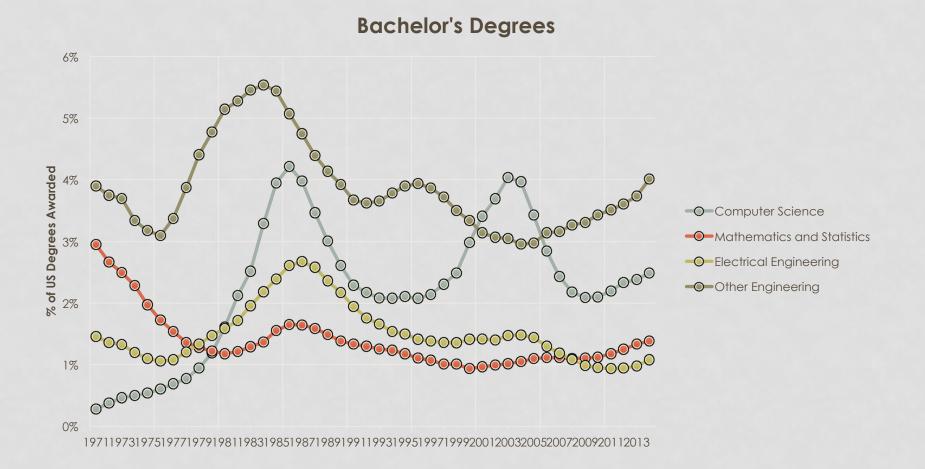
#### 4 CLAIMS ABOUT STUDENTS ENTERING CS PROGRAMS

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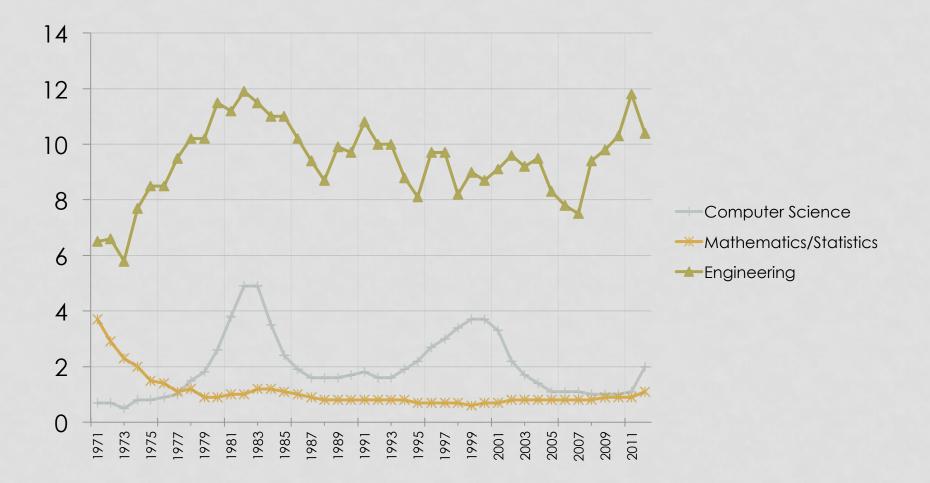
# 1. Pre-college intent leads to degrees

