Preliminary Findings – 2015 College & Career Aspirations Survey

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Purpose of CAW Survey
- To gauge student perceptions about college and career aspirations
- To try to capture the college going culture in Nevada

About the Respondents…

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- 47% male / 53% female
- 41% first generation college student
- 45% Latino/Hispanic
- 72% taking or have taken HONORS classes
- 44% taking or have taken ADVANCED PLACEMENT classes
- 68% had NOT taken college entrance exams at the time of survey completion

College Going Statistics…

- 45% report 4 year degree is highest degree goal
- 44% report AVAILABILITY OF ACADEMIC PROGRAMS THAT MEET MY EDUCATIONAL GOALS is most influential factor in selecting their top college choice
- 77% plan to enroll in college after high school
  - Of those respondents that do not plan to attend college immediately after high school, 43% report “I will work first because I am unsure what degree major I should pursue in college.”
  - Of those respondents that will join the military, serve a religious mission, or engage in community service (e.g. AmeriCorps), 89% report they plan to enroll in college after their service.
- 30% report AFFORDABILITY OF A COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY is most influential factor in selecting their top college choice
- 83% AGREE or STRONGLY AGREE attending college will allow them to get ahead in life and make a lot of money
- 71% AGREE or STRONGLY AGREE attending college will allow them to help their family financially
- 91% plan to apply for the FAFSA
  - Of those respondents that do not plan to apply, 34% report “I don’t know what FAFSA is.”

Financial Literacy…

- 68% AGREE or STRONGLY AGREE that their teachers believe they can succeed in college.
  - 73% report TEACHERS encourage students to attend college
- 52% report a COUNSELOR has provided college/career advice
- 46% AGREE or STRONGLY AGREE that their school has RIGOROUS COURSES that prepare students for college

1 Respondents completed survey in October 2015, during their senior year of high school. UNLV IRB approval # 1311-4613