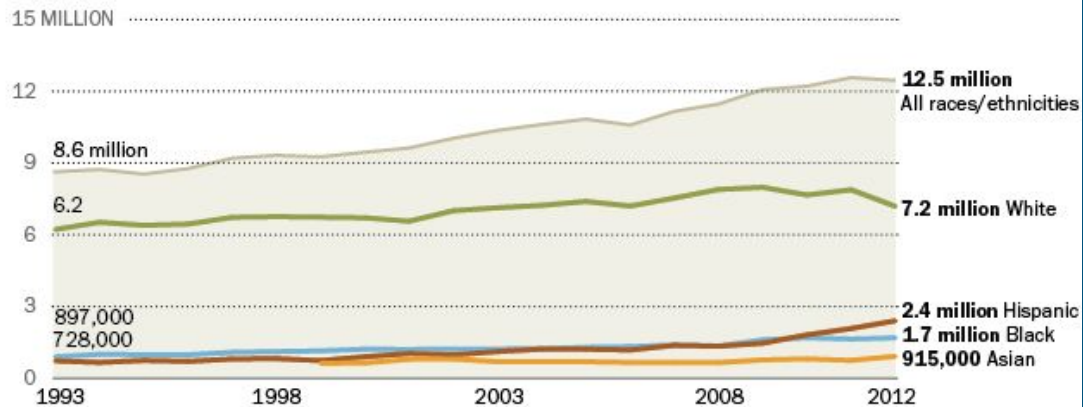
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Diversity

College Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity

Number of 18-24 year-olds enrolled in college, 1993-2012



Note: Hispanics are of any race. Whites include only non-Hispanics. Blacks and Asians include both Hispanics as well as non-Hispanics. Data prior to 2003 for Asians include those identifying themselves as "Asian or Pacific Islanders." Census bureau began reporting data for Asians in 1999.

Source: Census Bureau Historical Tables on School and College Enrollment, October Current Population Survey

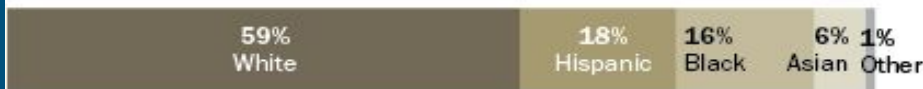
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Definitions

Inclusivity
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The Higher Education Pipeline, By Race/Ethnicity

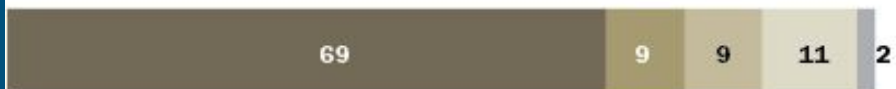
Percent of public high school graduates, 2011-2012 school year