#### HOW MANY STUDENTS EARN DEGREES IN CS?



Data from IPEDs, reflects all institution types

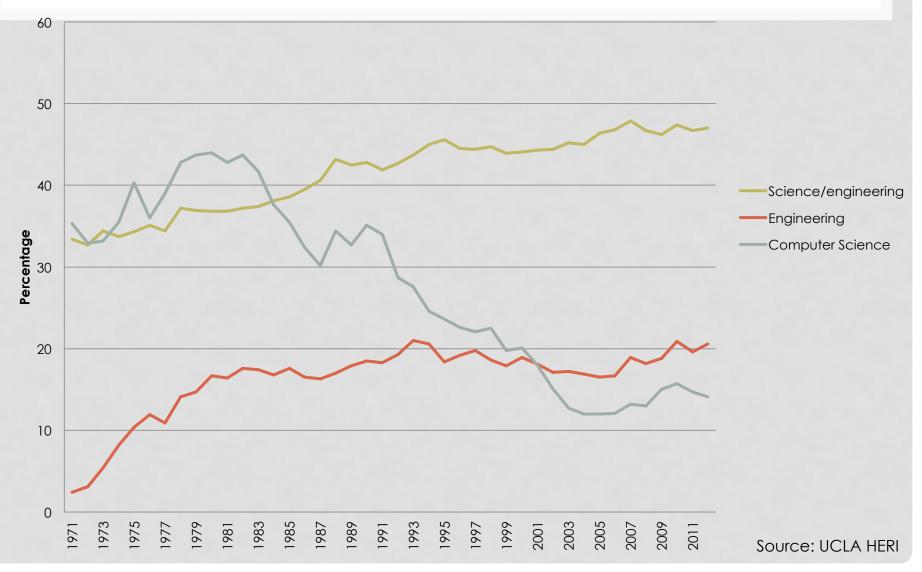
#### WHAT DID STUDENTS INTEND TO MAJOR IN?



