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| Auburn University                           | 182                         | 176                          | -6     | 56                      | 60                       | 4      | 101                    | 76                     | -25    |
| Clemson University                          | 267                         | 157                          | -110   | 34                      | 28                       | -6     | 122                    | 107                    | -15    |
| Iowa State University                       | 314                         | 239                          | -75    | 86                      | 84                       | -2     | 210                    | 192                    | -18    |
| Louisiana State University                  | 247                         | 255                          | 8      | 94                      | 78                       | -16    | 115                    | 98                     | -17    |
| North Carolina State University - Raleigh   | 198                         | 216                          | 18     | 86                      | 84                       | -2     | 141                    | 136                    | -5     |
| University of Alabama                       | 198                         | 255                          | 57     | 29                      | 28                       | -1     | 141                    | 115                    | -26    |
| University of Kentucky                      | 182                         | 176                          | -6     | 130                     | 108                      | -22    | 248                    | 228                    | -20    |
| University of Missouri                      | 216                         | 206                          | -10    | 86                      | 84                       | -2     | 141                    | 136                    | -5     |
| University of Nebraska                      | 267                         | 255                          | -12    | 40                      | 44                       | 4      | 164                    | 107                    | -57    |
| University of South Carolina                | 198                         | 206                          | 8      | 176                     | 168                      | -8     | 164                    | 147                    | -17    |
| Virginia Tech                               | 146                         | 255                          | 109    | 32                      | 54                       | 22     | 141                    | 136                    | -5     |

## Aspirational Peers

| Michigan State University                   | 247                         | 268                          | 21     | 157                     | 176                      | 19     | 190                    | 192                    | 2      |
| Purdue University                           | 100                         | 83                           | -17    | 40                      | 44                       | 4      | 59                     | 56                     | -3     |
| University of Georgia                       | 61                          | 72                           | 11     | 49                      | 66                       | 17     | 81                     | 76                     | -5     |
| University of Florida                       | 42                          | 48                           | 6      | 29                      | 33                       | 4      | 30                     | 34                     | 4      |
| University of Minnesota                     | 231                         | 278                          | 47     | 144                     | 159                      | 15     | 115                    | 98                     | -17    |
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| Virginia Tech                      | 339 | 275 | -64 | 83% | 80% | 3%  | 87% | 87% | 0% |

*Social Mobility = 5% (Pell grad rate 2.5%, Pell grad rate performance 2.5%)*
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| Auburn University                  | 101                             | 76                              | -25    | 38%                                  | 47%                                  | 1%     | $20,468                       | $21,127                       | -$659  |
| Clemson University                 | 122                             | 107                             | -15    | 45%                                  | 46%                                  | -1%    | $20,817                       | $21,047                       | -$230  |
| Iowa State University              | 210                             | 192                             | -18    | 56%                                  | 56%                                  | 0%     | $22,161                       | $22,564                       | -$403  |
| Louisiana State University         | 115                             | 98                              | -17    | 43%                                  | 44%                                  | -1%    | $20,713                       | $21,205                       | -$492  |
| North Carolina State University    | 141                             | 136                             | -5     | 48%                                  | 48%                                  | 0%     | $20,403                       | $21,102                       | -$699  |
| University of Alabama              | 141                             | 115                             | -26    | 45%                                  | 44%                                  | 1%     | $21,029                       | $21,781                       | -$752  |
| University of Kentucky             | 248                             | 228                             | -20    | 50%                                  | 51%                                  | -1%    | $24,216                       | $24,953                       | -$737  |
| University of Missouri             | 141                             | 136                             | -5     | 49%                                  | 50%                                  | -1%    | $20,432                       | $21,275                       | -$843  |
| University of Nebraska             | 164                             | 107                             | -57    | 54%                                  | 54%                                  | 0%     | $20,245                       | $20,951                       | -$706  |
| University of South Carolina        | 164                             | 147                             | -17    | 52%                                  | 51%                                  | 1%     | $21,083                       | $21,833                       | -$750  |
| Virginia Tech                      | 141                             | 136                             | -5     | 45%                                  | 45%                                  | 0%     | $20,912                       | $21,638                       | -$726  |

### Aspirational Peers

| Michigan State University          | 190                             | 192                             | 2      | 47%                                  | 49%                                  | -2%    | $22,679                       | $23,421                       | -$742  |
| Purdue University                  | 59                              | 56                              | -3     | 37%                                  | 39%                                  | -2%    | $18,511                       | $18,783                       | -$272  |
| University of Georgia              | 81                              | 76                              | -5     | 39%                                  | 40%                                  | -1%    | $19,241                       | $20,390                       | -$1,149 |
| University of Florida              | 30                              | 34                              | 4      | 27%                                  | 30%                                  | -3%    | $16,360                       | $17,746                       | -$1,386 |
| University of Minnesota            | 115                             | 98                              | -17    | 51%                                  | 53%                                  | -2%    | $18,985                       | $19,524                       | -$539  |
| University of Wisconsin            | 107                             | 98                              | -9     | 38%                                  | 40%                                  | -2%    | $20,206                       | $21,644                       | -$1,438 |

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| Actual 6 Year Graduation Rate       | 72% | 68%      | 60%        | 70%      | 68%      | 78%            | 73%      | 81%    | 72%     | 83%       | 88%| 91%      | 93%        | 69% |
| Over/Under Performance              | -6% | -2%      | -5%        | -2%      | -4%      | 3%             | 0%       | 4%     | -5%     | 3%        | 6% | 8%       | -3%        | -1% |
| Average Freshman Retention Rate     | 88% | 87%      | 82%        | 85%      | 86%      | 89%            | 88%      | 92%    | 88%     | 93%       | 95%| 97%      | 97%        | 84% |
| % of Classes Under 20               | 28% | 52%      | 46%        | 38%      | 38%      | 40%            | 43%      | 36%    | 46%     | 25%       | 47%| 55%      | 61%        | 42% |
| % of Classes of 50 or More          | 16% | 12%      | 14%        | 16%      | 14%      | 17%            | 14%      | 16%    | 17%     | 28%       | 11%| 10%      | 10%        | 16% |
| Student-Faculty Ratio               | 17:1| 16:1     | 17:1       | 19:1     | 16:1     | 18:1           | 18:1     | 20:1   | 19:1    | 19:1      | 17:1| 17:1     | 8:1         | 22:1 |
| Freshman in Top 10% of HS Class     | 35% | 25%      | 26%        | 25%      | 35%      | 30%            | 33%      | 31%    | 41%     | 60%       | 59%| 83%      | 91%        | 26% |
| Average Alumni Giving Rate          | 10.4%| 6.8%     | 19.8%      | 16.0%    | 7.2%     | 6.0%           | 10.0%    | 12.9%  | 18.8%   | 14.7%     | 14.0%| 18.9%    | 23.8%       | 9.5% |

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