## 2010 Beginning College Survey of Student Engagement

## BCSSE 2010 Results



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## 2010 Beginning College Survey of Student Engagement

The Beginning College Survey of Student Engagement (BCSSE) collects data about first year college students' high school academic and co-curricular experiences, in addition to their expectations for the first year of college.

The 2010 BCSSE consisted of questions regarding student high school experiences, and anticipated college experiences, which are broken down into the following six scales:

- High School Academic Engagement
- Expected Academic Engagement
- Expected Academic Perseverance
- Expected Academic Difficulty
- Perceived Academic Preparation
- Importance of Campus Environment


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## What is BCSSE?

The BCSSE has been used in addition to the National Survey of Student Engagement since 2007 at 4 year colleges and institutions around the country. 2008 was the first year of administration of the BCSSE at TAMU-CC.

The BCSSE is designed to be paired with the NSSE administration at the end of the students’ first year, so that comparisons can be made between expectations and actual experiences.

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## TAMU-CC BCSSE Administration

The BCSSE survey instrument was administered in first year seminar courses (UCCP) during the first week of the Fall 2010 semester (August 25 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ - September $1^{\text {st }}$ ). The surveys were given during UCCP class periods. 1,413 surveys were distributed, and $91 \%$ of the contacted students completed the survey ( $\mathbf{n}=1,284$ ).

Results have been compiled for the BCSSE 2010 survey in power point format with frequency percentage scores for TAMU-CC all first year students collectively, as well as TAMU-CC 2008 scores and the most recent national BCSSE data for comparison.

If additional information is needed, please contact the Office of Planning and Institutional Effectiveness at extension 2242.

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## Findings:

## BCSSE Scales

## 2010 Beginning College Survey of Student Engagement

## BCSSE Scale: High School Academic Engagement

Engagement in educationally relevant behaviors during the last year of high school


Scale Scores are expressed in 0 (minimum/no engagement) to 10 (maximum/high engagement) point scales.

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## BCSSE Scale: Expected Academic Engagement

Expected engagement in educationally relevant behaviors during the first year of college


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## BCSSE Scale: Expected Academic Perseverance

Student certainty that they will persist in the face of academic adversity


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## BCSSE Scale: Expected Academic Difficulty

Expected academic difficulty during the first year of college


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## BCSSE Scale: Perceived Academic Preparation

Student perception of their academic preparation


Scale Scores are expressed in 0 (minimum/not prepared for college work) to 10 (maximum/highly prepared for college work) point scales.

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## BCSSE Scale: Importance of Campus Environment

Student-rated importance that the institution provides a challenging and supportive environment


Scale Scores are expressed in 0 (minimum/low importance given to campus environment) to 10 (maximum/high importance given to campus environment) point scales.

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## BCSSE Scales: By First Generation Status



Scale Scores are expressed in 0 (minimum) to 10 (maximum) point scales.
Significance levels: ${ }^{*}=\mathrm{p}<.05:{ }^{* *}=\mathrm{p}<.01: * * *=\mathrm{p}<.001$

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BCSSE Scales: By Gender


Scale Scores are expressed in 0 (minimum) to 10 (maximum) point scales.
Significance levels: ${ }^{*}=\mathrm{p}<.05:^{* *}=\mathrm{p}<.01:^{* * *}=\mathrm{p}<.001$

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## Key Findings

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## Respondent and Comparison Group Demographics

|  |  | TAMU-CC 2010 Survey Respondents | TAMU-CC 2008 Survey Respondents | BCSSE 2009 National Comparison Population |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Gender | Male | 41\% | 42\% | 41\% |
|  | Female | 59\% | 58\% | 59\% |
| Ethnicity | American Indian/Native American | 1\% | 1\% | 1\% |
|  | Asian/Pacific Islander | 5\% | 5\% | 5\% |
|  | Black/African American | 6\% | 4\% | 9\% |
|  | White (non-Hispanic) | 40\% | 42\% | 71\% |
|  | Mexican/Mexican American | 19\% | 15\% | 3\% |
|  | Puerto Rican | 1\% | 1\% | 1\% |
|  | Other Hispanic or Latino | 20\% | 21\% | 3\% |
|  | Multiracial | 4\% | 5\% | 3\% |
|  | Other | 2\% | 1\% | 1\% |
|  | Prefer not to respond | 2\% | 3\% | 3\% |
| First Generation Status | First Generation | 54\% | 52\% | 39\% |
|  | Not First Generation | 46\% | 48\% | 61\% |
| International or Foreign National | Yes | 6\% | 6\% | 4\% |
|  | No | 94\% | 94\% | 96\% |

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## TAMU-CC First Year Students: High School Experiences

- Incoming students report an average of B+ on the majority of their HS grades.
- $34 \%$ of respondents report that they took 3 or more AP classes in High School, 32\% report taking more than 3 Honors courses in High School, and 45\% took at least one college course for credit in High School.
- The most common high school co-curricular activity was athletic teams (42\% highly involved), and the least common was student government (4\% highly involved).


