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

67% Believe That The Current Economic Situation Affected Where They Enrolled

43% Chose Where To Attend Based Upon Cost

THEIR REASONS FOR GOING TO COLLEGE

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

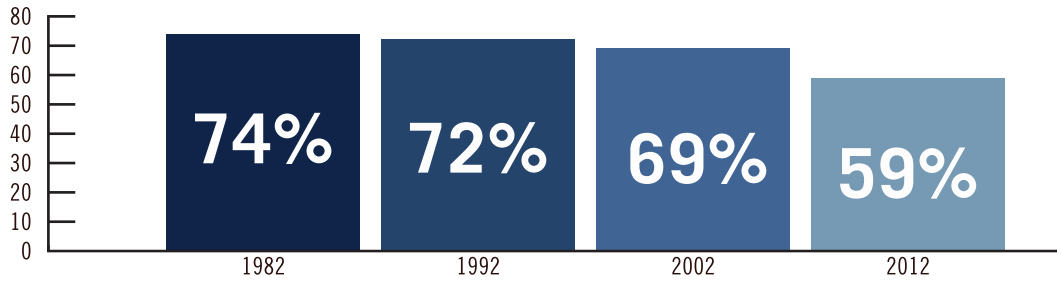
88% Get A Good Job

75% Make More Money

AND THEIR PERSONAL GOALS

81% Want To Be Very Well Off Financially

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

84% Think They Will Graduate In Four Years

But Current National Statistics Say Only 38% Will Do So

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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

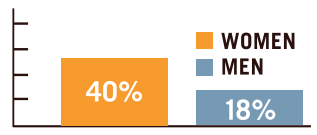
57% Frequently Asked Questions In Class

56% Accepted Their Own Mistakes As Part Of The Learning Process

50% Revised Their Papers To Improve Their Writing

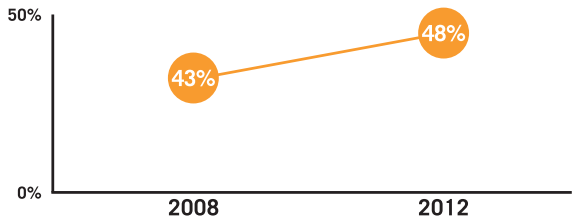
BUT MORE ARE ALSO ENTERING COLLEGE FEELING OVERWHELMED

30% Were Frequently Overwhelmed By All That They Had To Do As High-School Seniors



Especially For Women

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



YET MANY HOLD MORE "LIBERAL" POLITICAL AND SOCIAL VIEWS

75% Believe That Same-Sex Couples Should Have The Right To Marry

66% Believe The Wealthy Should Pay More Taxes

63% Believe In A National Healthcare Plan

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