THE PARENT SURVEY

This survey is being sent to parents of enrolled students by a select group of colleges and universities. The results will help us serve both parents and students better. Your answers are completely confidential—only averages and other summary statistics will be reported. We hope you will complete the form—a high response rate from each institution's parents dramatically improves the usefulness of the results. Thank you very much for your assistance.

Either parent may fill out the questionnaire or both parents may complete the survey together. If you have more than one child attending the college or university that sent you this questionnaire, please answer in reference to the older son or daughter who is enrolled there.

MARKING DIRECTIONS

- Use a No. 2 pencil or blue or black ink pen.
- Fill in the circle completely.
- Erase cleanly any marks you wish to change.
- Do not make any stray marks on this form.

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PART I. EVALUATING YOUR CHILD'S COLLEGE

1. Overall, how satisfied are you with your child's undergraduate education so far?

DISSATISFIED SATISFIED

Very DISSATISFIED	Generally DISSATISFIED	Ambivalent	Generally SATISFIED	Very SATISFIED
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2. As a parent, how satisfied are you with each of the following aspects of your child's college/university?

Please mark one answer in each row. If you feel you don't know enough about the item to respond, please mark "Don't Know."

Don't Know

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	Very Dissatisfie	d				
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Student housing Career counseling and p Campus police	lacement		000	000	000	000

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Quality of Campus Life						
Social life on campus		_	_	_	0	0
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	I advised that he/she apply early elsewhere		\circ	I visited the college with my				
	O I made no recommendation to my child either way			after he/she applied but b	efore	е		
				he/she accepted an offer	of			
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	How would you evaluate your child's entire		\circ	This college was my first ch	oice	fo	r	
	educational experience at this institution?		_	my son/daughter				
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	O Good			help select schools and p	repa	are		
	○ Fair			applications				
	○ Poor		\circ	My child took a test-prep co		e to)	
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	I feel connected to my child's college	i:	s under	too much academic stress at				
	I helped my child choose which colleges to			school?			C	
	apply to			is lonely or isolated?				
	I helped my child choose which college to			may drink too much?			$\supset \mid C$	
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	Financial aid was a major factor in our			career he/she has chosen?		$\mathbb{R}^{(1)}$		
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	I feel out of place when I visit my child's	15 1	not pen	orming up to his/her abilities?is not eating right?		_		- 1
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	out-weigh whatever financial sacrifices			ing as fast as he/she should?			$\leq \mathcal{E} $	5
	that our family has had to make			erforming at the top of his/her				
	This is the right school for my			class?				
	son/daughter		is una	ble to manage his or her own				
	It has been very difficult for us to pay for			health issues independently?				
	my child's college education	.		that are an ability				
•	This college is a place where students of	Do you	worry	that your child				
	all religious backgrounds can feel			is not safe from crime?				
	welcome			doesn't study enough?			C	
	This college is a place where people of all		-	make bad choices about sex?				
	economic backgrounds can feel	l		attending religious services?			$\supset \mid C$	
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	different sexual orientations can feel			may use illegal drugs?		\leq	\leq	
	welcome			is growing away from you?		$\geq c $	\leq	
	This college is a place where people of			not getting enough exercise?	190			7
	different racial and ethnic backgrounds		wiii h	ave trouble finding a job after				
	can feel welcome		not kna	graduation?	1	7	\supset	7
	This college is a place where people with differing political points of view can feel	wiii	HOLKIIO	w what career to pursue after graduation?				7
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PART III. PAYING FOR COLLEGE

We want to understand how families are paying for college. Your answers are completely confidential: the data will be used for research purposes only. Your financial aid will not be affected in any way.

Need-based grants are based on ability-to-pay and typically require an application (such as a FAFSA) that discloses income and other information.

Merit-based grants are based on academic or other achievement or promise; they include national merit scholarships.

Athletic scholarships include only those made to athletes recruited by Division I NCAA schools.

- 15. Which, if any, of the following forms of financial assistance did your child receive to help pay for the current academic year? (Mark all that apply OR "None of the above.")
 - O Work-study job
 - O Subsidized student loans
 - O Unsubsidized student loans
 - O Need-based grant (including federal programs)
 - Merit-based grant through this college/university
 - Other private scholarships
 - Athletic scholarship
 - O None of the above

- 16. Did you apply for need-based financial aid for the current academic year?
 - O Yes
 - No
- 17. Please use the scale below to describe the amount of GRANT AID that your child received for the current school year. Include all need- or merit-based grants (aid that need not be repaid). (Mark one.)

Grant Award this Year

- None
- O \$1 \$4,999
- O \$5,000 \$9,999
- \$10,000 \$14,999
- \$15,000 \$19,999
- \$20,000 \$24,999
- O \$25,000 \$29,999
- \$30,000 or more
- **18.** Please use the following list to describe how your family is meeting your college expenses this year. The percentages refer to the share of your family's expenses after subtracting the grants listed in Question 17. Please mark one answer in each row, marking "Did not use" where appropriate. Do not hesitate to give your best estimate.

