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Valley High School 2015 College & Career Aspirations Survey

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Purpose of CAM Survey

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

About the Respondents...

2015

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| 480 | respondents ¹ : 49% male / 51% female |
| 55% | first generation college student |
| 62% | Latino/Hispanic |
| 54% | taking or have taken HONORS classes |
| 48% | taking or have taken ADVANCED PLACEMENT classes |
| 14% | 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
- 75% plan to enroll in college after high school
 - Of those respondents that do not plan to attend college immediately after high school, 40% report "I will work first in order to save money for college tuition."
 - Of those respondents that will join the military, serve a religious mission, or engage in community service (e.g. AmeriCorps), 86% report they "plan to enroll in college after their service."

Financial Literacy...

- 30% report AFFORDABILITY OF A COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY is most influential factor in selecting their top college choice
- 82% AGREE or STRONGLY AGREE attending college will allow them to get ahead in life and make more money
- 73% 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, 49% report "I don't know what FAFSA is."

The High School Experience...

- 71% AGREE or STRONGLY AGREE that their teachers believe they can succeed in college.
 - 71% report TEACHERS encourage students to attend college
- 60% report a COUNSELOR has provided college/career advice
- 48% 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