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Finding: The majority of incoming first year students did not participate in math courses beyond Pre-Calculus/Trigonometry while in high school


Table in total valid percentages (students who "Passed" courses)

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Finding: The majority of incoming first year students took between 3 and 4 years of their core courses in high school


Table in total valid percentages

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Finding: The majority of incoming first year students expect their college grades to be similar to the grades they received in high school.


Table in total valid percentages; Paired samples T-test $(\mathrm{p}=<.05)$

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Finding: The majority of incoming first year students expect to spend, on average, more time preparing for class (per week) in college than in High School. Participants report a slightly higher expectation than TAMU-CC Freshmen and Seniors report actual behaviors on the NSSE.


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Finding: The majority of incoming first year students expect to spend, on average, slightly less time working for pay in their first year of college than in High School. Very few students expect to work full time (more than 30 hours per week), and this is fairly in line with what first year students reported on the TAMU-CC's most recent NSSE. However, also on the NSSE, seniors report around $75 \%$ are employed at least part time, with $26 \%$ working full time.


Table in total valid percentages: Mean High School Behavior $=4.13$ (11-15 Hours): Mean Expected College Behavior $=2.95$ (1-5 Hours)
NSSE 2009 Freshmen = 2.79 (1-5 Hours); NSSE 2009 Seniors $=4.66$ (11-15 Hours)

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Finding: The majority of incoming first year students expect to spend, on average, less time participating in co-curricular activities weekly (per week) in their first year of college than in High School. Approximately 84\% of BCSSE participants expect to participate in co-curricular activities. However, results from the 2009 administration of the NSSE at TAMU-CC show that about half of freshmen and seniors do not participate in co-curricular activities.


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Finding: The majority of incoming first year students expect to spend, on average, less time relaxing and socializing during their first year of college than in High School. The mean expected college behavior is fairly aligned with actual reported behavior from TAMU-CC freshmen and seniors on the NSSE.


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High School Academic Engagement ${ }^{\sim}$
During last year of high school, about how much:

|  | None | Very <br> Little | Some | Quite a <br> Bit | Very <br> Much |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Assigned reading (textbooks/other items) | $\mathbf{3 \%}$ | $14 \%$ | $35 \%$ | $32 \%$ | $16 \%$ |
| Books read on own for personal enjoyment or enrichment | $16 \%$ | $27 \%$ | $26 \%$ | $15 \%$ | $16 \%$ |
| Writing short papers/ reports (<5 pages) | $1 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $26 \%$ | $37 \%$ | $25 \%$ |
| Writing longer papers/ reports (>5 pages) | $16 \%$ | $32 \%$ | $25 \%$ | $17 \%$ | $9 \%$ |

High School Academic Engagement ${ }^{\sim}$
During last year of high school, about how often:

|  | Never | Sometimes | Often | Very Often |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Come to class without completing readings or assignments | $24 \%$ | $64 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $3 \%$ |

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## TAMU-CC First Year Students: College Expectations

- Students expect a B+ on the majority of their grades in the coming year. This is statistically significant with the grades that the student earned in high school ( $\mathrm{p}<.05$ ).
- $69 \%$ of incoming students state that they intend to graduate from TAMU-CC. $25 \%$ are uncertain, and $6 \%$ report that they do not intend to do so.
- Incoming first year students expect managing their time to present a difficulty (19\% report that they expect it to be "Very difficult").
- Students do not foresee problems making friends (4\% report that they expect it to be "Very difficult").
- $54 \%$ of students report that it is "Very Important" to them that the University provide support to help him/her succeed academically.
- $66 \%$ of incoming students have at least one close friend attending TAMU-CC this year, with $26 \%$ reporting four or more close friends attending.


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## Results, by Scale

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## Scale:

## High School Academic

 Engagement
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Year student graduated from high school


## 2010 Beginning College Survey of Student Engagement

Type of high school student graduated from


## 2010 Beginning College Survey of Student Engagement

Majority of high school grades


## 2010 Beginning College Survey of Student Engagement

To date, has student earned a passing grade in Algebra II?


## 2010 Beginning College Survey of Student Engagement

To date, has student earned a passing grade in Pre-Calculus/Trigonometry?


## 2010 Beginning College Survey of Student Engagement

To date, has student earned a passing grade in Calculus?


## 2010 Beginning College Survey of Student Engagement

To date, did student earn a passing grade in Probability or Statistics?


## 2010 Beginning College Survey of Student Engagement

During high school, how many years of English/Literature did student complete?


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During high school, how many years of Math did student complete?


## 2010 Beginning College Survey of Student Engagement

During high school, how many years of Science did student complete?


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During high school, how many years of History/Social Sciences did student complete?


## 2010 Beginning College Survey of Student Engagement

During high school, how many years of Foreign Language did student complete?


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During high school, how many Advanced Placement (AP) courses did student complete?


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During high school, how many Honors Classes (Not AP) did student complete?


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During high school, how many College Courses for Credit did student complete?


During last year of high school, about how much assigned reading (textbooks or other course materials) did student do?


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During last year of high school, about how much unassigned reading (books read on own) for personal enrichment or academic enrichment did student do?


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During last year of high school, about how much writing short papers or reports (5 or fewer pages) did student do?


