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SEO Scholars Program *Closing the Gap – Redefining the Future*

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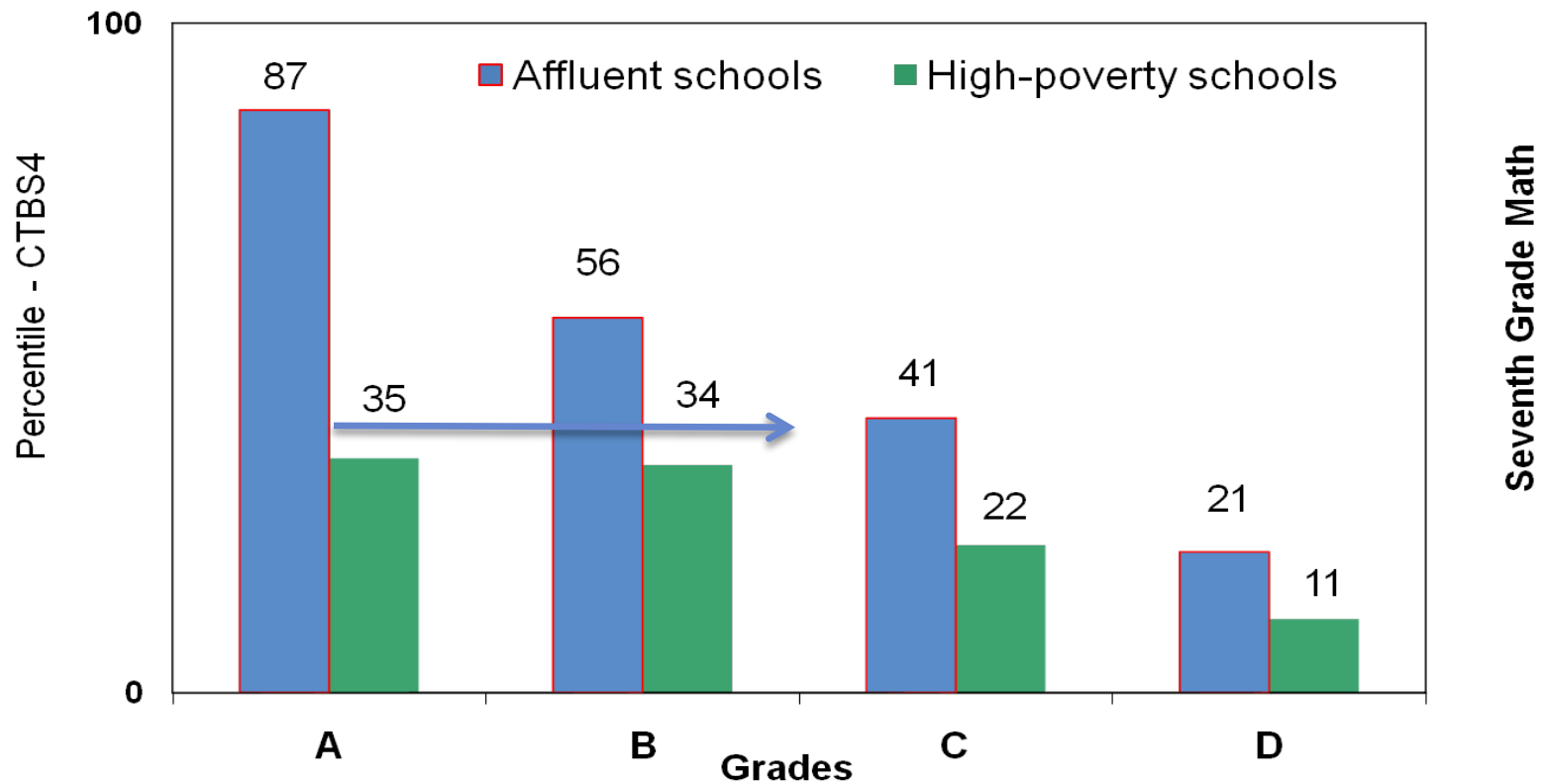
Disparities in Education

- Nationally, 8th graders in low-income urban school districts perform at a level slightly above that of 4th graders in affluent districts
- As documented in the Gates Foundation-funded report, *Diploma to Nowhere*, almost 80% of students in remedial college classes had a high school GPA of “B” or better
- Students graduating from NYC public high schools are not “College-Ready”
- According to the NYS Board of Regents, in 2010 only 12.7% of African American students and 13.6% of Hispanic students graduated college-ready from NYC public high schools

US Department of Education:

"A" = "C"

'A' Work in High-Poverty Schools Would Earn 'C's in Affluent Schools



Solution Strategy

Children from low-income backgrounds attending under-performing urban high schools must work harder in order to level the playing field.

