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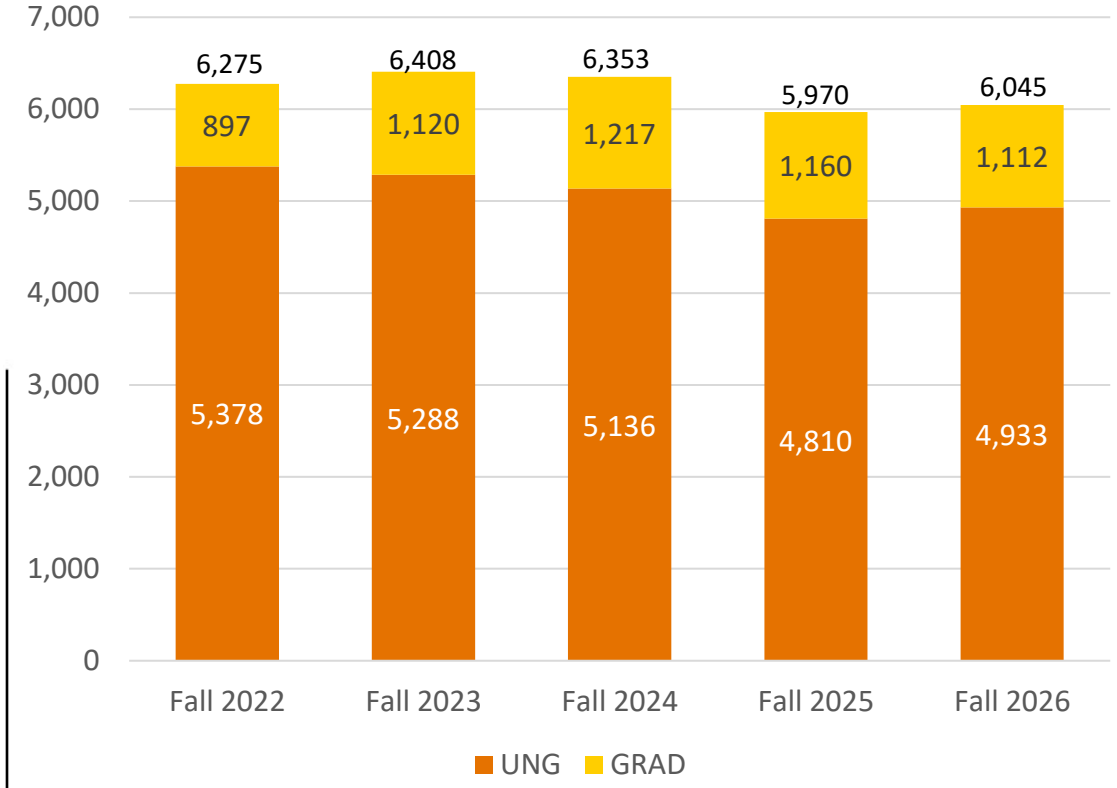
Agenda Items

- Fall 2026 Enrollment Freeze
- Retention & Spring 2027 Enrollment
- Department Mergers, Programs Suspension & Students Success
- Learning Management System - Canvas
- Online Program Management - Risepoint

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Fall *Enrollment* Freeze

Fall Enrollment Trend



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Fall Enrollment Detail

- **Total headcount 6045**
  - Undergraduate Enrollment
    - New Freshmen = 972
    - New Transfer = 464
    - UNG Returning = 3,323
  - Enrolled 153 PGCPS Dual Enrolled students
  - Maintained Graduate enrollment
    - New Graduate = 246
    - Returning = 857

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Preliminary
Fall Freshmen Cohort
Retention & Graduation Rates

		Retention Rates			Graduation Rates		
Cohort Year	Cohort Size	2nd Yr	3rd Yr	4th Yr	4-year	5-year	6-year
2014	594	72%	60%	55%	17%	36%	43%
2015	559	76%	59%	55%	17%	37%	42%
2016	958	72%	58%	51%	18%	35%	40%
2017	1075	68%	55%	50%	15%	31%	38%
2018	898	70%	59%	52%	16%	33%	38%
2019	801	76%	61%	53%	19%	32%	37%
2020	957	72%	54%	46%	15%	28%	33%
2021	888	73%	56%	48%	18%	33%	
2022	1170	70%	54%	46%	20%		
2023	965	68%	53%	48%			
2024	908	71%	61%				
2025	855	71%					

Source: EIS and DIS Sep-26

Pandemic Cohort

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AY 2025 – 2026 Grade Distribution