## 2010 Beginning College Survey of Student Engagement

During last year of high school, about how much writing longer papers or reports (more than 5 pages) did student do?


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During student's last year of high school, about how many hours were spent in the typical week preparing for class (studying, doing homework, rehearsing, etc.)?


## 2010 Beginning College Survey of Student Engagement

During student's last year of high school, about how many hours were spent in the typical week working for pay (before or after school, weekends)?


## 2010 Beginning College Survey of Student Engagement

During student's last year of high school, about how many hours were spent in the typical week participating in co-curricular activities (arts, clubs, athletics, etc.)?


## 2010 Beginning College Survey of Student Engagement

During student's last year of high school, about how many hours were spent in the typical week relaxing and socializing (watching TV, partying, etc.)?


## 2010 Beginning College Survey of Student Engagement

During student's last year of high school, about how often did he/she ask questions in class or contribute to a class discussion?


## 2010 Beginning College Survey of Student Engagement

During student's last year of high school, about how often did he/she make a class presentation?


## 2010 Beginning College Survey of Student Engagement

During student's last year of high school, about how often did he/she come to class without completing readings or assignments?


## 2010 Beginning College Survey of Student Engagement

During student's last year of high school, about how often did he/she discuss grades or assignments with a teacher?


## 2010 Beginning College Survey of Student Engagement

During student's last year of high school, about how often did he/she work with other students on projects during class?


## 2010 Beginning College Survey of Student Engagement

During student's last year of high school, about how often did he/she work with classmates outside of class to prepare class assignments?


## 2010 Beginning College Survey of Student Engagement

During student's last year of high school, about how often did he/she prepare two or more drafts of a paper or assignment before turning it in?


## 2010 Beginning College Survey of Student Engagement

During student's last year of high school, about how often did he/she have serious conversations with students of a different race or ethnicity than his/her own?


## 2010 Beginning College Survey of Student Engagement

During student's last year of high school, about how often did he/she discuss ideas from readings or classes with teachers outside of class?


## 2010 Beginning College Survey of Student Engagement

During student's last year of high school, about how often did he/she discuss ideas from readings or classes with others outside of class (students, family members, etc.)?


## 2010 Beginning College Survey of Student Engagement

During student's last year of high school, about how often did he/she talk with a counselor, teacher, or other staff member about college or career plans?


## 2010 Beginning College Survey of Student Engagement

During student's last year of high school, about how often did he/she have serious conversations with students who are very different in terms of their religious beliefs, political opinions, or personal values?


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During student's last year of high school, about how often did he/she miss a day of school?


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SAT Composite Score (SAT/ACT scores converted to SAT scale)


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During student's high school years, how involved was he/she in performing or visual arts programs (band, chorus, theater, art, etc.) ?


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During student's high school years, how involved was he/she in athletic teams (varsity, junior varsity, club sport, etc.)?


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During student's high school years, how involved was he/she in student government?


## 2010 Beginning College Survey of Student Engagement

During student's high school years, how involved was he/she in publications (student newspaper, yearbook, etc.)?


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During student's high school years, how involved was he/she in academic honor societies?


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During student's high school years, how involved was he/she in academic clubs (debate, mathematics, science, etc.)


## 2010 Beginning College Survey of Student Engagement

During student's high school years, how involved was he/she in vocational clubs (business, health, technology, etc.)?


## 2010 Beginning College Survey of Student Engagement

During student's high school years, how involved was he/she in religious youth groups?


## 2010 Beginning College Survey of Student Engagement

During student's high school years, how involved was he/she in community service or volunteer work?


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Overall, how academically challenging did student perceive his/her high school to be?


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## Scale:

Expected Academic Engagement

## 2010 Beginning College Survey of Student Engagement

During the coming school year, about how many hours does the student think he/she will spend in a typical week preparing for class (studying, reading, writing, doing homework or lab work, analyzing data, rehearsing, and other academic activities)?


## 2010 Beginning College Survey of Student Engagement

During the coming school year, about how many hours does the student think he/she will spend in a typical week working for pay on- or off-campus?


## 2010 Beginning College Survey of Student Engagement

During the coming school year, about how many hours does the student think he/she will spend in a typical week participating in co-curricular activities (organizations, campus publications, student govt., fraternity/sorority, intercollegiate/intramural sports, etc.)?


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During the coming school year, about how many hours does the student think he/she will spend in a typical week relaxing or socializing (watching TV, partying, etc.)?


## 2010 Beginning College Survey of Student Engagement

During the coming school year, about how often does the student expect to ask questions in class or contribute to class discussions?


## 2010 Beginning College Survey of Student Engagement

During the coming school year, about how often does the student expect to make a class presentation?


## 2010 Beginning College Survey of Student Engagement

During the coming school year, about how often does the student expect to work on a paper or project that requires integrating ideas or information from various sources?


## 2010 Beginning College Survey of Student Engagement

During the coming school year, about how often does the student expect to work with other students on projects during class?


## 2010 Beginning College Survey of Student Engagement

During the coming school year, about how often does the student expect to work with classmates outside of class to prepare class assignments?


