



College-Ready: How to Be a Competitive Candidate for College

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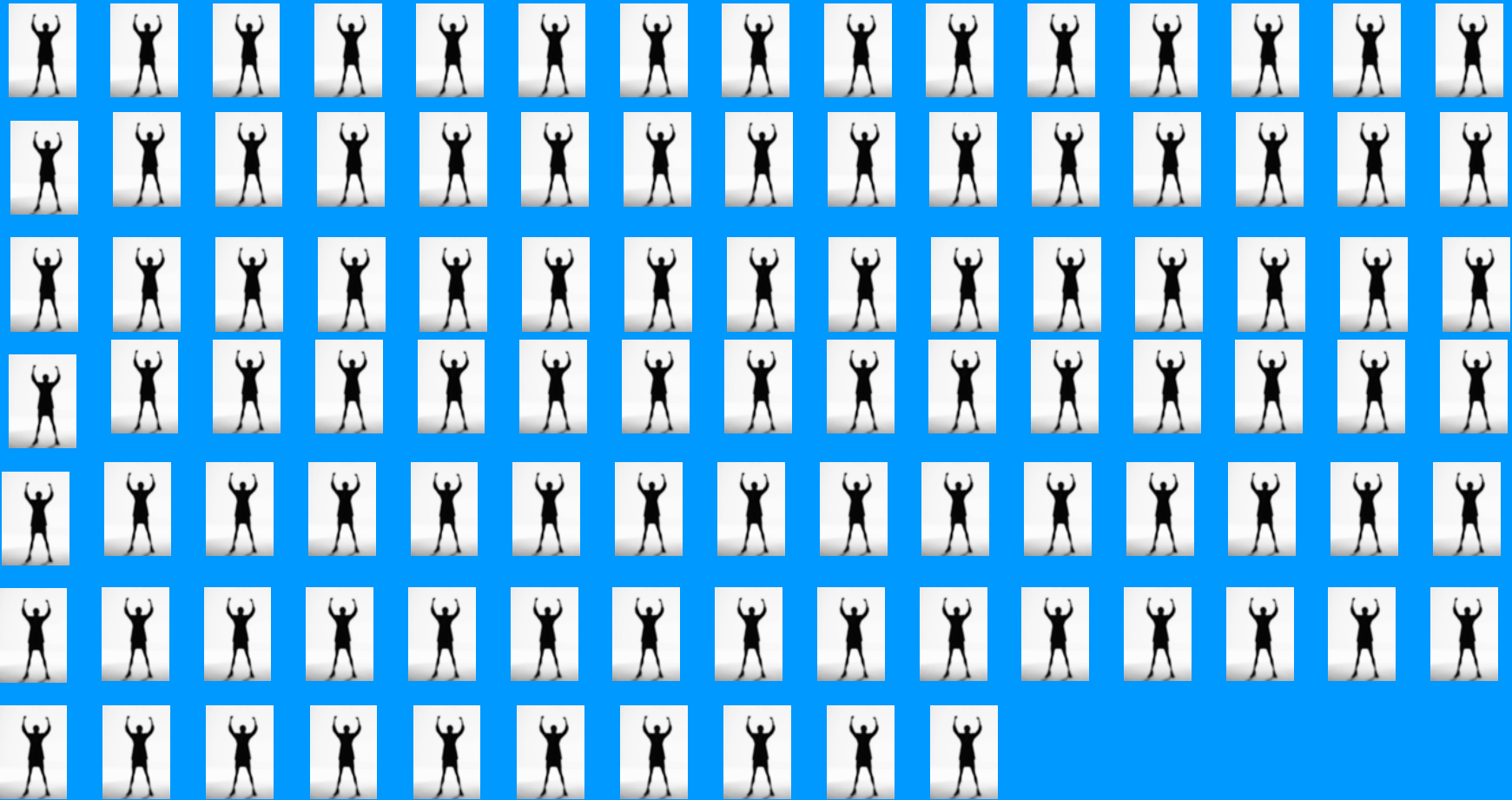