	Did Not Use		nily expenses irce	
FAMILY ASSETS	000	1 - 25%	26 - 50%	51 - 100%
Ordinary savings and sale of stock or other financial assets	0	0	0	0
Sale of non-financial assets (real estate, etc.)	0	0	0	0
State-sponsored college savings ("529") plan	0	0	0	0
Pre-paid tuition plan (of any kind)	0	0	0	0
Withdrawal from a retirement plan	0	0	0	
PARENT BORROWING				
Home equity loans	0	0	0	0
"PLUS" and other loans through the financial aid office	0	0	0	0
Parent educational loans from private lenders	0	0	0	0
Borrowing from relatives or friends	0	0	0	0
Borrowing from a retirement plan	0	0	0	
Other types of borrowing	0	0	0	0
CURRENT PARENT INCOME				
Income from parents' usual job(s) or business	0	0	0	0
Parents' second jobs or overtime work	0	0	0	0
Parents' employee benefits	0		0	
STUDENT CONTRIBUTIONS				
Student work-study or term-time job(s)	0	0	0	0
Student earnings during vacation periods	0	0	0	0
Student borrowing - all kinds	0	0	0	0
Student's assets (trust fund, etc.)	0	0	0	0
Student employee benefits	0		0	
OTHER RESOURCES				
Gifts from relatives or others (e.g., grandparents)	0	0	0	0
Resources not listed above	0	0	0	0

19. So far, how much money have you or your spouse/partner borrowed to pay for your child's college education? Include all years. Exclude amounts the student is obligated to repay.	22. If your child borrowed money to pay for college, do you expect to help him or her pay off these loans? Mark the best answer. Not applicable (no debt) No, my child will make these payments on his/her own Yes—I or someone else will repay less than half of what my child borrowed Yes—I or someone else will repay half or more of what my child borrowed 23. If you are living with this child's step-parent, did both of you contribute to this student's college expenses? Not applicable Yes No
 20. If you borrowed money to pay for your child's education, will he/she help repay these loans? Mark the best answer. Not applicable (no debt) No, my child will not help repay these debts Yes-my child will repay less than half of what borrowed Yes-my child will repay half or more of what I borrowed 	24. If you are not living with this child's other parent, does the other parent contribute to the student's education expenses? One is not applicable Yes No
21. So far, how much money has your child borrow for college? Include all amounts that he or she is obligated to repay. \$0 \$1 - \$4,999 \$5,000 - \$9,999 \$10,000 - \$14,999 \$15,000 - \$19,999 \$20,000 - \$24,999 \$25,000 - \$29,999 \$30,000 - \$49,999 \$50,000 or more My child has borrowed, but I don't know how much	25. What has been the impact on your family of paying for your child to attend this institution? Mark one. None/slight Moderate Considerable Severe Not applicable (We have not contributed funds for our child's education.) 26. Has your child's experience at this institution been worth the impact on your family's finances? Yes, definitely Somewhat No, definitely not
PART IV. ABOUT YOU AND THIS STUDENT	
 27. What is your relationship to this child? Custodial parent, step-parent, or other legal guardian (including joint custody) Non-custodial parent Other 	29. What is your child's year in college?
28. Sex *If two parents completed survey, select "joint You* This student Male O O Female O O Joint O —	30. Has your child participated in intercollegiate sports as an athlete while in college? Yes No

31. Where did you fall term?Residence		g the most recent	33. In which of the following areas is the student majoring? Please mark all that apply. Names of majors vary by school.			
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			<u>You</u>	our spouse/partner (if applicable)	This student	
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B. Colleges	and universities	have an educational your ancestry, nation	interest in cre	ating a diverse stu		
You:		Your spouse/partne		Your child:		
(For example: do yo						

French Canadian, Haitian, Korean, German, Lebanese, Polish, Navaho, Mexican, Puerto Rican, Taiwanese, Ukrainian, and so on.)

35.	Please mark your highest degree below. If you are made as well. Mark only one answer in each column.	arried	or living with a	partner, mark his/her highest degree			
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36.	If you have a graduate or professional degree, please partner, respond for him or her as well. Mark all that app		cate which. Ag	gain, if you are married or living with a			
			<u>You</u>	Your spouse/partner			
		MBA	\circ	\circ			
	Other Master's de	gree	0	\circ			
	Doctoral de	gree	0	\circ			
	Medical de	gree	0	\circ			
	Law de	gree	\circ	\circ			
 37.	Has a parent, sibling, or other close relative of	40.	Please use the	following categories to tell us what			
	this child attended the college/university that sent you this questionniare? Mark all that apply.		your before-tax in 2006. Again,	x family income from all sources was , all information you provide is completely			
	○ You		confidential and	will be used only for research.			
	Another parent or step-parent	O Under \$25,000					
	A sibling of this child		○ \$25,000 - \$49,999				
	O Another close relative	○ \$50,000 - \$74,999					
			O \$75,000 -				
38.	On your last birthday, how old were you? If you		O \$100,000				
	are living with a spouse or partner, how old is he/she?	○ \$125,000 - \$149,999					
			O \$150,000				
	You Your spouse/partner	○ \$175,000 - \$199,999 ○ \$200,000 - \$249,999					
	Under 45 O						
	45 - 49	○ \$250,000 - \$299,999 ○ \$300,000 or more					
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	70 or older		PART V. YOUR	R COMMENTS			
	Not applicable —		41				
39.	Counting this student, how many children do you have now? Include all living children, even if they are now independent. Include step-children and others that you helped to raise or for whom you share financial responsibility.	con thes and can or o	nments. Collegese comments and weaknesses. Inot address inconcern and v	paces on the next page to add your ge and university administrators read and often use them to identify strengths. Since the survey is confidential, they dividual issues. If you have a problem yould like a personal response, you act the appropriate individual(s) on			
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	Number who are currently						
	undergraduates (this child is "1")						
	Number who are college graduates OOOO						
	Number who have attended college but did not graduate						

C1.	What has most pleas	ed you	about your child's	college/u	niversity?		
C2.	What has most disap	pointed	l vou about vour cl	nild's colle	eae/university?		
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C 3.	Please use this space survey or any other n	natter c	f concern to you. \	<i>N</i> e are es	pecially interested	in hearin	g more about how
	you have paid for you	ır child	's college educatio	n and hov	w this has affected	your fam	ily.
	college or university the following spaces to ans			re may hav	ve included a sheet o	of addition	nal questions. Please use
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