## 2010 Beginning College Survey of Student Engagement

During the coming school year, about how often does the student expect to put together ideas or concepts from different courses when completing assignments or during class discussions?


## 2010 Beginning College Survey of Student Engagement

During the coming school year, about how often does the student expect to discuss grades or assignments with an instructor?


## 2010 Beginning College Survey of Student Engagement

During the coming school year, about how often does the student expect to discuss ideas from readings or classes with faculty members outside of class?


## 2010 Beginning College Survey of Student Engagement

During the coming school year, about how often does the student expect to receive prompt feedback from faculty on academic performance (written or oral)?


## 2010 Beginning College Survey of Student Engagement

During the coming school year, about how often does the student expect to work with faculty members on activities other than coursework (committees, orientation, student life activities, etc.)?


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During the coming school year, about how often does the student expect to discuss ideas from readings or classes with others outside of class (students, family, co-workers, etc.)?


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During the coming school year, about how often does the student expect to have serious conversations with students of a different race or ethnicity than his/her own?


## 2010 Beginning College Survey of Student Engagement

During the coming school year, about how often does the student expect to try to better understand someone else's views by imagining how an issue looks from his or her perspective?


## 2010 Beginning College Survey of Student Engagement

During the coming school year, about how often does the student expect to learn something that changes the way he/she understands an issue or idea?


## 2010 Beginning College Survey of Student Engagement

During the coming school year, about how often does the student expect to have serious conversations with students who are very different from him/her in terms of their religious beliefs, political opinions, or personal values?


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Number of close friends attending TAMU-CC during the coming year


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How far TAMU-CC is from student's home?


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## Scale:

Expected Academic Perseverance

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Does the student intend to graduate from this college?


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During the coming school year, about how certain is the student that he/she will study when there are other interesting things to do?


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During the coming school year, about how certain is the student that he/she will find additional information for course assignments when he/she does not understand the material?


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During the coming school year, about how certain is the student that he/she will participate regularly in course discussions, even when he/she does not feel like it?


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During the coming school year, about how certain is the student that he/she will ask instructors for help when he/she struggles with course assignments?


## 2010 Beginning College Survey of Student Engagement

During the coming school year, about how certain is the student that he/she will finish something that has already been started when he/she encounters challenges?


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During the coming school year, about how certain is the student that he/she will stay positive, even after doing poorly on a test assignment?


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## Scale:

Expected Academic Difficulty

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During the coming school year, about how difficult does the student expect learning course material to be?


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During the coming school year, about how difficult does the student expect managing his/her time to be?


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During the coming school year, about how difficult does the student expect paying college expenses to be?


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During the coming school year, about how difficult does the student expect getting help with school work to be?


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During the coming school year, about how difficult does the student expect making new friends to be?


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During the coming school year, about how difficult does the student expect interacting with faculty to be?


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## Scale:

Perceived Academic Preparation

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What do the student expect most of his/her grades will be at this college during the coming year?


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How prepared is the student to write clearly and effectively in his/her academic work at this college?


## 2010 Beginning College Survey of Student Engagement

How prepared is the student to speak clearly and effectively in his/her academic work at this college?


## 2010 Beginning College Survey of Student Engagement

How prepared is the student to think critically and analytically in his/her academic work at this college?


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How prepared is the student to analyze math or quantitative problems in his/her academic work at this college?


## 2010 Beginning College Survey of Student Engagement

How prepared is the student to use computing and information technology in his/her academic work at this college?


## 2010 Beginning College Survey of Student Engagement

How prepared is the student to work effectively with others in his/her academic work at this college?


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How prepared is the student to learn effectively on his/her own for academic work at this college?


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## Scale:

## Importance of Campus Environment

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How important is it to the student that his/her university provide achallenging academic experience?


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How important is it to the student that his/her university provide support to help him/her succeed academically?


## 2010 Beginning College Survey of Student Engagement

How important is it to the student that his/her university provide opportunities to interact with students from different economic, social, and racial or ethnic backgrounds?


## 2010 Beginning College Survey of Student Engagement

How important is it to the student that his/her university provide assistance coping with non-academic responsibilities (work, family, etc.)?


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How important is it to the student that his/her university provide support to help him/her thrive socially?


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How important is it to the student that his/her university provide opportunities to attend campus events and activities?


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About how much of student's college expenses (tuition, fees, books, room and board) this year will be provided by scholarships and grants?


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About how much of student's college expenses (tuition, fees, books, room and board) this year will be provided by student loans?


## 2010 Beginning College Survey of Student Engagement

About how much of student's college expenses (tuition, fees, books, room and board) this year will be provided by parents/family?


## 2010 Beginning College Survey of Student Engagement

About how much of student's college expenses (tuition, fees, books, room and board) this year will be provided by self (work on-campus or off-campus, savings)?


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Did the student receive a Federal Pell Grant?


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What is the highest academic degree the student intends to obtain at this or any college?