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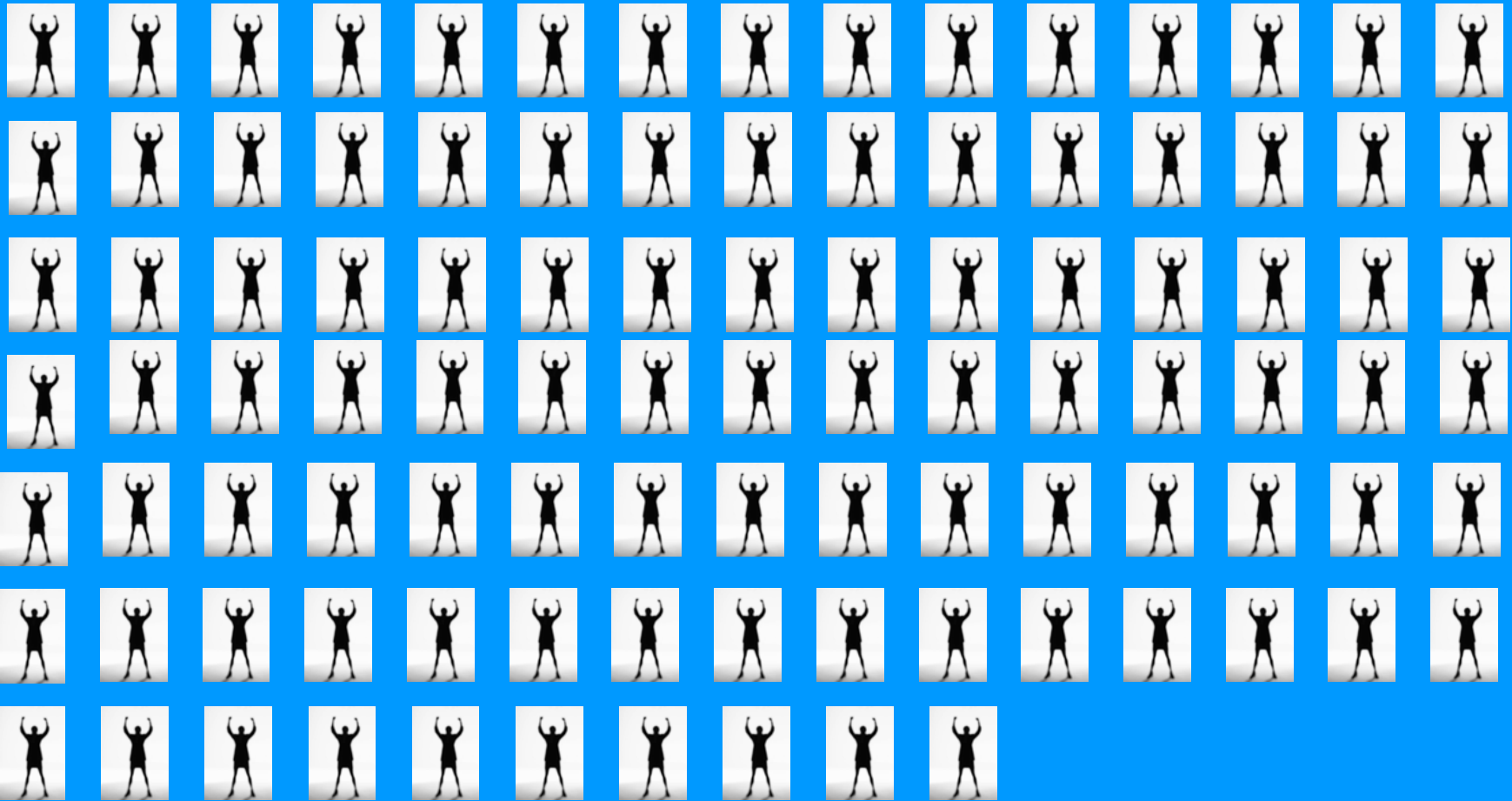
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Out of 100 9th Graders...



