There is no doubt that college is a valuable experience!

2016 Your First College Year Survey (YFCY)

First-time, Full-time Freshmen vs. Transfer Students

New Freshman Responses in Blue (N=578)

- 86% Most students feel that their first year of college exposed them to diverse opinions, cultures and values.

New Transfer Responses in Red (N=225)

- 39% Many feel their coursework was relevant to everyday life

Students strongly agree that their college has contributed to their:

- 20% Critical thinking skills
- 27% 19% Knowledge of people from different races/cultures
- 22% Ability to work as part of a team

Classroom experiences have lasting effects...

- 48% Are satisfied with the relevance of coursework to their future career plans
- 55% 36% Frequently felt coursework inspired them to think in new ways
- 43%

...When students are paying attention.

- 13% 45% Performed community service as part of a class
- 14% 32% Were frequently bored in class
- 87% 68% Texted or used social media during class

But college isn't all about the classroom. For at least 3 hours a week...

- 36% Were active in student clubs/groups.
- 19% 17% Partied.
- 14%
- 42% Exercised or played sports.

Of course, financial aid is always a concern.

- 18% 28% Of students have major concerns about paying for college
- 36% 53% Felt their jobs interfered with school work.
- 37% 50% Took advantage of financial aid advising.
- 40% 47% Took out loans for education expenses.

Balance is key...

- 48% 37% Are satisfied with their social lives.
- 65% Successfully balance academics and extracurriculars.
- 60%
- 23% 32% Frequently maintain a healthy diet.
- 23%
- 70% 71% Turned to other students for advice or counseling.
- 46% 45%
- 22% 27% Utilized student psychological services.

...and so are support networks.