

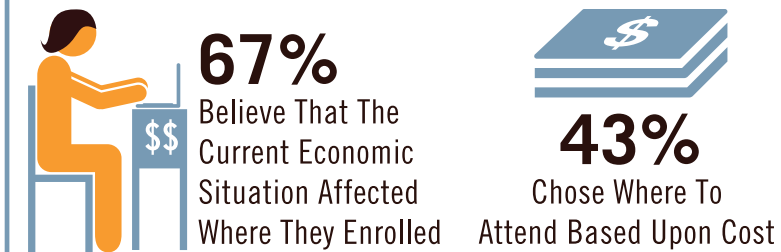
# FIRST YEAR STUDENTS

— AT A GLANCE —



Here are some of the challenges and opportunities of working with students entering college in 2012.

## ECONOMICS INFLUENCE WHICH SCHOOLS THEY ATTEND



## THEIR REASONS FOR GOING TO COLLEGE

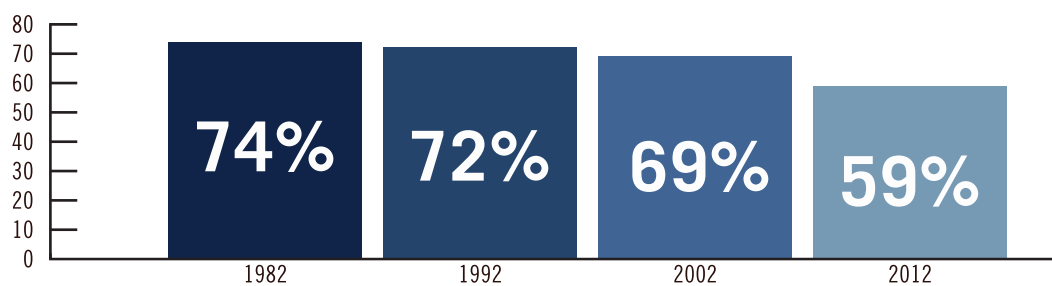
More Than Ever, Students Are Going To College To Be Able To



## AND THEIR PERSONAL GOALS

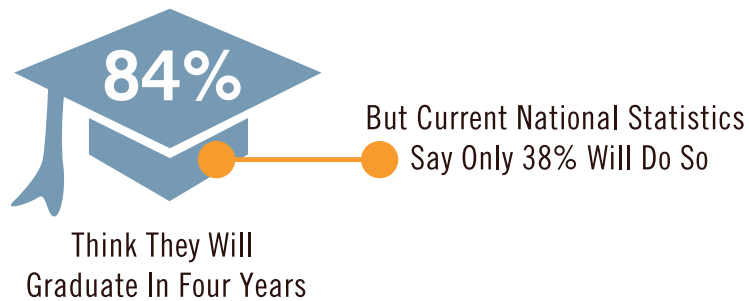


## FEWER ARE ATTENDING THEIR FIRST-CHOICE COLLEGE



**13%** Could Not Afford To Go To Their First-choice College

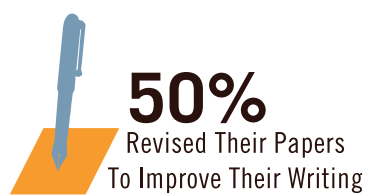
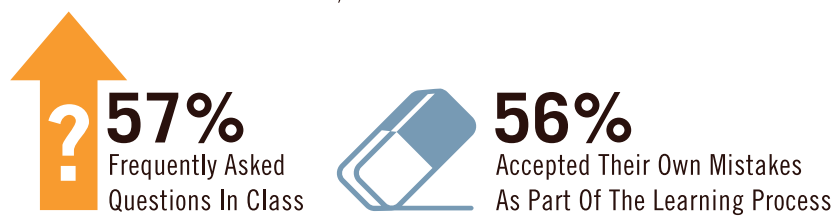
## THEIR EXPECTATIONS ABOUT HOW LONG IT TAKES TO GRADUATE DIFFER FROM THE REALITY



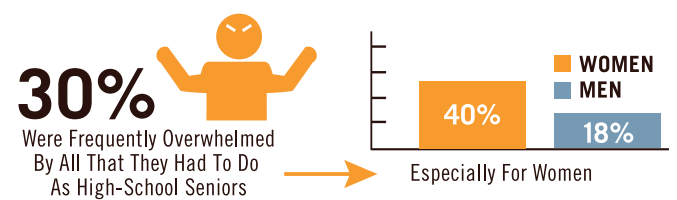
Despite Being Worried About Financing College, Some Will End Up Paying For A Fifth Year

## ACADEMIC HABITS TIED TO SUCCESS IN COLLEGE ARE ON THE RISE

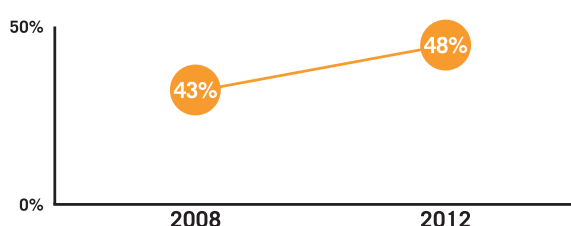
MORE STUDENTS, AS HIGH-SCHOOL SENIORS



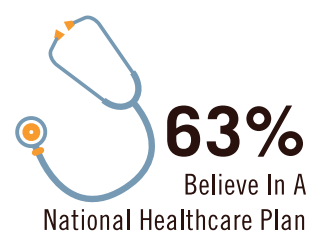
## BUT MORE ARE ALSO ENTERING COLLEGE FEELING OVERWHELMED



## POLITICALLY THEY ARE MORE LIKELY TO VIEW THEMSELVES AS "IN THE CENTER"



## YET MANY HOLD MORE "LIBERAL" POLITICAL AND SOCIAL VIEWS



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