THERE’S NO DOUBT THAT COLLEGE IS A VALUABLE EXPERIENCE

Most students (88%) feel that their first year of college exposed them to diverse opinions, cultures, and values. And 58% feel their coursework was relevant to everyday life.

STUDENTS STRONGLY AGREE THAT THEIR COLLEGE HAS CONTRIBUTED TO THEIR:

- 30% Critical thinking skills
- 24% Knowledge of people from different races/cultures
- 25% Ability to work as part of a team

CLASSROOM EXPERIENCES HAVE LASTING EFFECTS...

- 62% Are satisfied with the relevance of coursework to their future career plans
- 43% Frequently felt courses inspired them to think new ways
- 35% Performed community service as part of a class

...WHEN STUDENTS ARE PAYING ATTENTION.

- 34% Were frequently bored in class
- 79% Tasted during class

BUT COLLEGE ISN’T ALL ABOUT THE CLASSROOM. FOR AT LEAST 3 HOURS A WEEK:

- 26% Were active in student clubs/groups
- 31% Partied
- 56% Exercised or played sports

OF COURSE, FINANCIAL AID IS ALWAYS A CONCERN.

- 19% Of students have major concerns about paying for college
- 37% Felt their jobs interfered with schoolwork
- 43% Took advantage of financial aid advising
- 58% Took out loans for educational expenses

BALANCE IS KEY...

- 63% Are satisfied with their social lives
- 79% Successfully balance academics and extracurriculars
- 28% Frequently maintain a healthy diet

...AND SO ARE SUPPORT NETWORKS.

- 76% Turned to other students for advice or counseling
- 58% Frequently felt support from their family to succeed
- 22% Utilized student psychological services

With insight from CIRP’s Your First College Year Survey, the most comprehensive tool addressing first-year adjustment and persistence, you’ll be one step closer to helping your students adjust to campus life while providing the best environment for learning.

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