

# South East Career Technical Academy (SECTA) 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

172	respondents <sup>1</sup> : 25% male / 75% female
48%	first generation college student
60%	Latino/Hispanic
74%	taking or have taken HONORS classes
47%	taking or have taken ADVANCED PLACEMENT classes
2%	had NOT taken college entrance exams at the time of survey completion

## College Going Statistics...

- 41% report 4-year degree is highest degree goal
- 51% report AVAILABILITY OF ACADEMIC PROGRAMS THAT MEET MY EDUCATIONAL GOALS is most influential factor in selecting their top college choice
- 92% plan to enroll in college after high school
  - Of those respondents that do not plan to attend college immediately after high school, 50% 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), 100% report they "plan to enroll in college after their service."

## Financial Literacy...

- 34% report AFFORDABILITY OF A COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY is most influential factor in selecting their top college choice
- 81% AGREE or STRONGLY AGREE attending college will allow them to get ahead in life and more money
- 73% AGREE or STRONGLY AGREE attending college will allow them to help their family financially
- 95% plan to apply for the FAFSA
  - Of those respondents that do not plan to apply, 37% report "I don't know what FAFSA is." Another 37% report "I plan to work and pay for my own education."

#### The High School Experience...

- 62% AGREE or STRONGLY AGREE that their teachers believe they can succeed in college.
  - o 72% report TEACHERS encourage students to attend college
- 59% report a COUNSELOR has provided college/career advice
- 54% AGREE or STRONGLY AGREE that their school has RIGOROUS COURSES that prepare students for college

<sup>1</sup> Respondents completed survey in October 2015, during their senior year of high school. UNLV IRB approval # 1311-4613