Percent of 18-24 yr olds enrolled in college, 2012



Percent of 25-29 yr olds with a bachelor's degree or higher, 2012



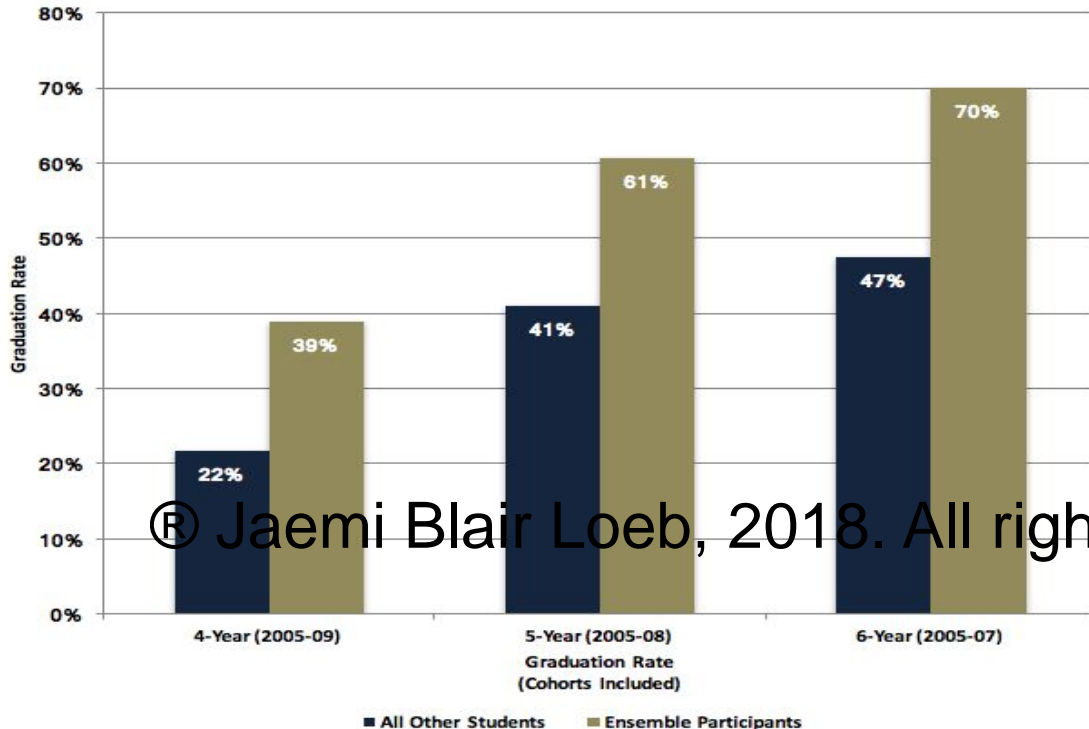
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Source: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics; Pew Research Center tabulations of the March 2012 Current Population Survey Integrated Public Use Micro Samples (IPUMS); October 2012 Current Population Survey

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Ensemble Participants Have Much Higher Graduation Rates



