

Spring 2003 ClassTalk Survey Results (n=2,263)

The objective of this survey was to obtain more information about new students. Nine questions were included in the survey. A total of 2,263 students (about 5% of the total student population) responded districtwide. Results showed very little differences between City, Mesa, and Miramar colleges. Following is a brief summary of the districtwide results:

- Students indicated that college's reputation and distance to work/home attracted them the most to the college. Low tuition was also another important factor that contributed to students' decision of enrollment at the college.
- Students perceived that classes offered at convenient times and quality of instruction were most important to them.
- For students who intended to transfer, UC and CSU were top transfer destinations.
- Districtwide, nearly 30% of the students stated that they would be able to complete college only if they receive financial aid. Another 28% of the students felt that they would have sufficient funds to complete college.
- Over 50% of the students indicated that their friends were extremely supportive of their attending this college.
- Over 60% of the students reported that their families were extremely supportive of their attending this college.
- Students claimed that work demands and lack of finances were important issues that would force them to withdraw.
- More than 20% of the students felt that they need special tutoring or remedial work in Mathematics. Another 46% of the students indicated that they did not need any special tutoring or remedial work.
- About 39% of the students identified themselves primarily as students who were employed. Another 22% viewed themselves primarily as employees who were going to college.

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1. What attracted you the most to this college?

	CITY COLLEGE		MESA COLLEGE		MIRAMAR COLLEGE		ECC		TOTAL	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
College's reputation	178	25.6%	268	24.0%	85	21.5%	12	26.7%	543	24.1%
Low tuition	111	16.0%	223	20.0%	68	17.2%	7	15.6%	409	18.2%
I could identify with fellow students	25	3.6%	26	2.3%	9	2.3%	1	2.2%	61	2.7%
Transfer guarantee programs	71	10.2%	143	12.8%	33	8.4%	0	0.0%	247	11.0%
Academic programs offered at this college	91	13.1%	144	12.9%	53	13.4%	9	20.0%	297	13.2%
Distance to my work/home	159	22.9%	208	18.6%	116	29.4%	14	31.1%	497	22.1%
It was easy for me to be admitted to this college	15	2.2%	42	3.8%	8	2.0%	2	4.4%	67	3.0%
None of the above	45	6.5%	62	5.6%	23	5.8%	0	0.0%	130	5.8%
Total	695	100.0%	1,116	100.0%	395	100.0%	45	100.0%	2,251	100.0%

2. In considering this college, which one of the following factors was most important to you?

	CITY COLLEGE		MESA COLLEGE		MIRAMAR COLLEGE		ECC		TOTAL	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Quality of instruction	166	24.0%	282	24.9%	78	19.8%	12	26.7%	538	23.8%
Availability of learning resources, e.g., computer labs, library, tutoring	109	15.8%	158	14.0%	51	12.9%	9	20.0%	327	14.4%
Classes are offered at convenient times	296	42.8%	497	43.9%	180	45.7%	20	44.4%	993	43.9%
Availability of on-campus parking	17	2.5%	19	1.7%	19	4.8%	1	2.2%	56	2.5%
Caring and supportive faculty	28	4.0%	36	3.2%	17	4.3%	1	2.2%	82	3.6%
Friendly students	12	1.7%	14	1.2%	6	1.5%	0	0.0%	32	1.4%
None of the above	64	9.2%	126	11.1%	43	10.9%	2	4.4%	235	10.4%
Total	692	100.0%	1,132	100.0%	394	100.0%	45	100.0%	2,263	100.0%

3. If you intend to transfer, which one of the following universities/colleges would be your first choice?

	CITY COLLEGE		MESA COLLEGE		MIRAMAR COLLEGE		ECC		TOTAL	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
UC system	173	26.8%	317	29.3%	106	27.7%	6	14.6%	602	28.0%
CSU system	141	21.8%	317	29.3%	80	20.9%	6	14.6%	544	25.3%
National University	57	8.8%	73	6.7%	38	9.9%	6	14.6%	174	8.1%
University of Phoenix	18	2.8%	13	1.2%	12	3.1%	1	2.4%	44	2.0%
University of San Diego	91	14.1%	88	8.1%	30	7.9%	11	26.8%	220	10.2%
Other local private universities/colleges	34	5.3%	56	5.2%	20	5.2%	1	2.4%	111	5.2%
Other local community colleges	9	1.4%	20	1.8%	13	3.4%	2	4.9%	44	2.0%
Out of state universities/colleges	24	3.7%	61	5.6%	17	4.5%	2	4.9%	104	4.8%
Don't intend to transfer	99	15.3%	138	12.7%	66	17.3%	6	14.6%	309	14.4%
Total	646	100.0%	1,083	100.0%	382	100.0%	41	100.0%	2,152	100.0%