SEO Scholars Program Quick Facts

- The SEO Scholars Program is an Out-of-School-Time (OST) academic program serving NYC public high school students.
- During grades 9-12, SEO Scholars attend 720 hours of OST instruction in critical reading, critical writing, vocabulary, grammar, and math.
- SEO Scholars participate in SEO's Saturday Academy, after-school sessions and summer program.
- Classroom instruction is based on SEO's curriculum and led by SEO's part-time faculty.
- SEO partners with local universities to provide classroom space for its Saturday Academy and summer program.

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SEO Scholars Enrollment

- For Academic Year 2011-2012, the SEO Scholars Program will serve 622 students in aspirational settings through its partnerships with NYU School of Law and other local universities that provide classroom space
 - 400 low-income public high school students (380 in NYC; 20 in San Francisco) attending over 100 high schools
 - 222 college students who have completed the high school component of the Scholars Program, enrolled at 91 colleges and universities

Scholars Program Results

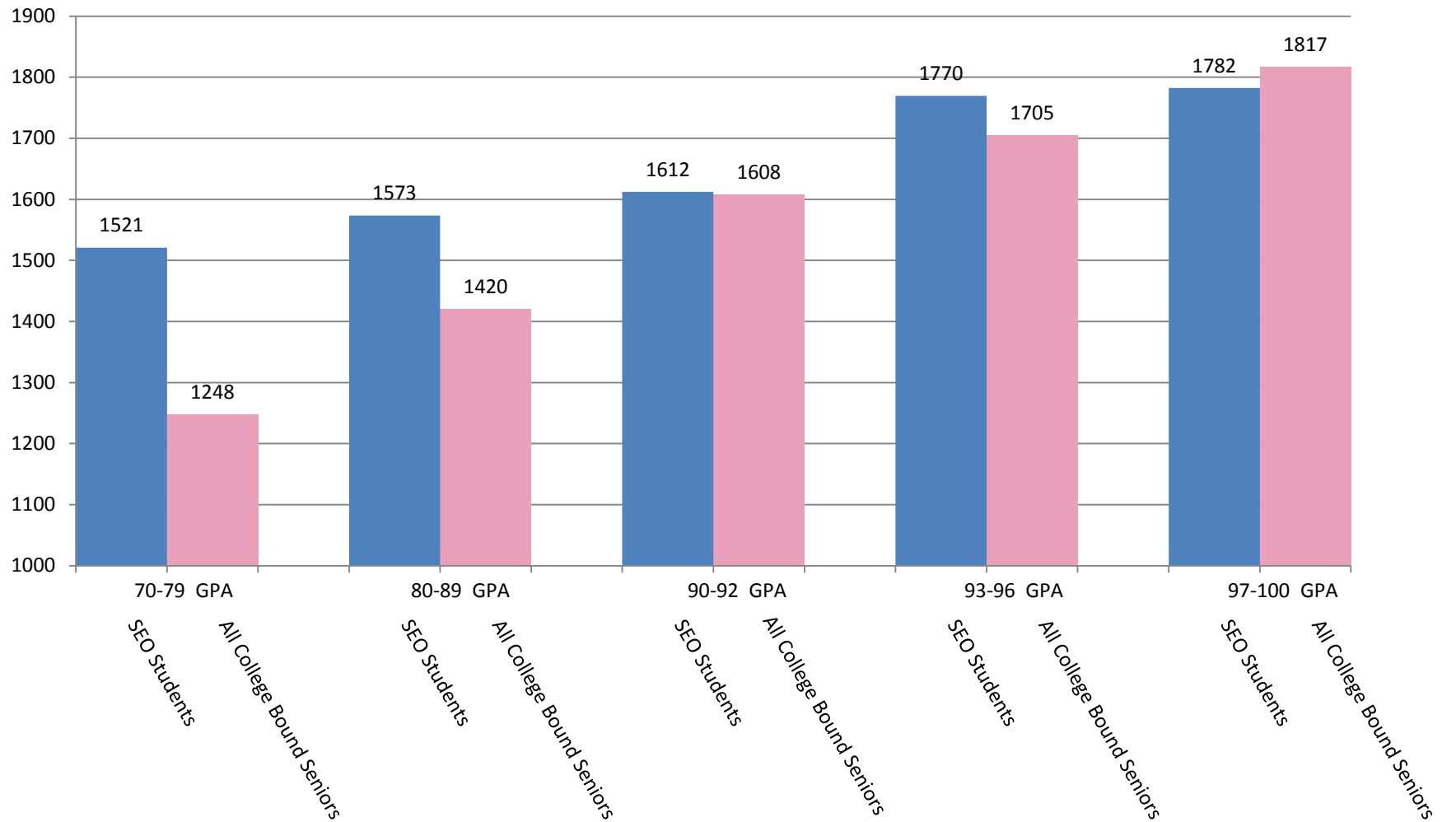
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All SEO Scholars Compared to All College Bound Seniors