2014 Data from Hunter College
Courtesy of Reuben Blundell

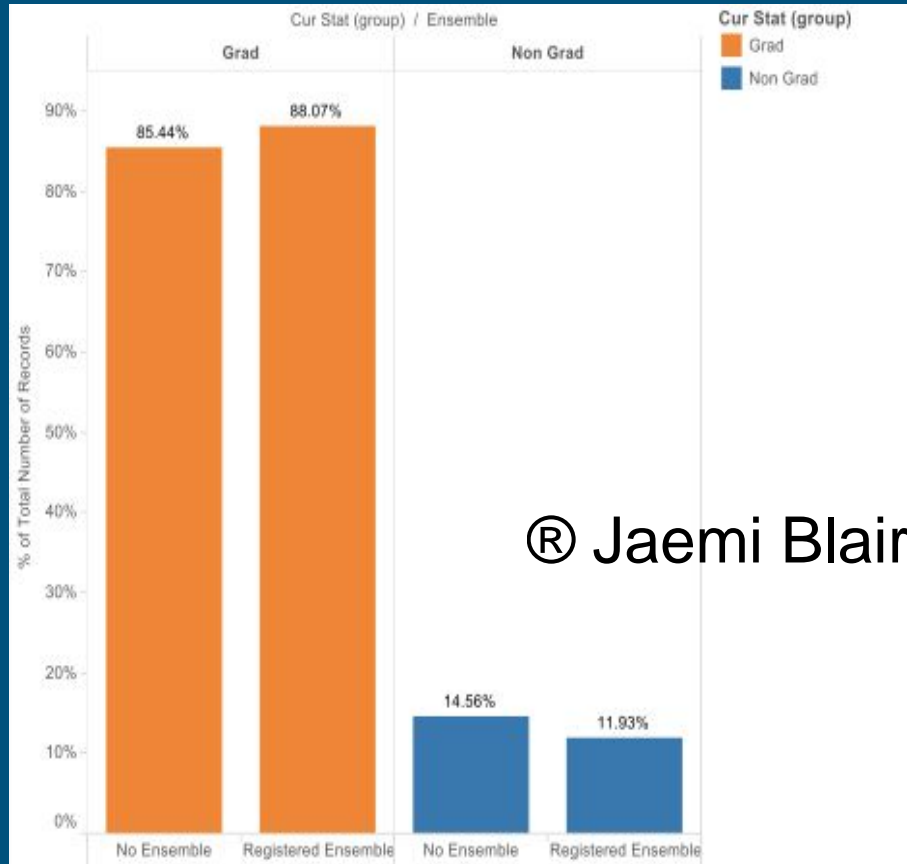
4 Year graduation rate:
77% higher

5 Year graduation rate:
49% higher

6 Year graduation rate:
49% higher

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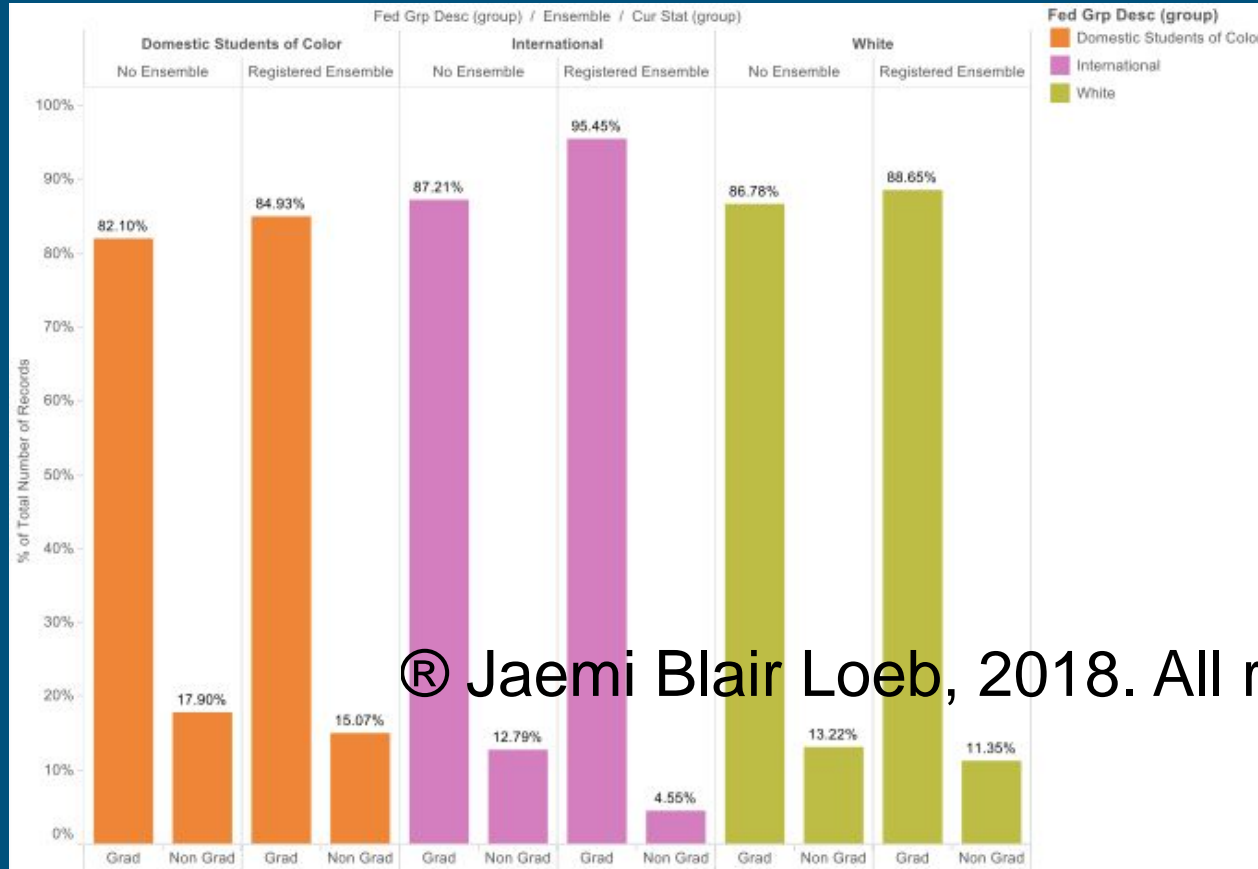
2009-2013 Data from Grinnell College

Overall percentages of students that graduate (orange) and those that don't (blue).