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## Findings:

## Statistical Significance Between Groups

## 2010 Beginning College Survey of Student Engagement

Statistically Significant findings on BCSSE Scales, by Group (First Generation)
First Generation is defined as no parent or guardian with a 4 year college degree

|  | High School Academic Engagement* | Expected Academic Engagement* | Expected Academic Perseverance** | Expected Academic Difficulty*** | Perceived Academic Preparation | Importance of Campus <br> Environment *** |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Overall | 4.92 | 5.88 | 7.15 | 4.91 | 6.63 | 7.19 |
| First Generation | 4.85 | 5.99 | 7.31 | 5.05 | 6.57 | 7.39 |
| Not First Generation | 5.03 | 5.77 | 7.01 | 4.72 | 6.77 | 7.02 |

Index: Possible score 0-10

Significance levels: * $=p<.05:^{* *}=p<.01:{ }^{* * *}=p<.001$

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## Statistically Significant findings by Group (First Generation)

|  | Not First Gen (Average) | First Gen (Average) | P-value |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Did student earn a passing grade in: Algebra II | 96\% Passed | 98\% Passed | * |
| Did student earn a passing grade in: Probability/Stats | 15\% Passed | 9\% Passed | ** |
| During HIGH SCHOOL, how many years: English/Literature | 3.95 | 4.00 | * |
| During LAST YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL, how much reading and writing: Assigned reading (textbooks or other course materials) | 3.51 | 3.35 | ** |
|  | Scale 1-5 (1 = None, 5 = Very much) |  |  |
| During LAST YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL, how many HOURS in typical week: Preparing for class (studying, doing homework, rehearsing, etc.) | 3.00 | 2.70 | *** |
|  | 6-10 Hours per Week | 1-5 Hours per Week |  |
| During LAST YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL, how many HOURS in typical week: Relaxing and socializing (watching TV, partying, etc.) | 4.15 | 3.91 | * |
|  | 11-15 Hours per Week | 6-10 Hours per Week |  |
| During LAST YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL, how often you: Discussed ideas from your readings or classes with others outside of class (students, family members, etc.) | 2.42 | 2.30 | * |
|  | Scale 1-4 (1 = Never, 4 = Very often) |  |  |
| During LAST YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL, how often you: Talked with a counselor, teacher, or other staff member about college or career plans | 2.53 | 2.71 | *** |
|  | Scale 1-4 (1 = Never, 4 = Very often) |  |  |
| SAT Composite Score( variable SAT/ACT into categories) | 3.02 | 2.48 | *** |
|  | Score Range 1001-1100 | Score Range 901-1000 |  |
| During HIGH SCHOOL YEARS, how involved in: Religious youth groups | 2.39 | 2.15 | * |
|  | Scale 1-6 (1 = Not involved, 6 = Highly involved) |  |  |

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## Statistically Significant findings by Group (First Generation)

|  | Not First Gen (Average) | First Gen (Average) | P-value |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| During COMING SCHOOL YEAR, how many HOURS in typical week: Working for pay on- or off-campus | 3.03 | 3.44 | *** |
|  | 6-10 Hours per Week | 6-10 Hours per Week |  |
| During COMING SCHOOL YEAR, how many HOURS in typical week: Relaxing and socializing (watching TV, partying, etc.) | 3.58 | 3.24 | *** |
|  | 6-10 Hours per Week | 6-10 Hours per Week |  |
| During COMING SCHOOL YEAR, how often expect to: Ask questions in class or contribute to class discussions | 2.87 | 2.96 | * |
|  | Scale 1-4 (1 = Never, $4=$ Very often) |  |  |
| During COMING SCHOOL YEAR, how often expect to: Work on a paper or project that requires integrating ideas or information from various sources | 3.21 | 3.32 | ** |
|  | Scale 1-4 (1 = Never, $4=$ Very often) |  |  |
| During COMING SCHOOL YEAR, how often expect to: Put together ideas or concepts from different courses when completing assignments or during class discussions | 2.99 | 3.10 |  |
|  | Scale 1-4 (1 = Never, $4=$ Very often) |  |  |
| During COMING SCHOOL YEAR, how often expect to: Discuss grades or assignments with an instructor | 2.78 | 2.87 | * |
|  | Scale 1-4 (1 = Never, 4 = Very often) |  |  |
| During COMING SCHOOL YEAR, how often expect to: Discuss ideas from your readings or classes with faculty members outside of class | 2.47 | 2.57 | * |
|  | Scale 1-4 (1 = Never, 4 = Very often) |  |  |
| During COMING SCHOOL YEAR, how often expect to: Receive prompt feedback from faculty on your academic performance (written or oral) | 2.67 | 2.80 | ** |
|  | Scale 1-4 (1 = Never, $4=$ Very often) |  |  |
| During COMING SCHOOL YEAR, how often expect to: Work with faculty members on activities other than coursework (committees, orientation, student life activities, etc.) | 2.33 | 2.43 | * |
|  | Scale 1-4 (1 = Never, $4=$ Very often $)$ |  |  |