Undergraduate

	A	B	C	D	F	GPA Grade Total	GPA Success Rate	**GPA D & F Rate**	Grades Not for GPA									All Grades Total	**Withdrawal Rate**
									PS	S	U	AU	CR	FN	I	NG	W		
Fall 2025	9,226	5,776	3,279	932	1,615	20,828	88%	12%	45	1	66	6	35	307		15	542	21,845	2%
Spring 2026	7,954	5,115	2,960	839	1,329	18,197	88%	12%	73	2	51	6	33	266	262	37	517	19,444	3%
TOTAL	17,180	10,891	6,239	1,771	2,944	39,025	88%	12%	118	3	117	12	68	573	262	52	1059	41,289	3%

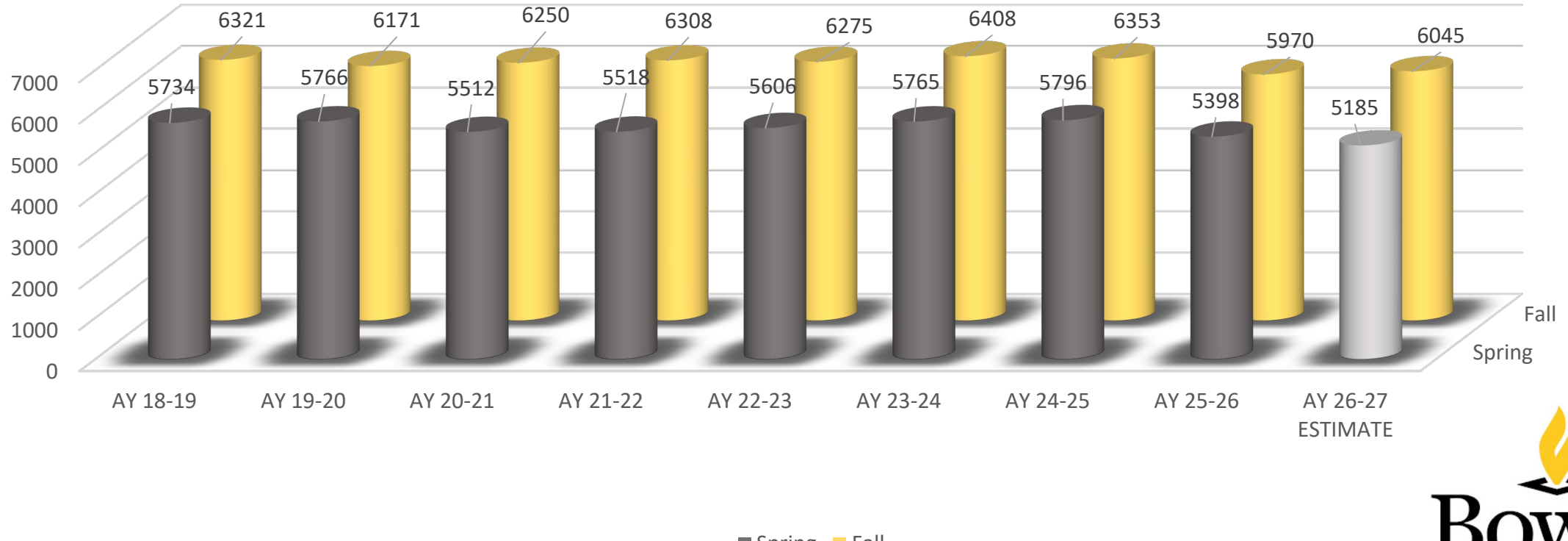
Graduate

	A	B	C	D	F	GPA Grade Total	GPA Success Rate	**GPA C & F Rate**	PS	S	U	AU	CR	FN	I	NG	W	All Grades Total	**Withdrawal Rate**
Fall 2025	1,978	260	35		51	2,324	96%	4%	273					19	49	27	51	2,743	2%
Spring 2026	1,899	232	25		45	2,201	97%	3%	352					15	36	20	27	2,651	1%
TOTAL	3,877	492	60		96	4,525	97%	3%	625					34	85	47	78	5,394	1%

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Fall vs. Spring
Enrollment Comparison



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Department Mergers, Programs Suspension & Student Success

Merged Departments in three colleges - The programs will be consolidated under new merged department web pages.