- Non-graduation can be due to transfer, medical withdrawal, or academic withdrawal

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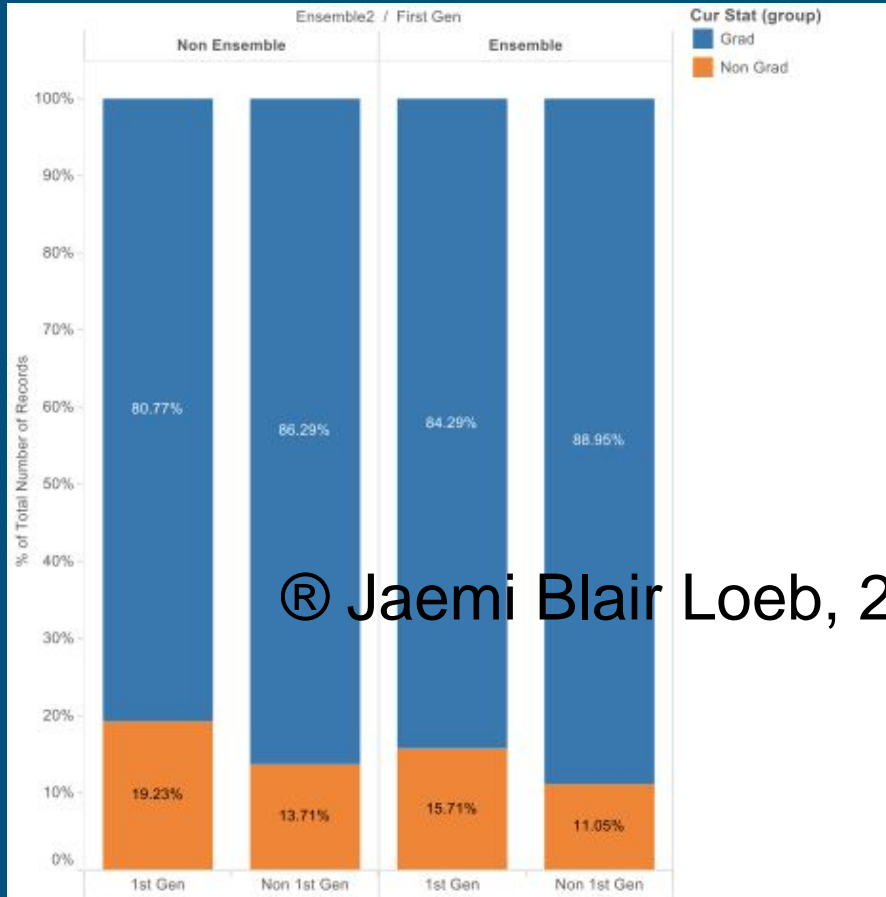
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Average graduation and non graduation rates for ensemble and non-ensemble

- Domestic students of color in orange
- International students in pink
- White students in green

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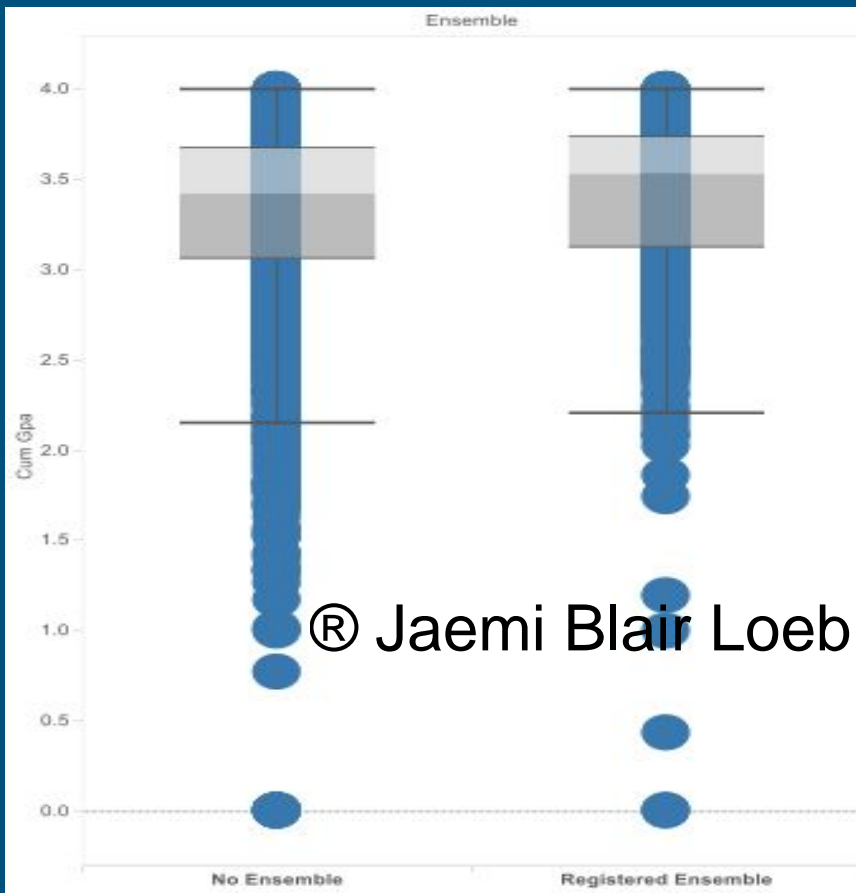
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On the left, graduation rates for first-generation college students not in ensembles.

