Legacy High School 2014 College Application Week (CAW) Survey

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Findings:

About the Respondents...
- 185 respondents (graduating class of 2015)\(^1\)
- 46% male / 54% female
- 36% first generation college student
- 30% Latino/Hispanic  23% Black/African American
- 57% were taking or had taken HONORS classes
- 70% were NOT taking or had NOT taken ADVANCED PLACEMENT classes

College Going Statistics...
- 49% reported 4 year degree is highest degree goal
- 70% reported they had NOT taken a college entrance exam (ACT/SAT) at the time of survey completion
  - Of those respondents, 86% 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.
- 77% planned to enroll in college after high school
  - (57% planned to attend full time, while 19% planned to attend part time.)
- 73% planned to apply to 2 - 4 COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES
  - A majority planned to apply for admissions to various State institutions: UNLV (64%), CSN (37%), UNR (55%), NSC (43%), WNC (2%)  
  - 67% planned to apply to out of state colleges

Financial Literacy...
- Of respondents who indicated that they would attend college immediately,
  - … 90% AGREED or STRONGLY AGREED attending college would allow them to get ahead in life and make a lot of money.
  - … 72% AGREED or STRONGLY AGREED attending college would allow them to help their family financially.
  - … 38% reported “one of the greatest challenges to achieving my college goals is having to work to pay for my own college education.”
  - … 94% planned to apply for the FAFSA.
    - 66% indicated that they planned to pay for college with FAFSA.

The High School Experience...
- 57% felt their school had RIGOROUS COURSES that prepared students for college.
- 89% reported TEACHERS encouraged students to attend college.
- 63% 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
RESULTS BASED ON ALL SURVEY RESPONDENTS (498 CCSD Students)

Overall Findings of the 2014 Survey:

**SELF EFFICACY**

- 49% know their current class rank.
- 57% regularly calculate individual course grades & overall GPA.
- 76% consider themselves very good students.

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

**FAMILY INVOLVEMENT**

- 66% of parents have encouraged me most to pursue my education.
- 83% of families have always supported and encouraged me to achieve my academic goals.

Is FAMILY encouraged to attend your school events and programs?

- Yes: 42%
- No: 38%
- Not Sure: 20%

**SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT**

- 39% of students believe knowing how to start the college process is one of the greatest challenges to achieving their college goals.
- 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.

I PLAN TO PAY FOR COLLEGE WITH STATE SCHOLARSHIPS (i.e. Millennium)

- 36% agree
- 23% strongly agree