Clark High School 2014 College Application Week (CAW) Survey

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Findings:

About the Respondents…

- 115 respondents (graduating class of 2015)
- 40% male / 60% female
- 42% first generation college student
- 43% Latino/Hispanic
- 93% were taking or had taken HONORS classes
- 70% were taking or had taken ADVANCED PLACEMENT classes

College Going Statistics…

- 37% reported a GRADUATE degree (Masters or Ph.D.) as highest degree goal
- 42% reported they had NOT taken a college entrance exam (ACT/SAT) at the time of survey completion
  - Of those respondents, 84% also indicated they planned to take a college entrance exam during their senior year.
- 50% reported “availability of ACADEMIC PROGRAMS that meet my educational goals” was the most influential factor in selecting their top college choice.
- 93% planned to enroll in college after high school
  - (68% planned to attend full time, while 25% planned to attend part time)
- 57% planned to apply to 2 - 4 COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES
  - A majority planned to apply for admissions to various State institutions: UNLV (73%), CSN (40%), UNR (54%), NSC (17%), WNC (2%)
  - 56% planned to apply to out of state colleges

Financial Literacy…

- Of respondents who indicated that they would attend college immediately,
  - … 93% AGREED or STRONGLY AGREED attending college would allow them to get ahead in life and make a lot of money.
  - … 80% AGREED or STRONGLY AGREED attending college would allow them to help their family financially.
  - … 42% reported “one of the greatest challenges to achieving my college goals is having to work to pay for my own college education.”
  - … 90% planned to apply for the FAFSA.
    - 78% indicated that they planned to pay for college with FAFSA.

The High School Experience…

- 77% felt their school had RIGOROUS COURSES that prepared students for college.
- 95% reported TEACHERS encouraged students to attend college.
- 62% reported a COUNSELOR had provided college/career advice.

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1 Respondents completed survey in October 2014, during their senior year of high school. UNLV IRB approval # 1311-4613
Overall Findings of the 2014 Survey:

**SELF EFFICACY**

- 49% say, "I know my current class rank."
- 57% say, "I regularly calculate my individual course grades & overall GPA."
- 76% say, "I consider myself a very good student."

And yet, 50% report that high school grades are the greatest challenge to achieving their college goals.

**FAMILY INVOLVEMENT**

- 66% say, "My parent has encouraged me most to pursue my education."
- 83% say, "My family has always supported and encouraged me to achieve my academic goals."

**SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT**

- 39% say, "One of the greatest challenges to achieving my college goals is not knowing how to start the college process."
- 45% are not sure if their high school has a specific office or room that has information on different colleges or universities.
- 41% are not sure if their high school posts college admissions requirements.
- 55% say, "I plan to pay for college with state scholarships (i.e. Millennium)."