4. Which of the following statements best describes your financial situation?

	CITY COLLEGE		MESA COLLEGE		MIRAMAR COLLEGE		ECC		TOTAL	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
I am confident that I will have sufficient funds without any financial aid	148	23.1%	343	31.7%	113	29.3%	6	15.4%	610	28.4%
I will probably have enough funds without any financial aid	81	12.6%	153	14.2%	73	18.9%	4	10.3%	311	14.5%
I will probably have enough funds but may need some financial aid	159	24.8%	239	22.1%	98	25.4%	9	23.1%	505	23.5%
I will be able to complete college only if I receive financial aid	213	33.2%	302	27.9%	90	23.3%	15	38.5%	620	28.9%
I am not sure if I will be able to finish college even with much financial aid	40	6.2%	44	4.1%	12	3.1%	5	12.8%	101	4.7%
Total	641	100.0%	1,081	100.0%	386	100.0%	39	100.0%	2,147	100.0%

5. How supportive are your friends of your attending this college?

	CITY COLLEGE		MESA COLLEGE		MIRAMAR COLLEGE		ECC		TOTAL	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Extremely supportive	322	52.7%	550	52.6%	205	56.8%	23	63.9%	1,100	53.6%
Quite a bit supportive	187	30.6%	336	32.1%	106	29.4%	8	22.2%	637	31.0%
Somewhat supportive	71	11.6%	117	11.2%	41	11.4%	2	5.6%	231	11.2%
Not very supportive	31	5.1%	43	4.1%	9	2.5%	3	8.3%	86	4.2%
Total	611	100.0%	1,046	100.0%	361	100.0%	36	100.0%	2,054	100.0%

6. How supportive are your family of your attending this college?

	CITY COLLEGE		MESA COLLEGE		MIRAMAR COLLEGE		ECC		TOTAL	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Extremely supportive	365	59.7%	629	60.4%	228	62.1%	26	74.3%	1,248	60.7%
Quite a bit supportive	134	21.9%	267	25.6%	86	23.4%	6	17.1%	493	24.0%
Somewhat supportive	75	12.3%	101	9.7%	40	10.9%	2	5.7%	218	10.6%
Not very supportive	37	6.1%	45	4.3%	13	3.5%	1	2.9%	96	4.7%
Total	611	100.0%	1,042	100.0%	367	100.0%	35	100.0%	2,055	100.0%

7. What is the most important issue that would force you to withdraw from class or from this college?

	CITY COLLEGE		MESA COLLEGE		MIRAMAR COLLEGE		ECC		TOTAL	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Work demands	182	29.7%	331	31.8%	118	32.6%	7	19.4%	638	31.1%
Caring for dependents	68	11.1%	111	10.7%	44	12.2%	12	33.3%	235	11.5%
Lack of finances	167	27.3%	198	19.0%	62	17.1%	4	11.1%	431	21.0%
Class scheduling	56	9.2%	107	10.3%	41	11.3%	3	8.3%	207	10.1%
Academic difficulties	46	7.5%	91	8.8%	23	6.4%	1	2.8%	161	7.9%
Change in career plan	22	3.6%	57	5.5%	19	5.2%	2	5.6%	100	4.9%
None of the above	71	11.6%	145	13.9%	55	15.2%	7	19.4%	278	13.6%
Total	612	100.0%	1,040	100.0%	362	100.0%	36	100.0%	2,050	100.0%

8. Do you feel that you will need any special tutoring or remedial work in any of the following subjects?

	CITY COLLEGE		MESA COLLEGE		MIRAMAR COLLEGE		ECC		TOTAL	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Reading	71	11.6%	113	10.8%	38	10.5%	3	8.3%	225	11.0%
Writing	43	7.0%	83	8.0%	31	8.5%	4	11.1%	161	7.8%
Mathematics	158	25.8%	221	21.2%	85	23.4%	10	27.8%	474	23.1%
Reading and Writing	30	4.9%	27	2.6%	10	2.8%	2	5.6%	69	3.4%
Reading and Math	13	2.1%	6	0.6%	6	1.7%	0	0.0%	25	1.2%
Writing and Math	24	3.9%	38	3.6%	14	3.9%	1	2.8%	77	3.8%
Reading, Writing, and Math	34	5.6%	33	3.2%	12	3.3%	4	11.1%	83	4.0%
None of the above	239	39.1%	521	50.0%	167	46.0%	12	33.3%	939	45.7%
Total	612	100.0%	1,042	100.0%	363	100.0%	36	100.0%	2,053	100.0%

9. In terms of attending this college, how do you think of yourself?

	CITY COLLEGE		MESA COLLEGE		MIRAMAR COLLEGE		ECC		TOTAL	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Primarily as a student who is employed	211	34.8%	435	41.9%	143	40.3%	10	27.8%	799	39.3%
Primarily as an employee who is going to college	135	22.2%	221	21.3%	86	24.2%	8	22.2%	450	22.1%
Primarily as a parent who is going to college	77	12.7%	91	8.8%	43	12.1%	9	25.0%	220	10.8%
Primarily as a student	125	20.6%	196	18.9%	49	13.8%	3	8.3%	373	18.3%
Primarily as a community resident who is taking some courses	42	6.9%	50	4.8%	21	5.9%	4	11.1%	117	5.7%
None of the above	17	2.8%	44	4.2%	13	3.7%	2	5.6%	76	3.7%
Total	607	100.0%	1,037	100.0%	355	100.0%	36	100.0%	2,035	100.0%