

# Investing in UW-Madison

Chancellor Rebecca Blank University of Wisconsin–Madison February 7, 2019

#### News Item #1: Strong & Rising Applications

#### **Record applications**

- 20% increase last year
- Estimated 3% increase this year
- 34% increase in last five years



#### News Item #2: Rising Student Quality

**PRIME** is keeping keep more highperformance Wisconsin students in the state.



#### **News Item #3: New Facilities Taking Shape**



#### Hamel Music Performance Center





#### **Chemistry Building**

Center for Dairy Research

#### News Item #4: Growing UW-Madison with the Integration of Coop Extension & WI Public Media





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#### **News Item #5: Two Top Leaders Departing**



Norman Drinkwater Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Education (interim)



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## **Goal #1 Maintain & Further Strengthen Educational** Outcomes

#### We Want to Keep Pushing on Our High Educational Performance

- Retention rate over 95%
- Time to degree falling at 4.01 years
- Graduation rates up (87%); graduation gap down
- Student-loan debt falling
- More than 50% of UW-Madison undergraduates graduate with NO student loan debt

#### **New Opportunity: Early Start Programs**

- Students earn credits before their first semester
- Summer 2019:
  - Expanding Engineering Summer Launch
  - Expanding CALS Quick Start
  - Beginning Wisconsin Experience Summer Launch



**CALS** Quick Start

#### **New Opportunity: Gap Year Programs**

- Students are admitted to the university and delay their entry for one year to work on service projects or internships
- Many also work toward their degree online

#### New Opportunity: Online Degree Programs

- Expand access and allow us to bring a UW-Madison degree within reach for more nontraditional students
- Goal is at least one fully online undergraduate degree by 2020

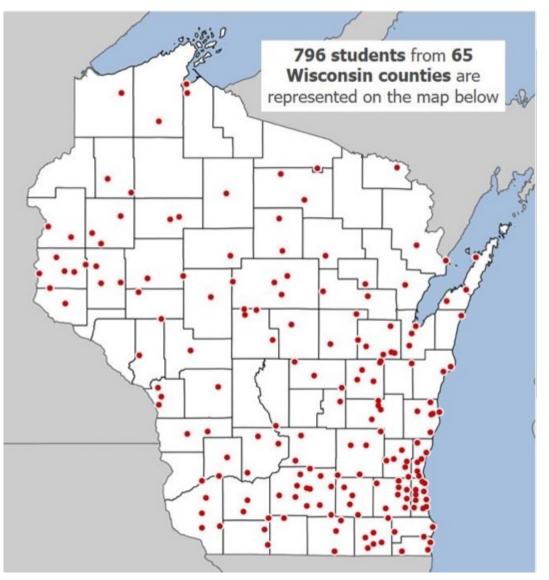
## Goal #2: Grow Accessibility

#### **Major Recent Expansions in Accessibility**

New pathways to a UW–Madison degree for first-generation transfer students and students from lower-income families

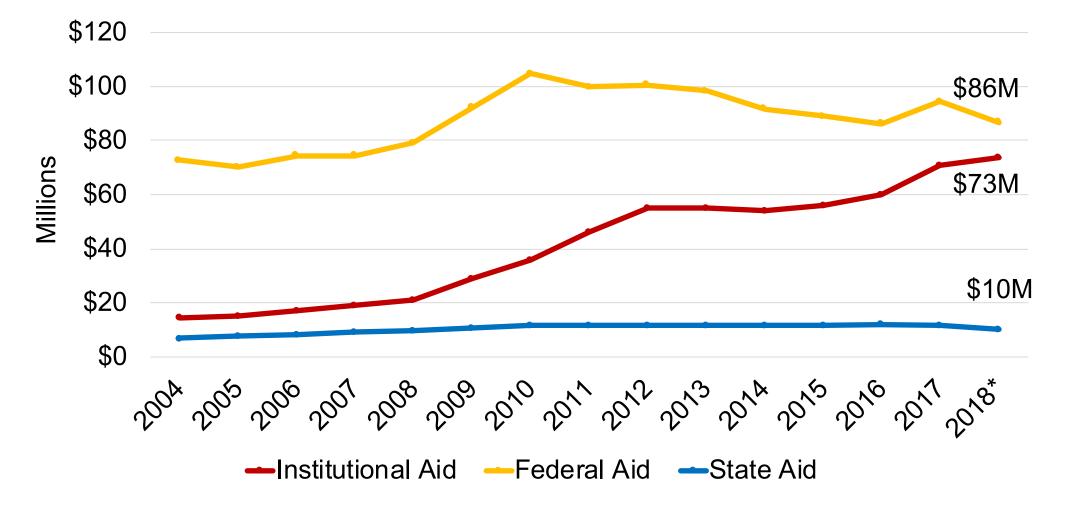
- Badger Promise
- Bucky's Tuition Promise

