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YOUR ROLE IN DATA SECURITY

What do Kmart, Panera Bread, Timehop, and Delta have in common? They all experienced a data breach in the last year. Our goal is that Piedmont International University will never see its name on that list. As an institute of higher education, PIU processes financial, medical, and academic personally identifiable information. A data breach could jeopardize not only students, but also faculty, staff, churches, schools, and families. You can help PIU stay secure by following simple practices.

- **Lock your computer.**
  Perhaps the easiest way to protect sensitive information is to lock your computer when it is not in use.
- **Change your password; do not share it.**
  Lost, stolen, and weak passwords account for nearly 63 percent of data breaches according to the Verizon 2016 Data Breech Investigation Report. If you struggle to remember your password, use a secure password management software.

- **Use two-factor authentication.**
  PIU recently migrated to a new server which requires two-factor authentication for our Student Information System. This transition ensures increased security for our critical database.

Sources:
Segal, Chelsea. "8 Cyber Security Best Practices for Your Small to Medium-Size Business." Cox Blue. n.d.
https://coxblue.com/8-cyber-security-best-practices-for-your-small-to-medium-size-business-smb/

The 2018-2019 academic catalogs are now available on the PIU website. We encourage you to review our new course offerings and updated policies.
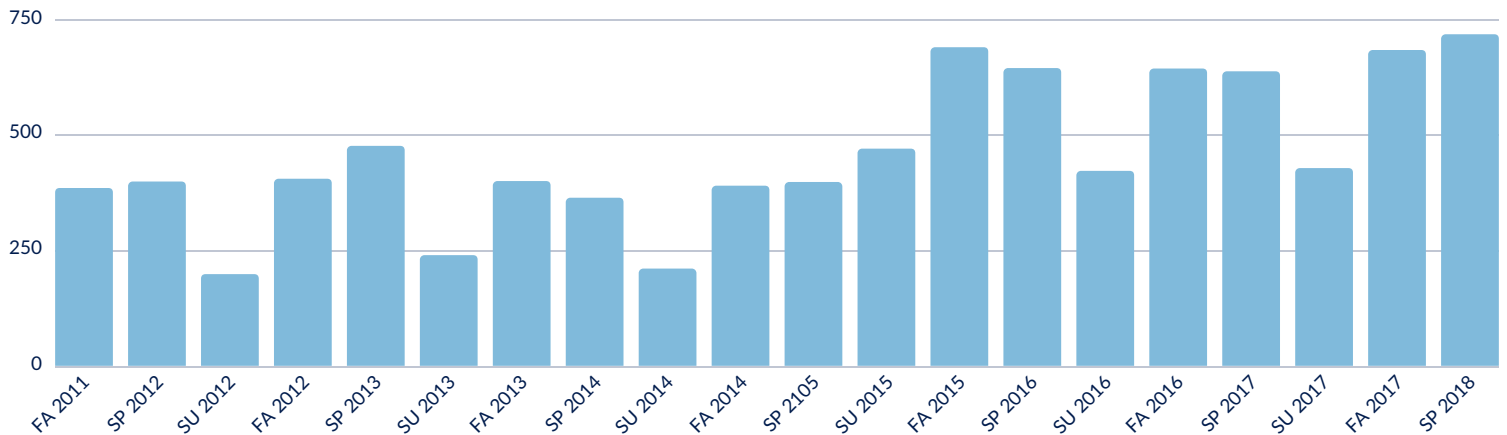
STATISTIC OF THE MONTH
120
total degree conferrals at
May commencement.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- August 13 - Faculty / Staff Development Day
- August 14 - Faculty Development Day

TOTAL ENROLLMENT

The above chart is from our 2018 fact book. To see the complete fact book, visit piedmontu.edu/institutional-effectiveness