



Pahrump Valley High School 2015 College & Career Aspirations Survey



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

232	respondents ¹ : 47% male / 53% female
41%	first generation college student
16%	Latino/Hispanic
63%	taking or have taken HONORS classes
28%	taking or have taken ADVANCED PLACEMENT classes
6%	had NOT taken college entrance exams at the time of survey completion

College Going Statistics...

- 43% report 4-year degree is highest degree goal
- 45% report AVAILABILITY OF ACADEMIC PROGRAMS THAT MEET MY EDUCATIONAL GOALS is most influential factor in selecting their top college choice
- 66% plan to enroll in college after high school
 - Of those respondents that do not plan to attend college immediately after high school, 47% 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), 93% report they "plan to enroll in college after their service."

Financial Literacy...

- 25% 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 more money
- 61% AGREE or STRONGLY AGREE attending college will allow them to help their family financially
- 77% plan to apply for the FAFSA
 - Of those respondents that do not plan to apply, 38% report "I don't know what FAFSA is."

The High School Experience...

- 68% AGREE or STRONGLY AGREE that their teachers believe they can succeed in college.
 - 64% report TEACHERS encourage students to attend college
- 52% report a COUNSELOR has provided college/career advice
- 24% 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