On the right, graduation rates for first-generation college students in ensembles.

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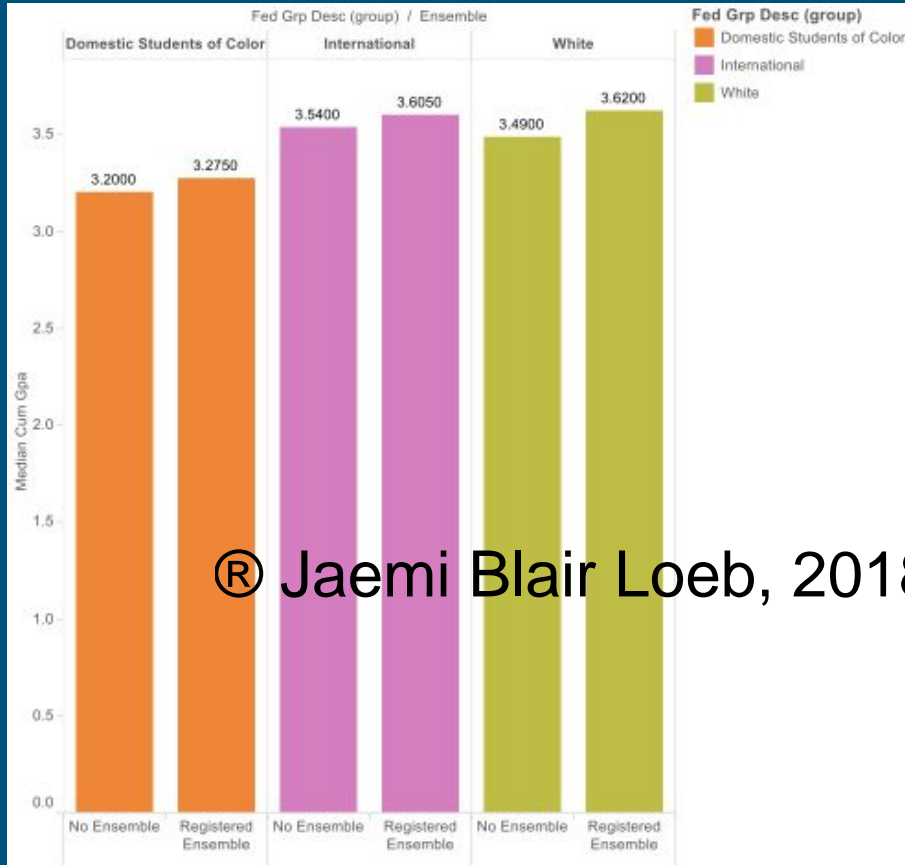
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Overall average GPA

- Students not in ensembles on left
- Students registered for ensembles on the right

