

Welcoming Communities Initiative  
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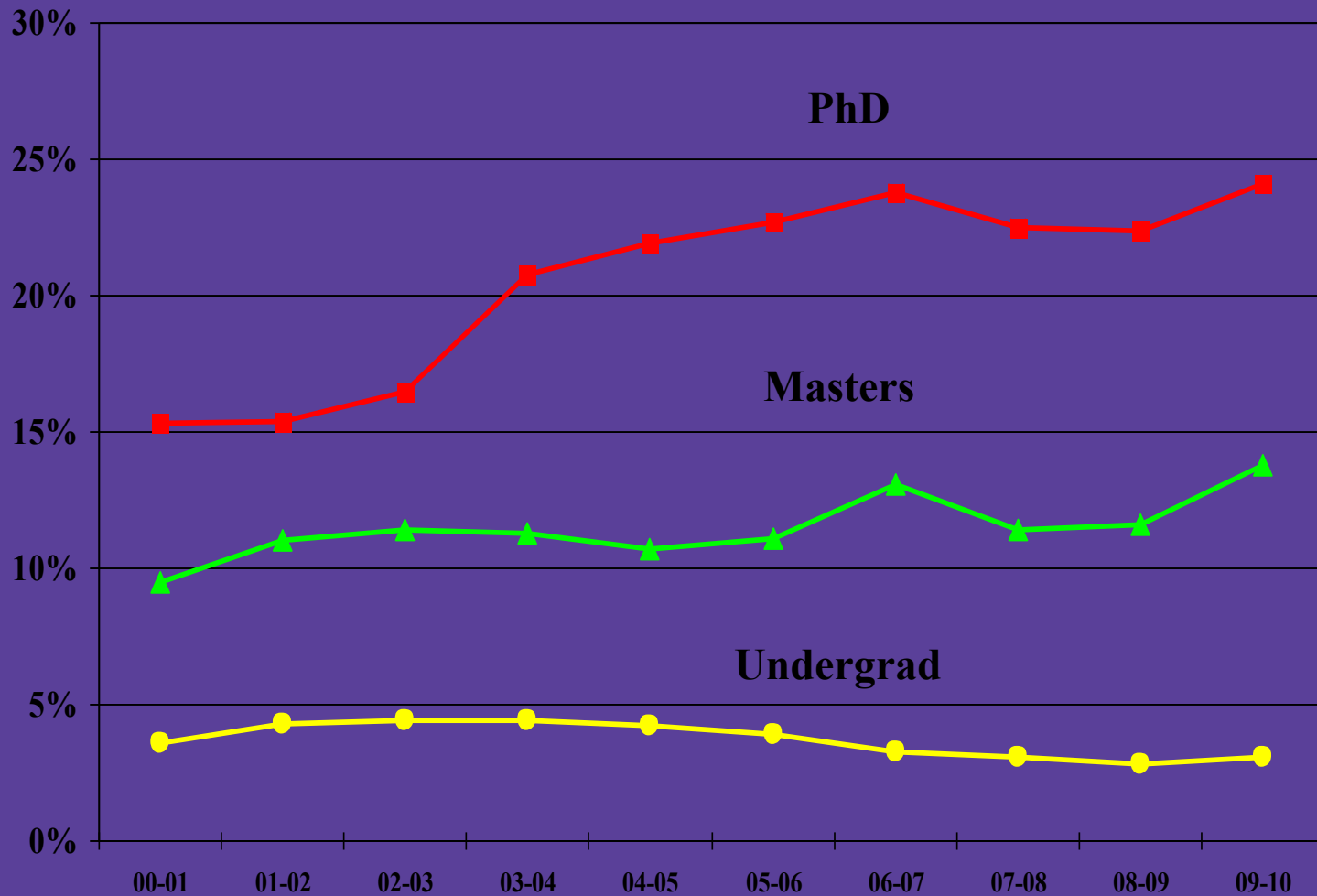
# *The University of Western Ontario*