#### **First Bucky's Tuition Promise Cohort**



BTP expands to cover more Wisconsin families

#### Must Continue Growing Accessibility Dollars and Address Shrinking Federal & State Aid



Goal #3: Grow Research Strength

#### We Are Making Progress with Expanded Research Investments

- 11% increase in federal research dollars in last two years
- Better support for graduate students
- Growing long-term industry partnerships

#### But There is More Work to be Done

If we're going to maintain UW-Madison as a top research center, we will need to:

- Continue to build federal grants
- Continue to grow our research partnerships with industry

Goal #4: Maintain & Grow Faculty Strength

### Recent Investments: Cluster Hire Program

Clusters leverage an important UW–Madison strength – trans-disciplinary work on complex problems – and build our research strength

• Total 50+ new faculty hires over 5 years

## Recent Investments: Targets of Opportunity Program (TOP)

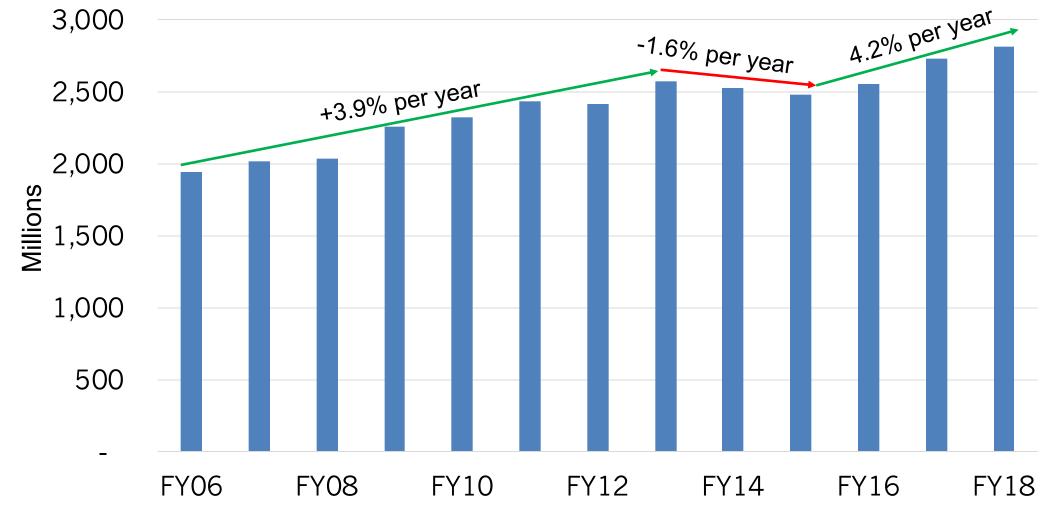
- Giving departments new tools and a new level of support to recruit faculty from groups not wellrepresented in their disciplines
- 30 recruitments underway across many different schools/colleges

#### Biggest Need for Building Faculty Strength

- Full professors at UW-Madison earn, on average,10.4% less than professors at peer institutions. This will take multiple years to fix.
- To bring all UW-Madison faculty to the peer group median would cost \$21.7M. (And this is just faculty, not staff.)

# Goal #5: Strengthen Financial Stability

#### Accomplishments: Revenue Recovery Enabling New Investments



#### **A Strong Capital Budget is Critical**



#### **PR Bonding Authority**

- Gives campus the ability to initiate and manage projects funded entirely with program revenues.
- Fewer delays and better efficiency = significant cost savings.
- Wisconsin is the only state in the U.S. that does not give its public university the authority to manage these projects.

#### Example of the Value of New Investment \$: Expanding Computer & Data Science

This investment will enable us to:

- Expand our education and research
- Grow our national reputation and visibility
- Recruit top students and faculty
- Identify new ways to work with industry partners

## Investing in the right areas is the key to a strong future for **UW-Madison**

#### **Thank You!**

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