## What Do We Know about the Undergraduate Class of 201 8?

For the third year in a row, more of the graduates came to UPIKE as new freshmen than as transfer students: 61% started here as first-time students; 39% transferred to UPIKE from another institution of higher education.

- o 28% of new freshmen had participated in the UPIKE dual credit program
- o 40% of transfers came from a KCTCS institution
  - 80% of these

About two-thirds (69%) of the graduates who started at UPIKE as first-time students and receiving bachelor's degrees took out student loans to pay for their education. The average per borrower cumulative principal borrowed for the Class of 2018 UPIKE graduates is \$2,527 (<u>LESS</u>than last year). [The average student loan debt for the Class of 2016 graduates was \$37,172. (Source: https://studentloanhero.com/student- loan-debt-statistics/)]

88% took at least one online and/or hybrid course at UPIKE (same as last year); on average these students took 18.1% of their UPIKE credit hours in some type of distance learning format (<u>HIGHER</u> than last year)

78% are Kentucky residents, which is a little higher than the general student population

- o 56% of these graduated from a high school in Pike County, Kentucky
  - 26% of these graduated from Shelby Valley High School

76% are from Appalachia, which is equivalent to the general student population

68 17% football

o 16% baseball

o 11% soccer

o 11% bowling

o 11% basketball

o 10% volleyball

o 4% softball

o 20% all other sports

41% are first generation college students, which is equivalent to the general student population

38% are male, which is <u>LESS</u>than the general student population (4 8%)

One third (32%) of the graduates who started at UPIKE as first-time students had enrolled in at least one developmental course during their first term of college (on average, 47% of new freshmen to UPIKE enroll in at least one developmental course during their first term)

About one in five (26%) graduates are non-traditional students [i.e., over the age of 25, married, and/or] have children]