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## Statistically Significant findings by Group (First Generation)

|  | Not First Gen (Average) | First Gen (Average) | P-value |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| During COMING SCHOOL YEAR, how often expect to: Discuss ideas from your readings or classes with others outside of class (students, family members, coworkers, etc.) | 2.74 | 2.85 | * |
|  | Scale 1-4 (1 = Never, 4 = Very often) |  |  |
| During COMING SCHOOL YEAR, how often expect to: Learn something that changes the way you understand an issue or idea | 3.02 | 3.17 | *** |
|  | Scale 1-4 (1 = Never, $4=$ Very often) |  |  |
| During COMING SCHOOL YEAR, how certain that you will: Study when there are other interesting things to do | 4.20 | 4.34 | * |
|  | Scale 1-6 (1 = Not at all certain, $6=$ Very certain) |  |  |
| During COMING SCHOOL YEAR, how certain that you will: Find additional information for course assignments when you don't understand the material | 4.61 | 4.79 | ** |
|  | Scale 1-6 (1 = Not at all certain, $6=$ Very certain |  |  |
| During COMING SCHOOL YEAR, how certain that you will: Participate regularly in course discussions, even when you don't feel like it | 4.04 | 4.19 | * |
|  | Scale 1-6 (1 = Not at all certain, $6=$ Very certain) |  |  |
| During COMING SCHOOL YEAR, how certain that you will: Ask instructors for help when you struggle with course assignments | 4.66 | 4.83 | * |
|  | Scale 1-6 (1 = Not at all certain, $6=$ Very certain) |  |  |
| During COMING SCHOOL YEAR, how certain that you will: Stay positive, even when you do poorly on a test or assignment | 4.64 | 4.82 | * |
|  | Scale 1-6 (1 = Not at all certain, $6=$ Very certain) |  |  |
| During COMING SCHOOL YEAR, how difficult you expect: Learning course material | 3.67 | 3.91 |  |
|  | Scale 1-6 (1 = Not at all difficult, $6=$ Very difficult) |  |  |
| During COMING SCHOOL YEAR, how difficult you expect: Paying college expenses | 3.39 | 3.86 |  |
|  | Scale 1-6 (1 = Not at all difficult, $6=$ Very difficult $)$ |  |  |

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Statistically Significant findings by Group (First Generation)

|  | Not First Gen (Average) | First Gen (Average) | P-value |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| During COMING SCHOOL YEAR, how difficult you expect: Getting help with school work | 2.91 | 3.07 | * |
|  | Scale 1-6 (1 = Not at all difficult, $6=$ Very difficult |  |  |
| During COMING SCHOOL YEAR, how difficult you expect: Interacting with faculty | 2.84 | 2.99 | * |
|  | Scale 1-6 (1 = Not at all difficult, $6=$ Very difficult |  |  |
| How prepared are you to do the following in your work: Think critically and analytically | 4.42 | 4.19 | *** |
|  | Scale 1-6 (1 = Not at all prepared, $6=$ Very prepared) |  |  |
| How prepared are you to do the following in your work: Analyze math or quantitative problems | 3.98 | 3.78 | * |
|  | Scale 1-6 (1 = Not at all prepared, $6=$ Very prepared $)$ |  |  |
| How important that college provides: Support to help you succeed academically | 5.19 | 5.35 | ** |
|  | Scale 1-6 (1 = Not important, 6 = Very important) |  |  |
| How important that college provides: Opportunities to interact with students from different economic, social, and racial or ethnic backgrounds | 4.50 | 4.75 | *** |
|  | Scale 1-6 (1 = Not important, 6 = Very important) |  |  |
| How important that college provides: Assistance coping with your non-academic responsibilities (work, family, etc.) | 4.16 | 4.44 | *** |
|  | Scale 1-6 (1 = Not important, 6 = Very important) |  |  |
| How important that college provides: Support to help you thrive socially | 4.29 | 4.51 | ** |
|  | Scale 1-6 (1 = Not important, 6 = Very important) |  |  |
| What do you expect most of your grades will be at this college during the coming year? | 6.34 | 6.01 | *** |
|  | B+ | B+ |  |

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Statistically Significant findings on BCSSE Scales, by Group (Gender)

|  | High School <br> Academic <br> Engagement*** | Expected Academic <br> Engagement | Importance of <br> Cxpected Academic <br> Perseverance*** | Expected Academic <br> Difficulty | Perceived Academic <br> Preparation* |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Environment*** |  |  |  |  |  |

Index: Possible score 0-10
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## Statistically Significant Findings by Group (Gender)

