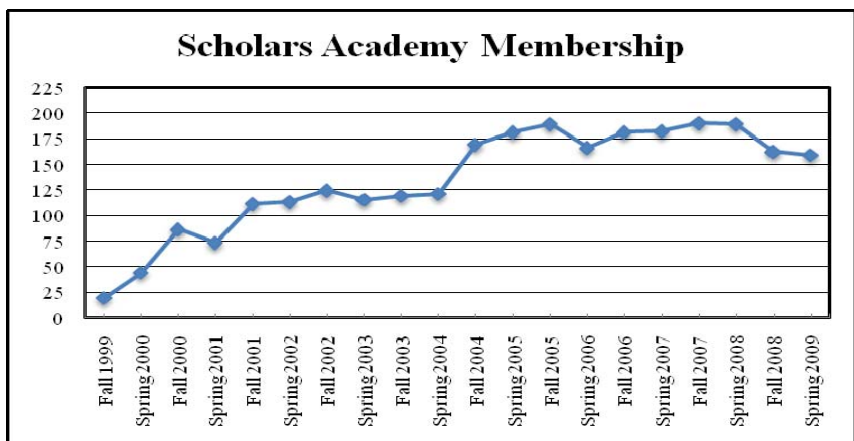


Scholars Academy History of Membership and Graduations

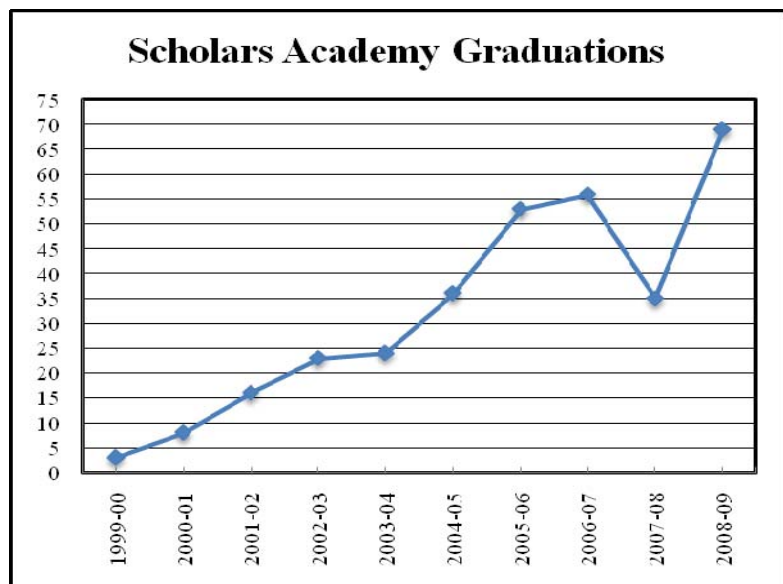
The Scholars Academy (SA) began in 1999 with only 20 students; enrollment in the Fall 2009 semester reached 158 undergraduates. We expect to maintain an approximate enrollment of 160 each semester over the next several years.

The SA, now a nationally recognized program within the University of Houston-Downtown College of Sciences and Technology, is designed to promote academic excellence and achievement in STEM degree programs, primarily for minority and female students, and to encourage the graduates to either continue their studies at the graduate level and/or pursue STEM-related careers.



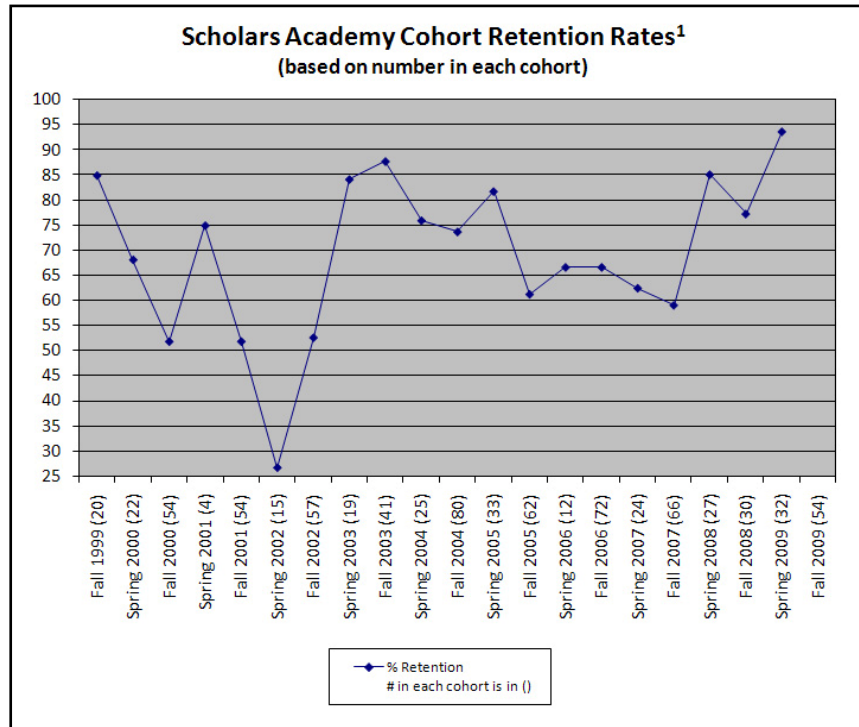
Since the inception of the UHD Scholars Academy in Fall 1999, **the Scholars Academy (SA) has awarded over 2,880 scholarships (meaning over 790 undergraduates received a scholarship for at least one semester)**. By the end of Summer 2009, SA reached about **335 Alumni members** who have been a scholarship recipient for at least one semester and who have graduated from UHD. We also now have 64 prior members who have transferred to various colleges.

We anticipate approximately 15 SA members will graduate this Fall 2009 semester for a combined approximate total of 50 in the 2009-2010 academic year. Thereafter, we estimate 45 graduates each of the next 4-5 fiscal years.



Of the 790 SA members, 70 entered SA as Transfer students; 17 of these Transfer students have graduated from UHD. 254 entered SA as first-time-in-college (FTIC) students in which about 66 of these FTIC have graduated; another 12 FTIC will be graduating this current academic year.

In addition, retention of students within the SA remains high. From the Spring 2009 semester to Fall 2009, 103 of the 160 SA members continued their studies as members of the Academy in Fall 2009, 41 graduated in spring/summer 2009, three were suspended, ten transferred to other institutions and five withdrew from the Academy. Retention, excluding graduates and transfers, was approximately 95%.



¹The average percentage of Cohort Retention over the last ten years has been

65%. Cohort is defined here as the number of new SA members who have not been a prior member and are thus either new first-time-in-college (FTIC), new Transfers, or returning UHD students. Based on the first five years of SA, the FTIC cohorts averaged about 21 students and their six-year graduation rates averaged 26%.

²Our average percentage of Retention over the last ten years from semester to semester has been **90.66%.**

These include SA members who transferred to other institutions, graduations, and returned the following semester. We expect our future retention rates to remain within the range of 85-95% as in the past.

