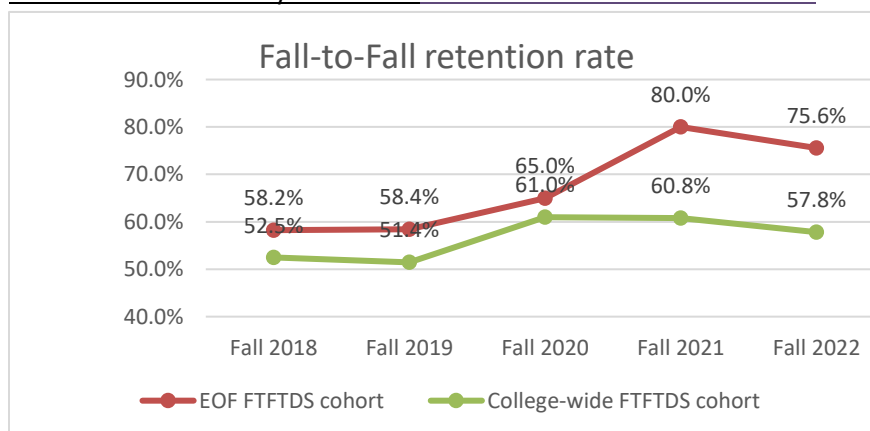
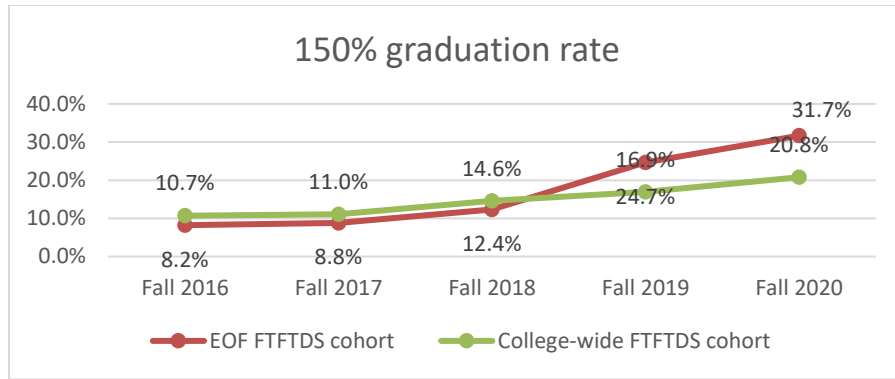


## **EOF Fact Sheet**

***The Mission of EOF: To facilitate access to and success in college for NJ residents who come from a low-income background.***

- Welcoming Department – Open daily from 8:15 am to 6pm.
- Dedicated Advisors with knowledge of special majors, careers and programs– available daily!
- **934** - the total number of EOF students in the A/Y 2024 academic year (unduplicated count)
- Outcomes: Report from IR shows that even though EOF students come from some of the most disadvantaged neighborhoods and schools, they are still substantially more likely to be retained and graduated than the general population:
  - Retention Rate 3<sup>rd</sup> Semester:      **EOF: 75.6%**      **ECC: 57.8%**
  - Graduation Rate: 3 yr.      **EOF: 31.7%**      **ECC: 20.8%**





- \$2,236,466. total allocation from NJ Office of the Secretary of Higher Education (OSHE) Educational Opportunity Fund in ECC in A/Y 24:
  - \$1,451,200 – Article III **Student Undergraduate Grants**
  - \$787,430 –Article IV –**Program Support**
    - \$86,454 – **Summer Article III** – Program Support and Cost of Ed. Initials and Renewals
    - \$53,782 **Winter tuition funds**
  - **\$976,797** allocated to ECC/EOF students in the 2024 academic year.
- **EOF Forums**, large group events focusing on college life and academic success, were presented– in person and on Zoom. Fifteen (15) were produced in A/Y 23.
- In Summer of 2023: **141** Students participated in special EOF summer programs: **52** new students participated in the summer EOF PreFreshman Summer Programs. Returning Students: **74** received tuition payments; **15 returning** students had balances paid with EOF funds.



- The department works with several Department of Corrections (DOC) agencies to assist in recruiting Justice Impacted people into college. (Over 35 have been assisted this year)
- More than **140** students of the over 199 EOF grads from the program received

awards for their academic excellence from the N J Office of the Secretary of Higher Education - **OSHE** and EOF State Office (2024); ECC has more students receiving academic excellence awards than any other two-year college in the state.

- {Photo: New ECC students in summer program – '23}

[To learn more about EOF or ECC, visit us at the Yamba Building, 303 University Ave, Newark, go to the website: [essex.edu](http://essex.edu) or call: 973 877-3231 (J. Romano, Director; Edyta Niedbal, Eligibility Coordinator, x3229)]

***EOF – Get with the Program!!!***