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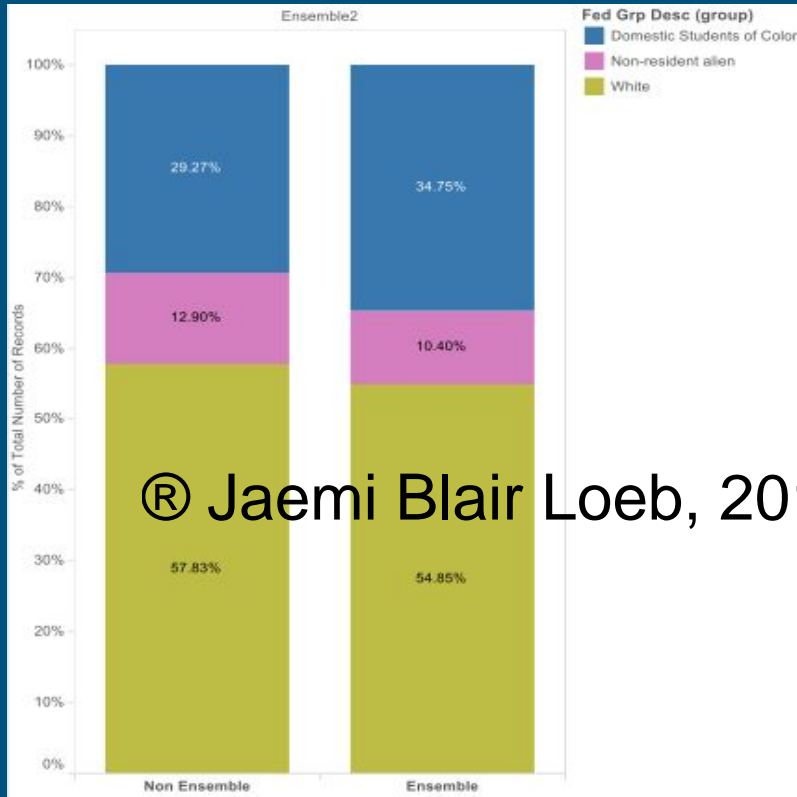
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Average GPA for ensemble vs. non-ensemble

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Why should we care?



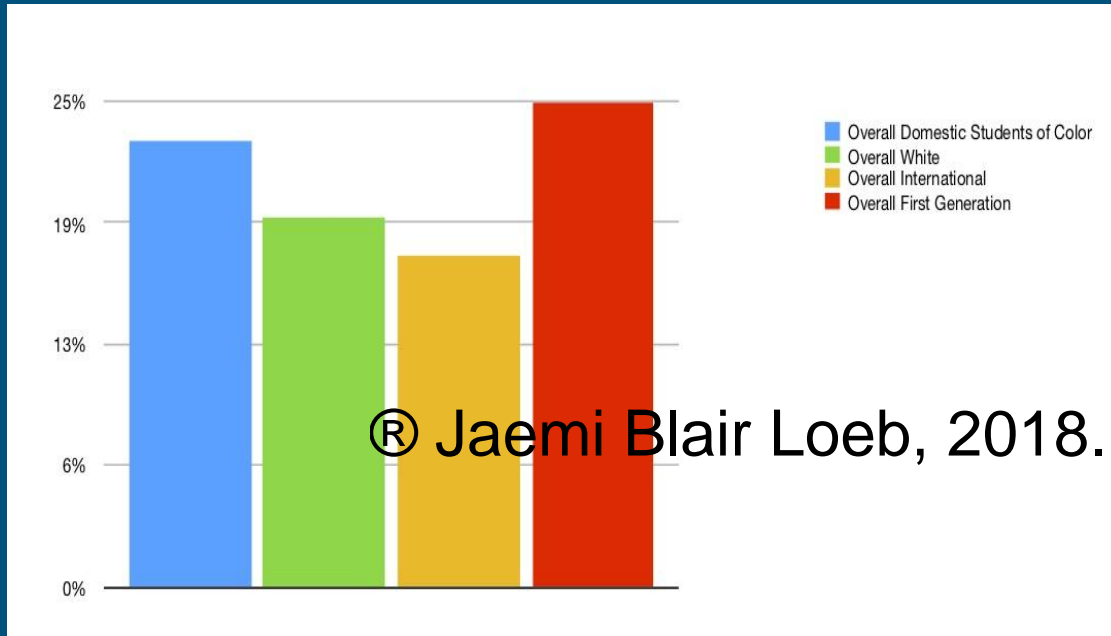
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Ensembles are more diverse than the non-musician student body.

- 3% less white overall

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2009-20013 Data from Grinnell College

Percentages of total students by demographic that participate in ensembles.

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What can we do?

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Students are people, too. They don't leave their lives at the door.

What can we do?

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1. Resist a single right answer
2. Examine your assumptions/biases
3. Use multiple and diverse content and examples
4. Use syllabus and first impressions to establish climate and reduce anonymity
5. Don't shy away from sensitive topics
6. Set up a process for feedback on climate
7. Think critically about your audition process

To sum up...

Diversity demands inclusivity

We can have a real impact on our students' success

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