2009 & 2010 SAT Results

By Grade Point Average - 2400 Point Scale

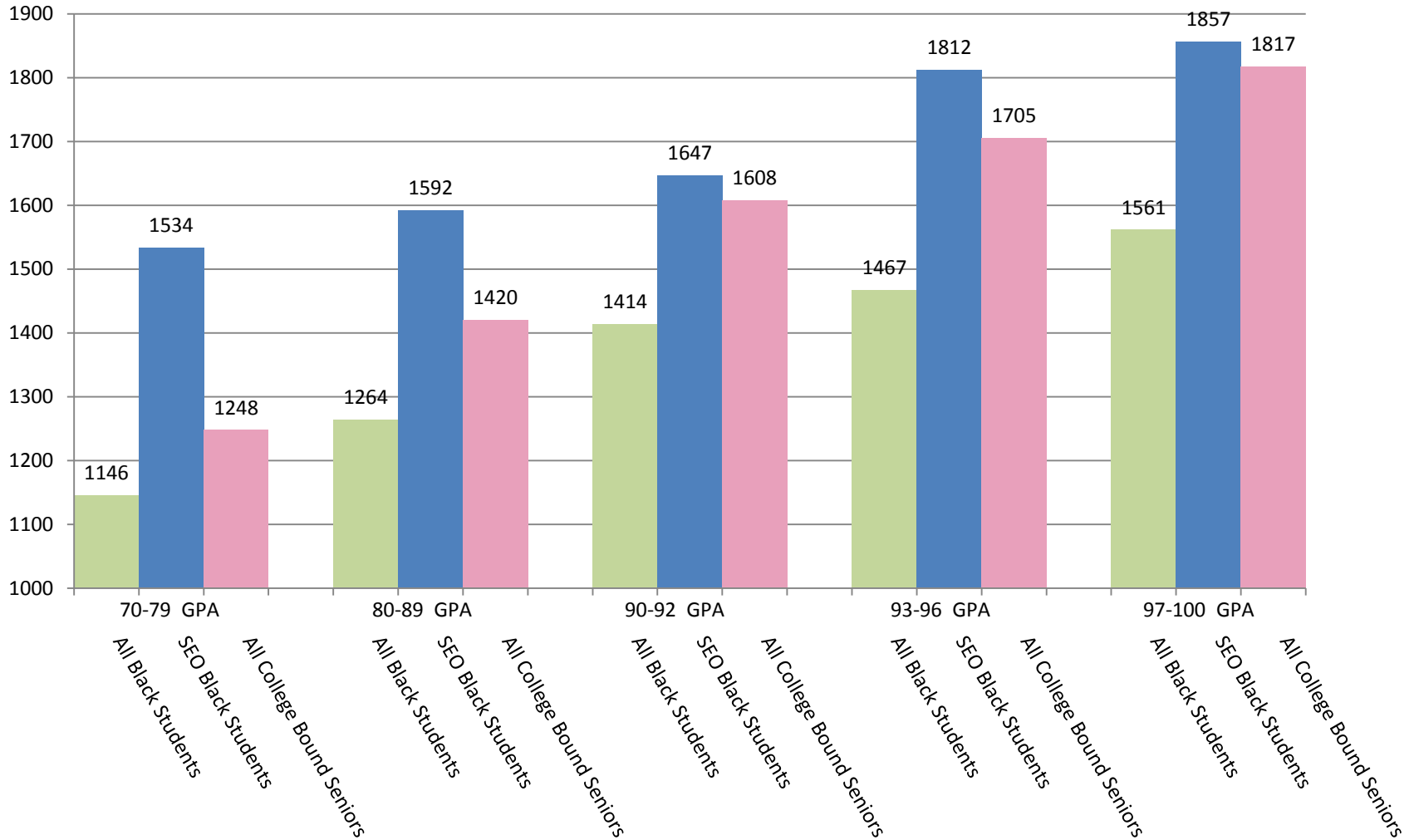
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SEO Black Scholars Compared to All College Bound Seniors 2009 & 2010 SAT Results