|  | Male (Average) | Female (Average) | P-value |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| What were most of your high school grades? | 6.07 | 6.35 | *** |
|  | B+ | B+ |  |
| Did student earn a passing grade in: Calculus | 21\% Passed | 13\% Passed | *** |
| During HIGH SCHOOL, how many years: Foreign language | 2.49 | 2.61 | ** |
| During HIGH SCHOOL, how many CLASSES: College courses for credit | 0.95 | 1.30 | *** |
| During LAST YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL, how much reading and writing: Assigned reading (textbooks or other course materials) | 3.31 | 3.50 | *** |
|  | Scale 1-5 (1 = None, 5 = Very much) |  |  |
| During LAST YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL, how much reading and writing: Books read on your own (not assigned) for personal enjoyment and enrichment | 2.63 | 3.08 | *** |
|  | Scale 1-5 (1 = None, 5 = Very much) |  |  |
| During LAST YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL, how much reading and writing: Writing short papers or reports (5 OR FEWER PAGES) | 3.61 | 3.82 | *** |
|  | Scale 1-5 (1 = None, 5 = Very much) |  |  |
| During LAST YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL, how much reading and writing: Writing longer papers or reports (MORE THAN 5 PAGES) | 2.59 | 2.78 | ** |
|  | Scale 1-5 (1 = None, 5 = Very much) |  |  |
| During LAST YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL, how many HOURS in typical week: Relaxing and socializing (watching TV, partying, etc.) | 4.50 | 3.71 | *** |
|  | 11-15 Hours per Week | 6-10 Hours per Week |  |
| During LAST YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL, how often you: Asked questions in class or contributed to class discussions | 2.88 | 2.99 | * |
|  | Scale 1-4 (1 = Never, $4=$ Very often $)$ |  |  |

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## Statistically Significant Findings by Group (Gender)

|  | Male (Average) | Female (Average) | P-value |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| During LAST YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL, how often you: Came to class without completing readings or assignments | 2.02 | 1.81 | *** |
|  | Scale 1-4(1 = Never, 4 = Very often) |  |  |
| During LAST YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL, how often you: Prepared two or more drafts of a paper or assignment before turning it in | 2.16 | 2.46 | *** |
|  | Scale 1-4(1 = Never, $4=$ Very often) |  |  |
| During LAST YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL, how often you: Discussed ideas from your readings or classes with others outside of class (students, family members, etc.) | 2.24 | 2.42 | *** |
|  | Scale 1-4(1 = Never, $4=$ Very often) |  |  |
| During LAST YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL, how often you: Talked with a counselor, teacher or other staff member about college or career plans | 2.24 | 2.42 | *** |
|  | Scale 1-4(1 = Never, $4=$ Very often) |  |  |
| SAT Composite Score( variable SAT/ACT into categories) | 2.90 | 2.55 | *** |
|  | Score Range 901-1000 | Score Range 901-1000 |  |
| During HIGH SCHOOL YEARS, how involved in: Performing or visual arts programs (band, chorus, theater, art, etc.) | 2.51 | 3.17 | *** |
|  | Scale 1-6 (1 = Not involved, $6=$ Highly involved $)$ |  |  |
| During HIGH SCHOOL YEARS, how involved in: Athletic teams (varsity, junior varsity, club sport, etc.) | 4.31 | 3.67 | *** |
|  | Scale 1-6 (1 = Not involved, $6=$ Highly involved $)$ |  |  |
| During HIGH SCHOOL YEARS, how involved in: Student government | 1.62 | 1.83 | ** |
|  | Scale 1-6 (1 = Not involved, $6=$ Highly involved) |  |  |
| During HIGH SCHOOL YEARS, how involved in: Publications (student newspaper, yearbook, etc.) | 1.59 | 1.87 | *** |
|  | Scale 1-6 (1 = Not involved, $6=$ Highly involved $)$ |  |  |

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Statistically Significant Findings by Group (Gender)

|  | Male (Average) | Female (Average) | P-value |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| During HIGH SCHOOL YEARS, how involved in: Academic honor societies | 2.04 | 2.53 | *** |
|  | Scale 1-6 (1 = Not involved, $6=$ Highly involved) |  |  |
| During HIGH SCHOOL YEARS, how involved in: Academic clubs (debate, mathematics, science) | 1.74 | 1.93 | * |
|  | Scale 1-6 (1 = Not involved, $6=$ Highly involved) |  |  |
| During HIGH SCHOOL YEARS, how involved in: Vocational clubs (business, health, technology, etc.) | 1.64 | 2.05 | *** |
|  | Scale 1-6 (1 = Not involved, $6=$ Highly involved) |  |  |
| During HIGH SCHOOL YEARS, how involved in: Religious youth groups | 2.10 | 2.32 | * |
|  | Scale 1-6 (1 = Not involved, 6 = Highly involved) |  |  |
| During HIGH SCHOOL YEARS, how involved in: Community service or volunteer work | 2.99 | 3.79 | *** |
|  | Scale 1-6 (1 = Not involved, 6 = Highly involved) |  |  |
| Overall, how academically challenging was your high school? | 3.17 | 3.51 | *** |
|  | Scale 1-6 (1 = Not at all challenging, $6=$ Extremely challenging $)$ |  |  |
| During COMING SCHOOL YEAR, how many HOURS in typical week: Working for pay on- or off- campus | 3.40 | 3.14 | * |
|  | 6-10 Hours per Week | 6-10 Hours per Week |  |
| During COMING SCHOOL YEAR, how many HOURS in typical week: Participating in co-curricular activities (organizations, campus publication, student government, etc.) | 3.07 | 2.87 | * |
|  | 6-10 Hours per Week | 1-5 Hours per Week |  |
| During COMING SCHOOL YEAR, how many HOURS in typical week: Relaxing and socializing (watching TV, partying, etc.) | 3.76 | 3.14 | *** |
|  | 6-10 Hours per Week | 6-10 Hours per Week |  |