College of Arts & Sciences	College of Business	College of Professional Studies
• Natural Sciences & Math • Computer Science & Technology • Communication, LLCS & HistGov	• Accounting, Finance, Information Systems, and Economics	• Psychology & Health Sciences • Child Studies Social Work and Sociology

Change is difficult, but needed to meet our expenses and grow revenue while ensuring relevant workforce-aligned programs

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Department Mergers, Programs Suspension & Student Success

Undergraduate and graduate programs suspended

Undergraduate Programs	Graduate Programs	Moving Foward
• Software Engineering, BS • Criminal Justice, BA • Sociology, BA • Psychology, BA • History and Government, BA	• English, MA • School Psychology, MA • Applied and Computational Mathematics, MS • Internet of Things, MS • Nursing, MS	• COMAR – 3 years • Process underway to evaluate programs with the possibility for greater reinvestment

BS are offered in Criminal Justice, History and Government, and Sociology

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Department Mergers, Programs Suspension & Student Success

Student Success: Students will have the supports they need to advance and complete their degrees

What we did so far?	Addressing Misinformation	Moving forward
• Meeting students in all merged departments • Departmental FAQs • Meetings CS & CTEC seniors and majors • Monthly meeting with SGA • Meeting with faculty	• Merged departments **IS NOT** program suspension • Faculty academic freedom	• Teachout plan • When encountering obstacles: connect with faculty, chair & dean • Provost office provostcares@bowiestate.edu

During this time of transition, students and families please be assured of the resources available to provide the needed guidance.

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Project at-a-Glance

Bowie State University is replacing Blackboard with Instructure Canvas — branded “Bulldog Learn.”

June 2027
Blackboard agreement expires

1,000
Blackboard courses migrated (up to)

~40,000
Legacy course records archived (up to 5 years)

April 2027
Tentative Go-Live

Why now?

- Blackboard agreement ends June 2027; decommission must follow archive
- Manual PeopleSoft-to-Blackboard file loads delay student course access
- Risepoint: Online program growth — new online course development begins March 2027

What's changing?

- Canvas Next: LMS, Studio, Impact, Intelligent Insights, and IgniteAI
- Automated PeopleSoft enrollment and grade passback
- K16 course migration and searchable legacy archive
- Custom Bowie State course template and train-the-trainer model

How Canvas was chosen

- July 2026 survey: 74 faculty, 20 departments, all four colleges
- Canvas met top needs: navigation, gradebook, reliability, consistency
- Procured via Internet2; lower cost than the current platform

Funding: *Title III FUTURE Act Supplemental B Grant (2026–27), Next Generation LMS Initiative — Federal focus area: Academic Quality.*

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What We Are Trying to Achieve

Project objectives align to the Title III performance indicators the University has committed to.

OBJECTIVE 1

Launch Canvas & retire Blackboard

- 100% of designated courses ready for Summer 2027 by 4/30/27
- 100% ready for Fall 2027 by 6/30/27
- PeopleSoft enrollment & grade passback live

OBJECTIVE 2

Prepare faculty to teach in Canvas

- ≥75% of Summer/Fall 2027 faculty trained
- 25 courses redesigned and passing quality review by 9/30/27

OBJECTIVE 3

Preserve legacy course records

- 100% of designated 5 years of Blackboard data in a searchable archive
- Archive complete before Blackboard is retired