From Western's Strategic Plan  
*Engaging the Future, 2006*

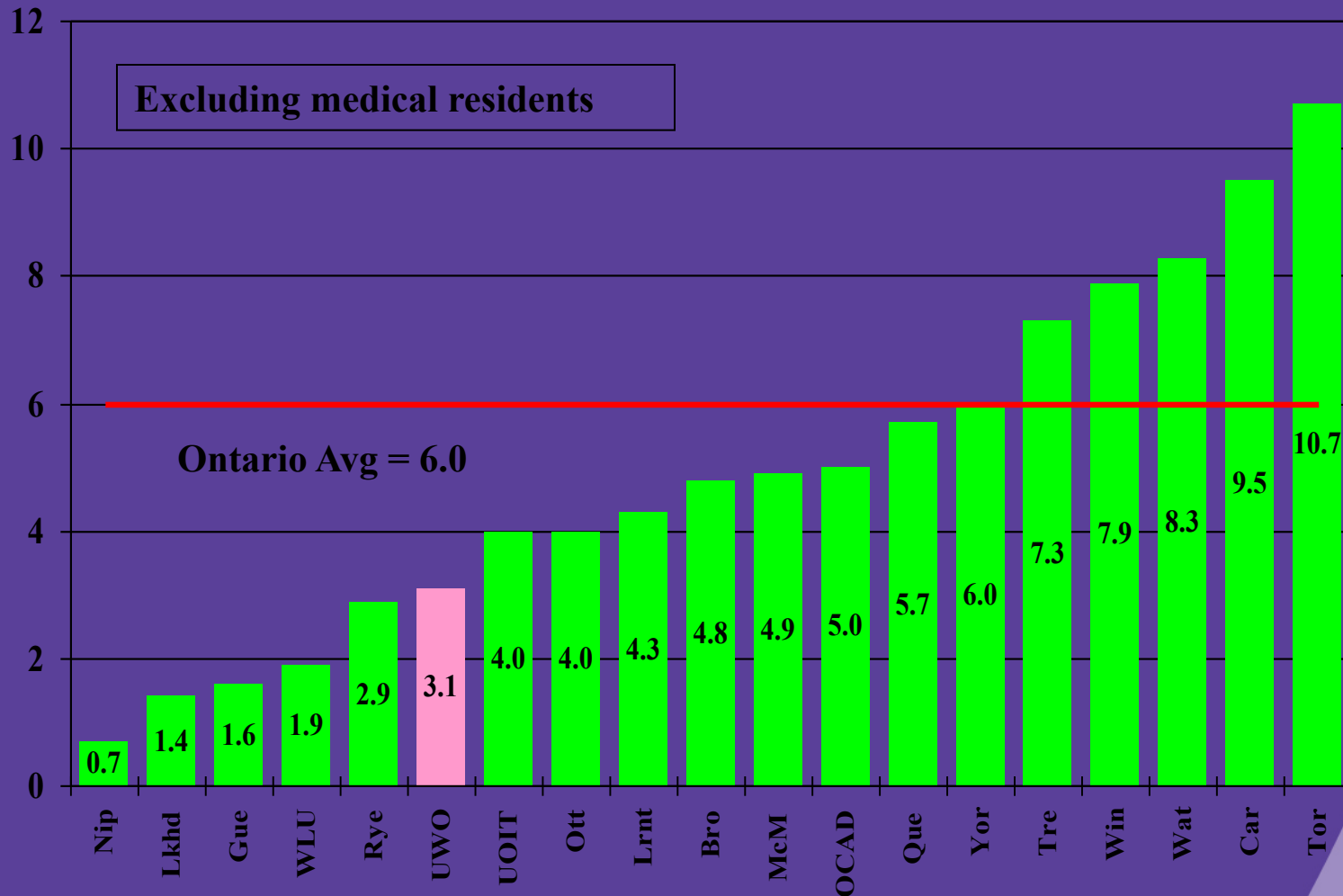
"A part of the competitive environment facing Western is the growth of internationalization in research and in undergraduate and graduate studies, which reflects the growing importance of the international economic and social condition. Our students seek and benefit from international experiences, a curriculum with a strong international component, and a campus with international students in the classrooms and residences."

"Any university aspiring to international recognition and stature must demonstrate an international perspective and a global commitment."

# Full-Time Enrolments: % International



## Ontario Universities: 2009-10 FT Undergrad Students Percentage International Students



## What Government Leaders Are Saying

*"I'd like to officially welcome the students to Ontario; they are a vital part of our plan to encourage the world's best students to study and settle in the province. In an increasingly global economy, Ontario needs to provide its students with learning opportunities abroad while opening our doors to the world as a destination of choice for postsecondary education"*

– John Milloy- Ontario Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities

*"The world needs Ontario's schools. So your government will aggressively promote Ontario postsecondary institutions abroad, and increase international enrolment by 50 per cent while maintaining spaces for Ontario students. Their contributions will strengthen our schools and create more Ontario jobs. Together, we will make Ontario a classroom for the world."*

- 2010 Ontario Speech from the Throne