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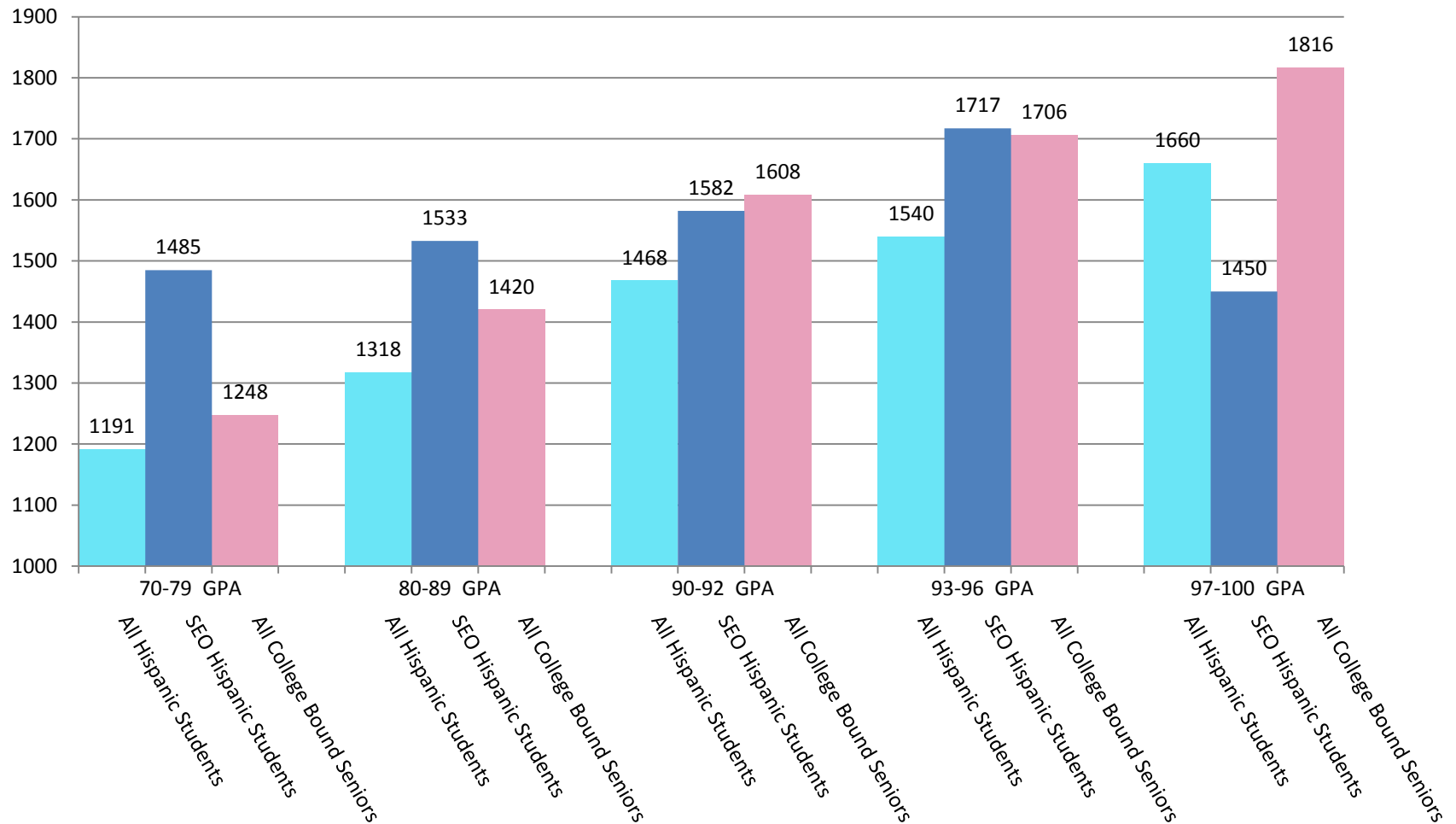


