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FSU Students, Faculty, and Staff,

I'm writing to provide a brief report on undergraduate student academic performance this past fall semester.

By a number of measures, our undergraduate student body's academic performance was consistent with — and even slightly exceeded — their performance compared to the most recent pre-COVID semester, fall 2019.

- The distribution of final grades earned — the percentage of A's, B's, C's, etc. — in fall 2020 was comparable to the distribution in fall 2019. The proportion of A's earned this fall was up 3% relative to the previous fall.
- This fall, 1158 undergraduates (about 33% of full-time students) were named to the Dean's List. That's up from the fall of 2019, when 1130 students (about 29% of full-time students) were named to the list. The list includes all students who earned a grade point average of at least 3.40 with at least 12 hours of graded credit for the semester.
- At this time last year, 301 students were on academic probation; currently, 202 students are on probation. Sixty-eight students were dismissed from the university due to poor academic performance after fall 2019, and 64 were dismissed after this fall.

Despite the challenges of navigating a different learning environment and the stresses associated with the pandemic and social unrest, the academic performance of FSU students, as a group, was not negatively affected this fall. This runs contrary to many reports of the students' experiences nationally. (See, for example, [Survey: Pandemic Negatively Affected Grades This Fall.](#))

These results are a sign of the resilience, determination, and talent of our students, and the skill and dedication of our faculty and professional support staff in working through the complexities of learning and teaching during a dynamic time and in a blended and online setting.

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