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## Statistically Significant Findings by Group (Gender)

|  | Male (Average) | Female (Average) | P-value |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| During COMING SCHOOL YEAR, how often expect to: Work on a paper or project that requires integrating ideas or information from various sources | 3.13 | 3.36 | *** |
|  | Scale 1-4(1 = Never, $4=$ Very often) |  |  |
| During COMING SCHOOL YEAR, how often expect to: Put together ideas or concepts from different courses when completing assignments or during class discussions | 2.97 | 3.10 | ** |
|  | Scale 1-4(1 = Never, $4=$ Very often) |  |  |
| During COMING SCHOOL YEAR, how often expect to: Discuss ideas from your readings or classes with others outside of class (students, family members, co-workers, etc.) | 2.69 | 2.85 | *** |
|  | Scale 1-4(1 = Never, $4=$ Very Often) |  |  |
| During COMING SCHOOL YEAR, how often expect to: Try to better understand someone else's views by imagining how an issue looks from his or her perspective | 2.93 | 3.15 | *** |
|  | Scale 1-4(1 = Never, $4=$ Very Often) |  |  |
| During COMING SCHOOL YEAR, how often expect to: Learn something that changes the way you understand an issue or idea | 2.95 | 3.21 | *** |
|  | Scale 1-4(1 = Never, $4=$ Very Often) |  |  |
| During COMING SCHOOL YEAR, how often expect to: Have serious conversations with students who are very different from you in terms of their religious beliefs, political opinions, or personal values | 2.75 | 2.85 | * |
|  | Scale 1-4(1 = Never, $4=$ Very Often) |  |  |
| During COMING SCHOOL YEAR, how certain that you will: Study when there are other interesting things to do | 4.14 | 4.35 | *** |
|  | Scale 1-6 (1 = Not at all certain, $6=$ Very certain $)$ |  |  |
| During COMING SCHOOL YEAR, how certain that you will: Find additional information for course assignments when you don't understand the material | 4.48 | 4.84 | *** |
|  | Scale 1-6 ( $1=$ Not at all certain, $6=$ Very certain $)$ |  |  |
| During COMING SCHOOL YEAR, how certain that you will: Participate regularly in course discussions, even when you don't feel like it | 3.99 | 4.20 | ** |
|  | Scale 1-6 (1 = Not at all certain, $6=$ Very certain $)$ |  |  |

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## Statistically Significant Findings by Group (Gender)

|  | Male (Average) | Female (Average) | P-value |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| During COMING SCHOOL YEAR, how certain that you will: Ask instructors for help when you struggle with course assignments | 4.55 | 4.89 | *** |
|  | Scale 1-6 (1 = Not at all certain, $6=$ Very certain |  |  |
| During COMING SCHOOL YEAR, how certain that you will: Finish something you have started when you encounter challenges | 4.79 | 4.99 | ** |
|  | Scale 1-6 (1 = Not at all certain, $6=$ Very certain) |  |  |
| During COMING SCHOOL YEAR, how certain that you will: Stay positive, even when you do poorly on a test or assignment | 4.63 | 4.78 | * |
|  | Scale 1-6 (1 = Not at all certain, $6=$ Very certain) |  |  |
| During COMING SCHOOL YEAR, how difficult you expect: Learning course material | 3.65 | 3.91 | *** |
|  | Scale 1-6 (1 = Not at all difficult, 6 = Very difficult) |  |  |
| During COMING SCHOOL YEAR, how difficult you expect: Paying college expenses | 3.50 | 3.74 | * |
|  | Scale 1-6 (1 = Not at all difficult, $6=$ Very difficult) |  |  |
| How prepared are you to do the following in your work: Write clearly and effectively | 3.92 | 4.31 | *** |
|  | Scale 1-6 (1 = Not at all prepared, $6=$ Very prepared $)$ |  |  |
| How prepared are you to do the following in your work: Work effectively with others | 4.69 | 4.92 | *** |
|  | Scale 1-6 (1 = Not at all prepared, $6=$ Very prepared $)$ |  |  |
| How important that college provides: A challenging academic experience | 4.35 | 4.49 | * |
|  | Scale 1-6 (1 = Not important, 6 = Very important) |  |  |
| How important that college provides: Support to help you succeed academically | 5.05 | 5.38 | *** |
|  | Scale 1-6 (1 = Not important, 6 = Very important) |  |  |

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Statistically Significant Findings by Group (Gender)

|  | Male (Average) | Female (Average) | P-value |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| How important that college provides: Opportunities to interact with students from different economic, social, and racial or ethnic backgrounds | 4.46 | 4.74 | *** |
|  | Scale 1-6 (1 = Not important, 6 = Very important) |  |  |
| How important that college provides: Assistance coping with your non-academic responsibilities (work, family, etc.) | 4.18 | 4.38 | ** |
|  | Scale 1-6 (1 = Not important, 6 = Very important |  |  |
| How important that college provides: Support to help you thrive socially | 4.06 | 4.35 | ** |
|  | Scale 1-6 (1 = Not important, 6 = Very important) |  |  |

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