SEO Hispanic Scholars Compared to All College Bound Seniors

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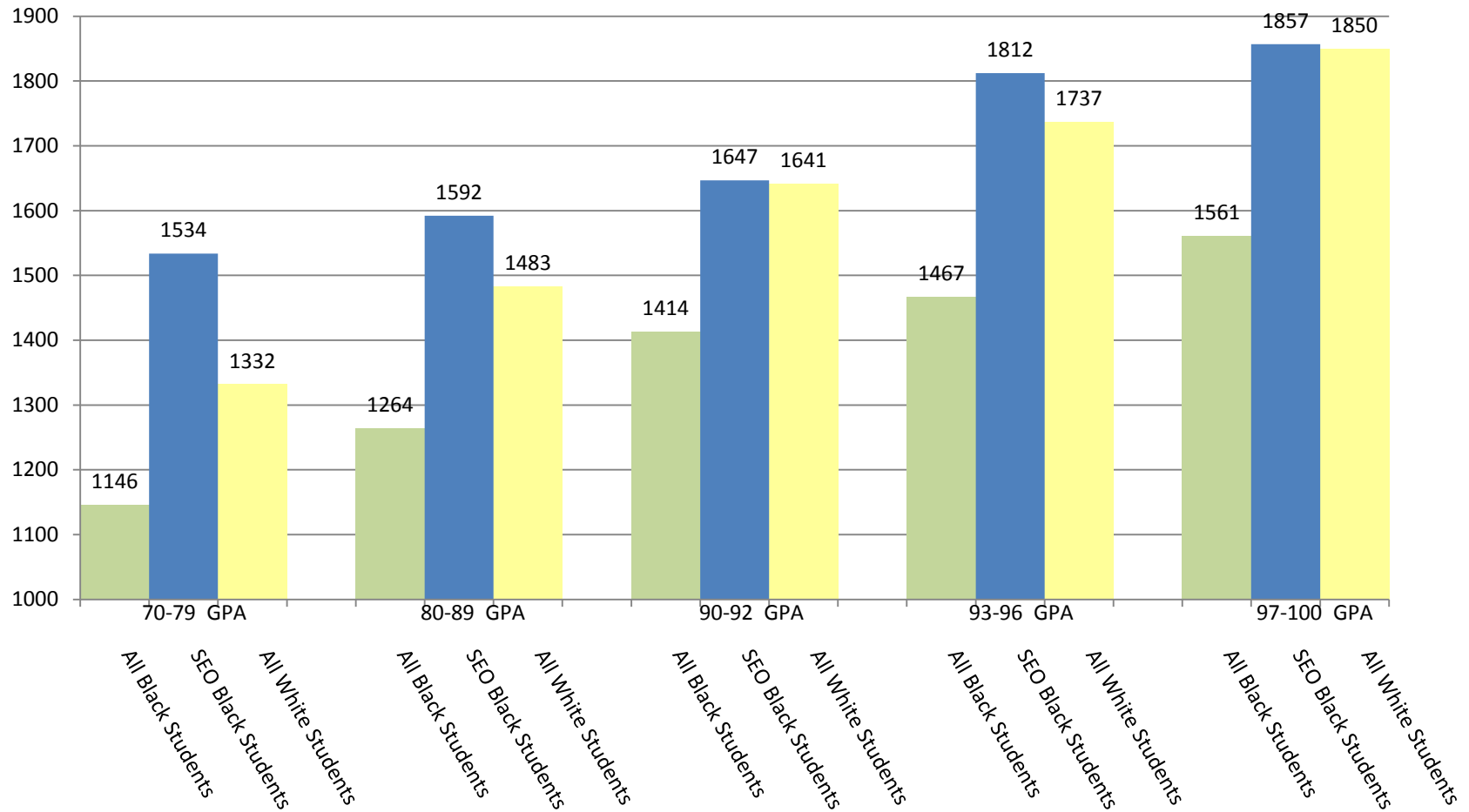
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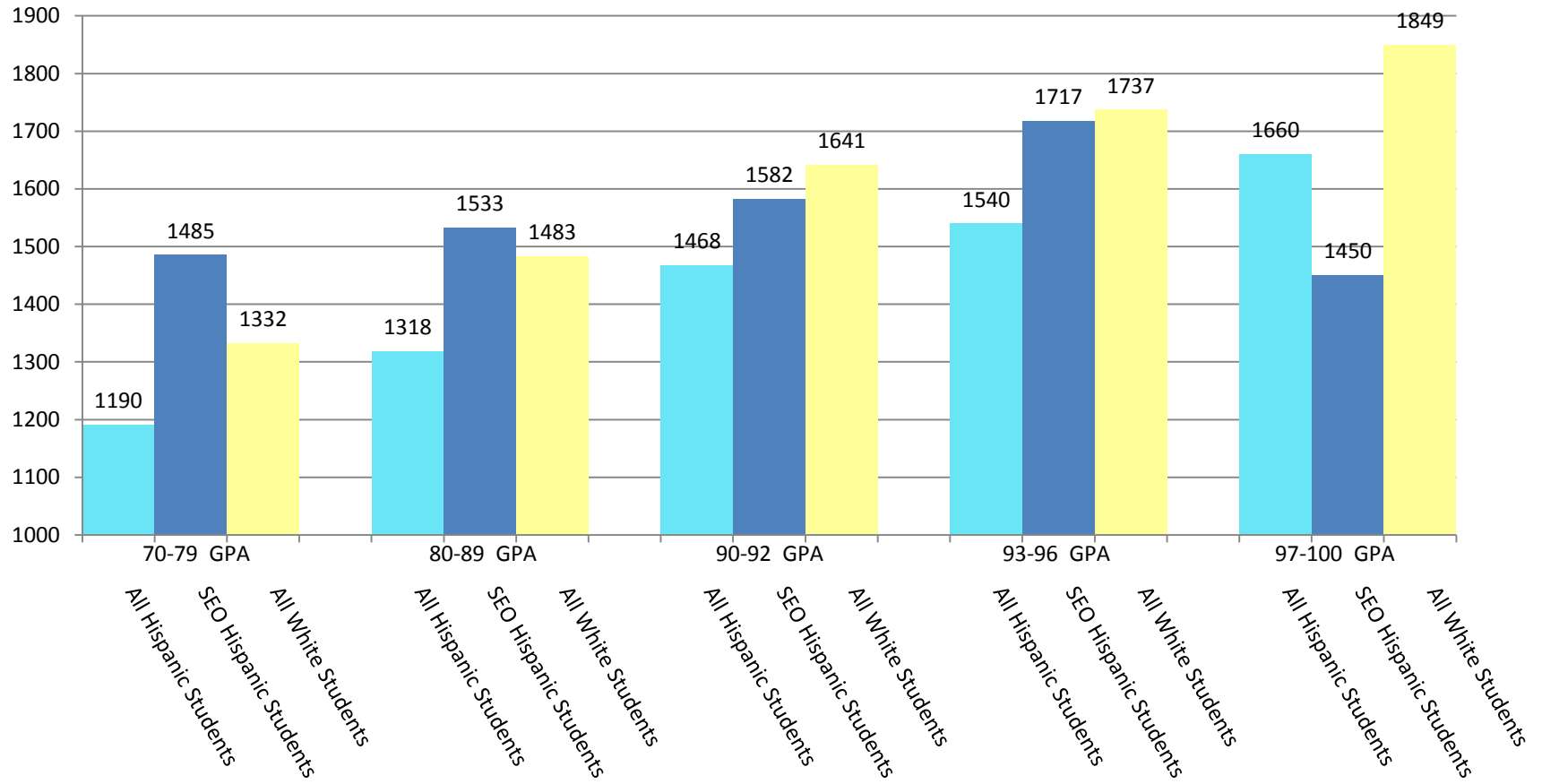
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SEO *Hispanic Scholars* Compared to White College Bound Seniors 2009 & 2010 SAT Results

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College Admissions

- 100% of students in the high school Class of 2011 will attend college this fall
- 72% of SEO's Class of 2011 will attend a college in the top three *Barron's* categories - Most, Highly & Very Competitive
- 91% were admitted to schools in the top three *Barron's* categories but some are unable to attend their top choice due to financial or family circumstances

College Performance

- **Average college GPA for SEO Scholars: 3.15**
- **In 2010, 79% graduated college on-time**
- **In 2011, 91% graduated college on-time**

The 120 Students of the Scholars Class of 2014 *Thank You!*



Appendix

- Notes:
 - College Board Total Group Profile Reports 2009 & 2010 & SEO Scores: Based on Most Recent Student Score
 - SEO Scholars data: n=106
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