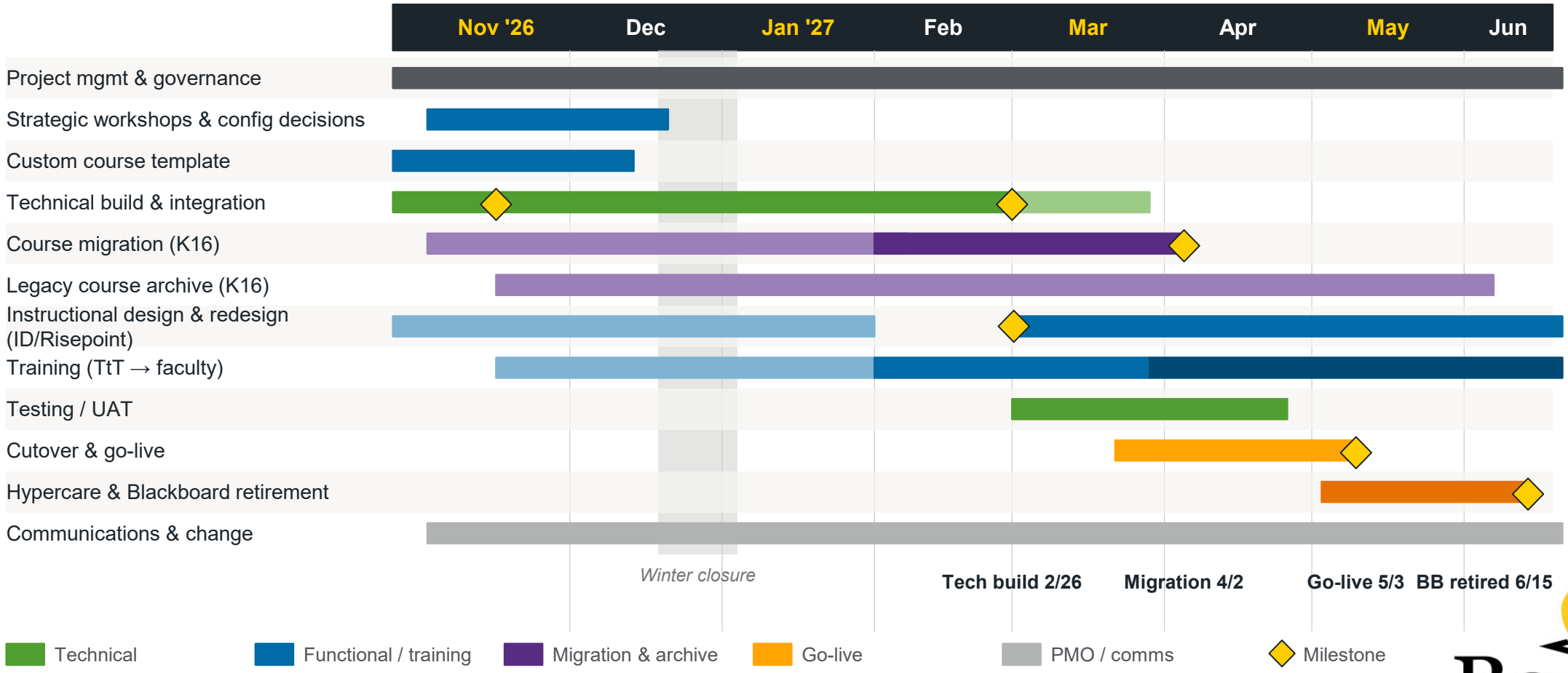
Expected outcomes

- Uninterrupted instruction through the transition
- Faster student access to courses each term
- More accessible, consistent course design
- Protected academic records for appeals, audits & accreditation
- AI-enhanced teaching and grading tools

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Integrated Project Timeline

November 2026 – June 2027 | Instructure, K16 Solutions, and Bowie State activities in one plan



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Why Bowie State Is Partnering with Risepoint

Expanding educational opportunity and supporting Maryland's workforce

Our Goals

- Expand access for working adults and non-traditional students
- Support Maryland's workforce development priorities through career-relevant degrees and certificates
- Extend Bowie State's public mission beyond the campus
- Launch the first group of online programs in Fall 2027

What Risepoint Brings

- Experience with more than 100 universities expanding access to online education
- Marketing, recruitment, and enrollment support
- Instructional designers who support faculty building online courses
- $3 million to $3.5 million in upfront investment to support program launches

Benefits Beyond Online Programs

- $1M investment from Risepoint for two planned University initiatives:
- **Career Development:** expanded career services and employer connections through the Engage Center
- **Minority Business Innovation & Procurement Hub:** support for Maryland's minority-owned businesses through the Entrepreneurship Innovation Center

Advancing Maryland's workforce and economic development priorities through expanded educational access, career preparation, and opportunities for minority-owned businesses.

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What This Partnership Makes Possible

Bringing Bowie State programs to new students through a flexible online model

New Ways to Learn

- Fully online courses
- Accelerated 7- or 8-week terms
- Multiple start dates throughout the year

New Students

- Working adults
- Learners who cannot attend traditional campus-based programs

Faculty-Led Courses

- Bowie State faculty develop and teach the courses
- Instructional design support from Risepoint

Student Support

- Expanded recruitment and enrollment support
- Student-success support to help students progress and graduate

The programs and degrees are Bowie State's. The partnership provides additional resources to bring them to more students.

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Our Plan for Launch and Beyond

Online programs in business, education, technology, and health sciences

Fall 2026
Portfolio and Readiness

- Partnership agreement signed
- Programs identified
- Planning under way with Risepoint

Winter/Spring 2027
Build and Prepare

- Faculty develop online courses
- Student services prepared for multiple starts

Spring/Summer 2027
Recruit and Ready

- Marketing and recruitment
- Applications open
- Courses tested
- Student onboarding

Fall 2027 and Beyond
Launch, Support, and Improve

- First classes begin August 2027
- Support students through each term
- Monitor progress and improve

Success means Bowie State graduates prepared to contribute to Maryland's workforce and communities.

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