18 will graduate from college within 5 years.



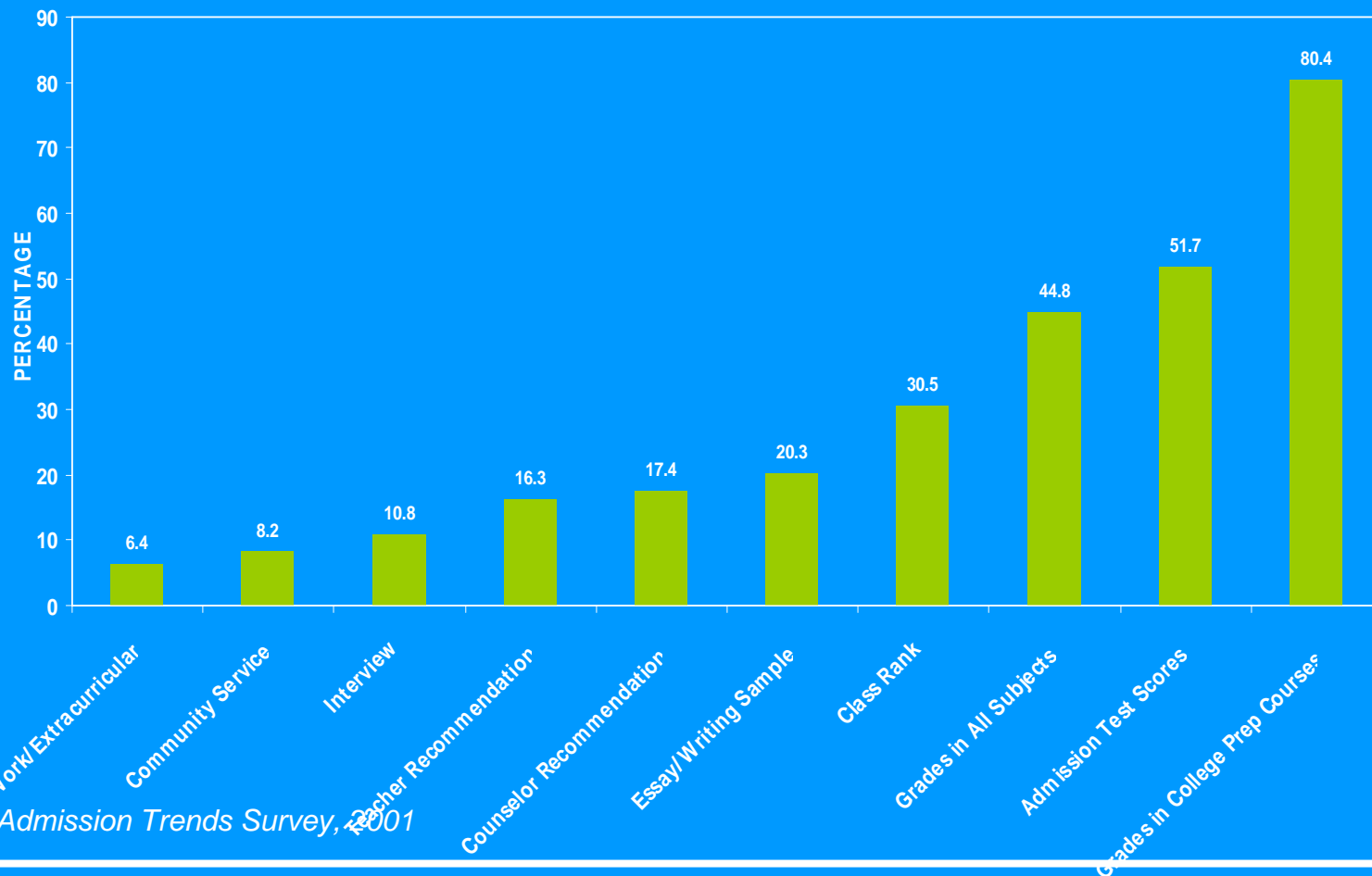
The Need for College Readiness

- All students can meet high expectations for academic performance when they are taught to high standards by qualified teachers.
- The rigor of a high school curriculum is the greatest predictor of degree completion.
- Finishing a mathematics course beyond Algebra 2 more than doubles the odds a student will complete a bachelor's degree.

The Need for College Readiness

- African American and Latino students' college degree completion rates are more positively affected than any other group by rigor of high school curriculum.
- The knowledge and skills required for college success are comparable to the knowledge and skills required by well-paying, entry level jobs with opportunity for advancement in today's knowledge-based global economy.

Factors Influencing College Admission Decisions



NACAC Admission Trends Survey, 2001

The reality . . .

- Nearly 75% of high school graduates enter colleges, but only 12% of these students have completed a significant college-prep curriculum.*
- Consequences:
 - high percentages of students requiring remediation
 - low bachelor's degree completion rates
- * Kati Haycock, "Closing the Achievement Gap," *Educational Leadership*.

