Eldorado High School 2014 College Application Week (CAW) Survey

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Findings:

About the Respondents…
- 68 respondents (graduating class of 2015)\(^1\)
- 53% male / 47% female
- 56% first generation college student
- 71% Latino/Hispanic
- 82% were taking or had taken HONORS classes
- 64% were taking or had taken ADVANCED PLACEMENT classes

College Going Statistics…
- 53% reported 4 year degree is highest degree goal
- 91% reported they had NOT taken a college entrance exam (ACT/SAT) at the time of survey completion
  - 91% also indicated they planned to take a college entrance exam during their senior year.
- 77% planned to enroll in college after high school
  - (59% planned to attend full time, while 17% planned to attend part time.)
- 77% plan to apply to 2 - 4 COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES
  - A majority plan to apply for admissions to various State institutions: UNLV (79%), CSN (57%), UNR (45%), NSC (43%), WNC (4%)

Financial Literacy…
- Of respondents who indicated that they would attend college immediately,
  - … 38% reported AFFORDABILITY OF A COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY was the most influential factor in selecting their top college choice.
  - … 90% AGREED or STRONGLY AGREED attending college would allow them to get ahead in life and make a lot of money.
  - … 87% AGREED or STRONGLY AGREED attending college would allow them to help their family financially.
  - … 56% reported “one of the greatest challenges to achieving my college goals is having to work to pay for my own college education.”
  - … 87% planned to apply for the FAFSA.
    - 8% would not apply for the FAFSA because they did not know what it was.

The High School Experience…
- 40% felt their school had RIGOROUS COURSES that prepared students for college.
- 88% reported TEACHERS encouraged students to attend college.
- 44% 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% "I know my current class rank."
- 57% "I regularly calculate my individual course grades & overall GPA."
- 76% "I consider myself a very good student."
- 54% B- to B+
- 23% A- to A+
- And yet, 50% report high school grades are the greatest challenge to achieving their college goals.

**FAMILY INVOLVEMENT**
- 66% My parent has encouraged me most to pursue my education.
- 83% My family has always supported and encouraged me to achieve my academic goals.
- Is family encouraged to attend your school events and programs?
  - Yes: 62%
  - No: 38%

**SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT**
- 39% 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.
- 36% I plan to pay for college with state scholarships (i.e. Millennium).
- 23% Strongly agree, 36% Agree, 55% I am not sure if I am eligible for the Millennium Scholarship.