

This brief communication to faculty is developed by VPDUE Rodriguez and the Division of Undergraduate Education staff. The goal is to share pedagogical ideas, relevant UCR data, and resources to consider helping boost UCR student success. We will share this communication 2-3 times quarterly. We hope you find this helpful.

## PEDAGOGICAL IDEAS

How do you approach your first day of class? Do you typically introduce yourself to your students? How?

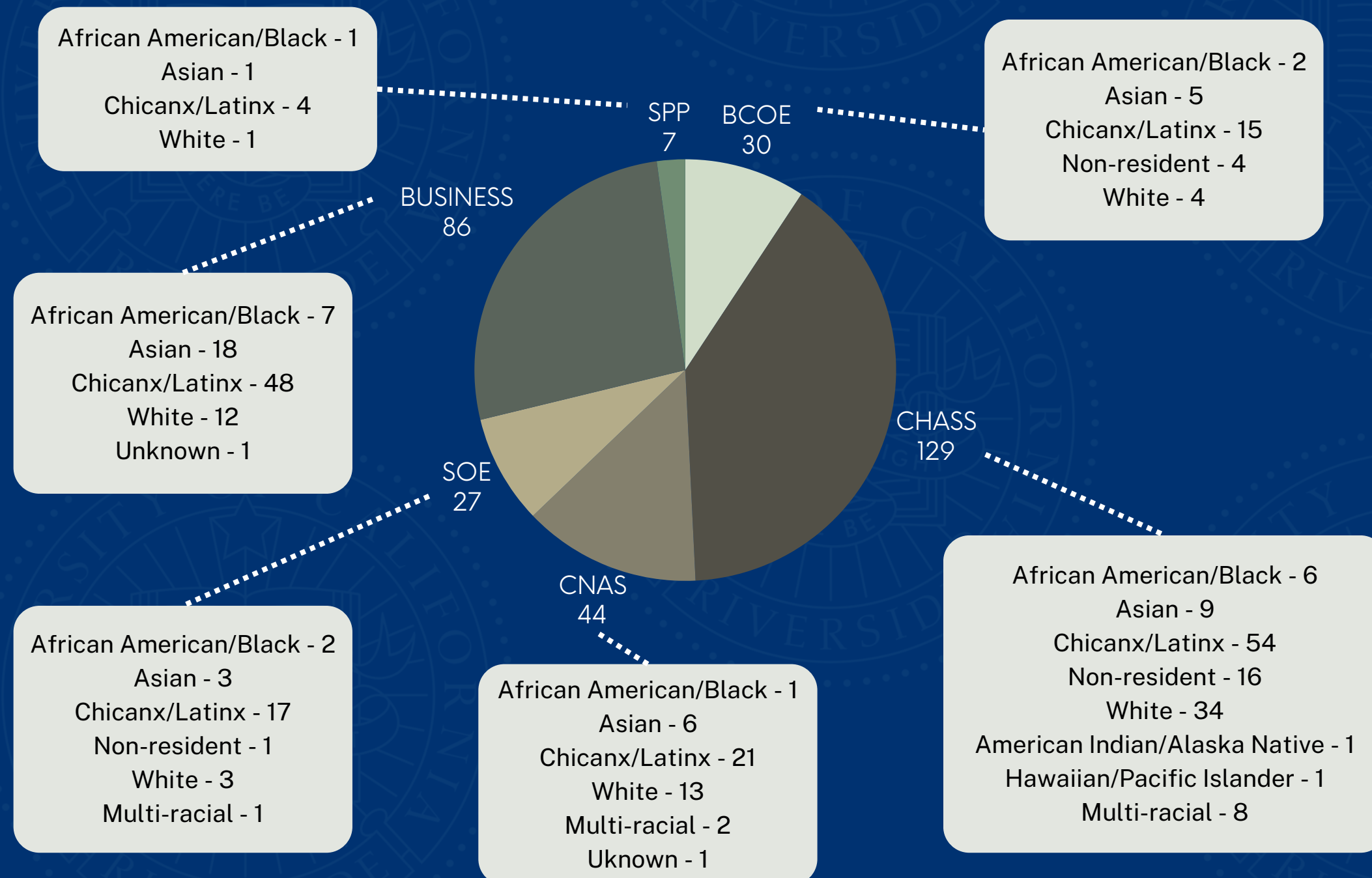
Below are some ideas to share on a “My Educational Journey” slide:

- Add photos/images/items that represent you, your family, your community, your history - whatever you are most comfortable sharing.
- Focus on 1 or 2 formative moments in your educational journey.
- Select a challenge and what you did to overcome that challenge and/or a triumph and the factors that shaped your success.
- Consider adding music and make it fun!

Start small and build from there. It doesn't have to be perfect. All you need is one slide to get started.

## DATA

Did you know UCR is welcoming 323\* new transfer students this quarter?



## RESOURCES

XCITE Center for Teaching and Learning partners to create innovative and impactful teaching, learning, and research solutions that drive academic and inclusive excellence.

This quarter XCITE is hosting an Alternative and Equitable Grading series. The first session will be on 1/24 from 11:30 am - 1 pm. This session will provide an overview of alternative and equitable grading strategies.

The event is hybrid and lunch will be provided for in-person attendees.

Upcoming sessions:

- 2/7 Specifications and Mastery Grading
- 2/21 Alternative or Authentic Assessments
- 3/6 Contract Grading and Ungrading

\*as of 12/8/23, data provided by UGA.