



2020 Dorm Student Nandagikendan (Seek to Learn) Academy

Despite COVID, the Dorm Student Academy was held to support students that chose to live in the dorms. While most of the content was conducted virtually through D2L (Brightspace), there were in-person activities each day to connect students with their peers and with staff and faculty on campus. New students who attended the academy were retained at the same rate as those who did not attend the academy. However, Native students who attended the academy at a rate of 83% while those who did not attend were retained at a rate of 59%.

All the returning students that had attended the academy the previous year were retained through their second year at FDLTCC. The retention for all returning students who participated in the academy was 100%, even when examining Black students, Native students, males, and females independently. Though COVID presented challenges in the delivery of the academy, the academy was successful in supporting students and retaining students as they continued from fall 2020 semester to spring 2021 semester in both the new and returning students.