Source: UCLA HERI Survey of First-Time Full-Time First-Year Students

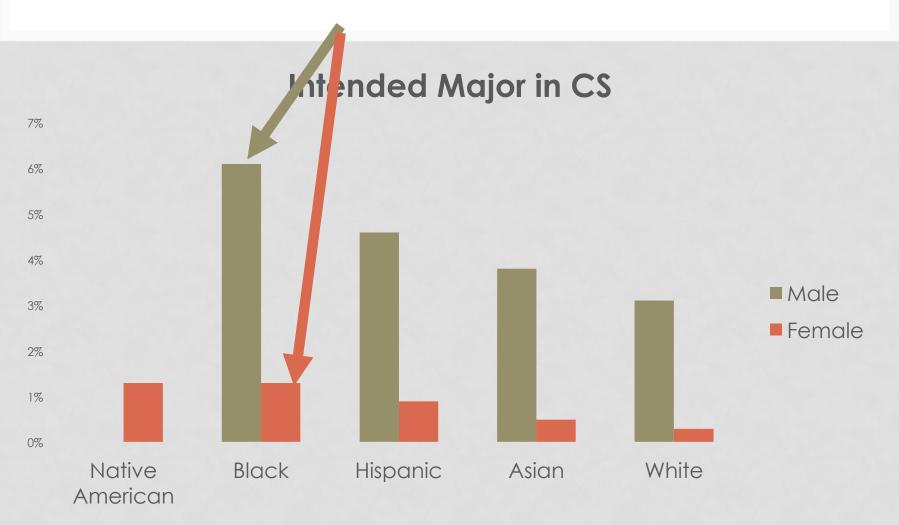
# 2. Women's interest has declined

#### LOSING STUDENTS PRIOR TO COLLEGE: FEMALE INTENTION TO MAJOR



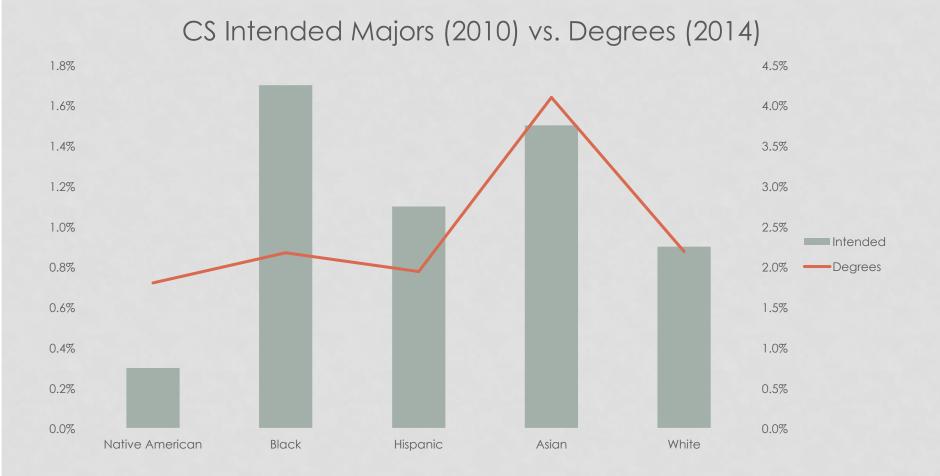
# 3. We lose students in college

#### WHAT GROUP IS MOST INTERESTED IN CS?



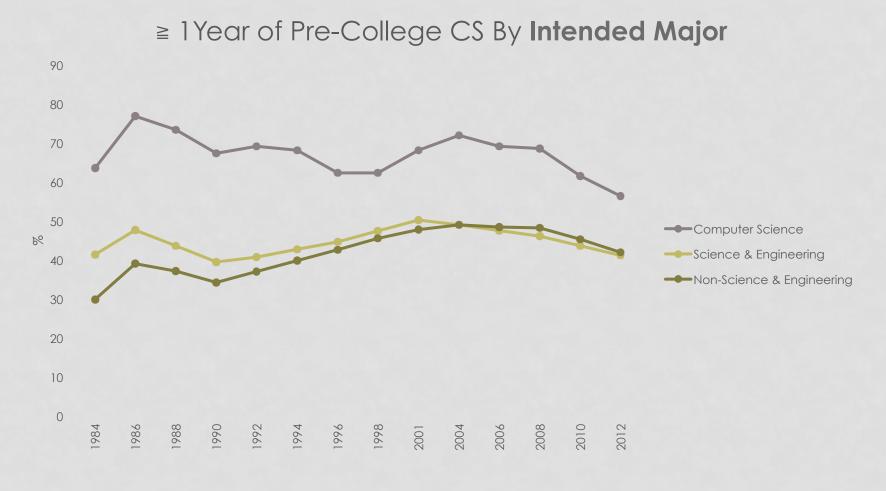
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#### LOSING STUDENTS DURING COLLEGE?



# 4. Pre-college exposure to CS is changing

#### PRE-COLLEGE CS EXPERIENCE WAS DOWN



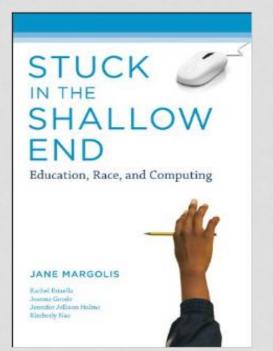
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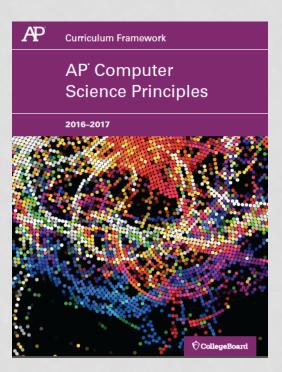
#### WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW?

- Advanced Placement (AP) Computer Science A exam from 2006-2016
  - 4x exam takers
  - Pass rate remains similar
- 2015 Demographics
  - 22% female (55% of all exam takers)
  - 9% Hispanic (17%)
  - 4% African American (7%)

## WHAT HS COURSES WILL STUDENTS TAKE IN THE FUTURE?

#### Exploring Computer Science AP CS Principles





#### EXPLORING COMPUTER SCIENCE & CS PRINCIPLES

#### Inclusive

- Conceptuallybased
- Engaging
- Accessible
- Rigorous
- Inspiring
- May 2017: 1st AP Computer Science Principles
  exam
  - 1,300 schools already plan to offer
  - Biggest launch in AP history

#### CS FOR ALL & IMPACT ON COLLEGE DEPARTMENTS?



## THOUGHTS?

- Pre-college intentions strongly impacts pursuit of a CS major
- Different underrepresented groups have different challenges
- Students may have very different pre-college experiences in the near future

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