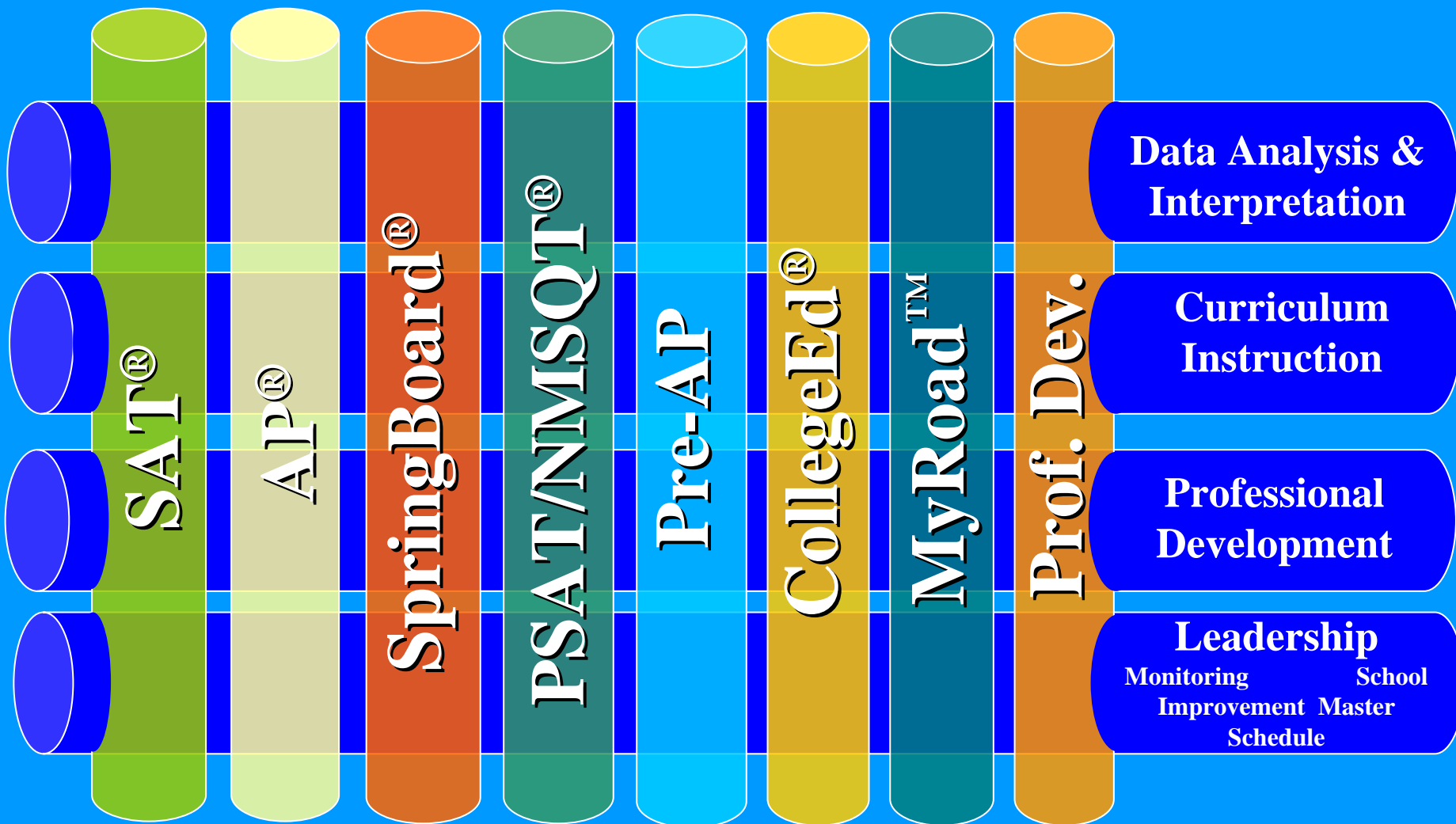
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College Readiness System

A flexible set of programs and services that helps schools

- Infuse rigor, set high expectations, and align the school culture to college readiness
- Expand access and opportunity
- Inspire students' hearts and minds to achieve

College Readiness System



COLLEGE

The Path to College

College Admission

Take the SAT

Begin College Visits

Take AP® Courses

Take College-Prep Courses in
Math, Science, Social Studies,
& Foreign Language

Take the PSAT/NMSQT

Take Algebra/Geometry

Begin Financial Aid Planning

Begin College Planning (CollegeEd, MyRoad)

SpringBoard: Preparation in Math, Reading, and Writing

6th GRADE

AP and 5-Year College Graduation Rates

Student Group	AP Exam Grade of 3, 4, 5
African-American	28% higher
Hispanic	28% higher
White	33% higher
Low-Income	26% higher
Not Low-Income	34% higher

“Without preparation, opportunity is an empty promise.”

—Alan Page, Minnesota State Supreme Court Justice

Quoted in the *Austin American-Statesman*, October 25, 2002



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