

# De Anza College Office of Institutional Research and Planning

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The Community Engagement survey was conducted in the spring quarter of 2014. The survey was sent to all enrolled students with a valid, personal email address (17,870) at the end of the quarter (May 5) in order to capture activities students participated in throughout the academic year. This resulted in 880 valid responses for a response rate of 5%. Highlights include:

## **Prior to entering De Anza College, have you participated in the following activities?**

- 81% of respondents obtained news regularly (through internet, television, newspaper, radio, etc.).
- 68% of respondents worked without pay in their community to help others.
- 61% of respondents joined a group or organization.
- 20% of respondents persuaded others to vote for a particular candidate or party.
- 12% of respondents worked on a local, state, or national campaign.

## **Since entering De Anza College, have you participated in the following activities?**

- 79% of respondents obtained news regularly (through internet, television, newspaper, radio, etc.).
- 61% of respondents signed a petition.
- 50% of respondents worked without pay in their community to help others.
- 17% of respondents persuaded others to vote for a particular candidate or party.
- 12% of respondents worked on a local, state, or national campaign.

## **Since entering De Anza College, I have increased my ability to:**

- 75% of respondents stated they strongly agree or agree that they increased their ability to understand people from other cultures, races, or ethnicities.
- 57% of respondents stated they strongly agree or agree that they increased their ability to converse productively about controversial issues with someone whose background or views are different from their own.
- 46% of respondents stated they strongly agree or agree that they increased their ability to voice their opinions on campus, at work, or in their community.

**Since entering De Anza College, I believe more now than I did before that:**

- 69% of respondents strongly agree or agree that they believe more than they did before that they can be part of something bigger than themselves to effect change.
- 68% of respondents strongly agree or agree that they believe more than they did before that they have the tools to communicate with someone whose views are different from their own.
- 19% of respondents strongly agree or agree that they believe more than they did before that they are just one person and their actions cannot change our government or social system.

**I see myself:**

- 89% of respondents strongly agree or agree with the statement that they see themselves as someone who values helping others.
- 79% of respondents strongly agree or agree with the statement that they see themselves as someone who has something to offer the world.
- 48% of respondents strongly agree or agree with the statement that they see themselves as part of the campus community.
- 39% of respondents strongly agree or agree with the statement that they see themselves as an individual with limited impact on what happens in this country.

**I believe that after leaving this college, I will:**

- 81% of respondents strongly agree or agree that they believe they will help others who may not be as well off as themselves.
- 73% of respondents strongly agree or agree that they believe they will be an integral part of society.
- 54% of respondents strongly agree or agree that they believe they will work with others to promote social or political change.

**Since entering De Anza College, I have increased my knowledge of:**

- 65% of respondents stated they strongly agree or agree that their knowledge has increased in regards to global issues.
- 65% of respondents stated they strongly agree or agree that their knowledge has increased in regards to national issues.

## **Political Knowledge**

- 60% of respondents identified that the Supreme Court has the responsibility to make the final decision on whether a law is constitutional or not.
- 55% of respondents identified that Tuesday is the day of the week that local, state, and federal elections are held.
- 79% of respondents identified that the city council functions the most like the legislative branch in local government.

**I. PRIOR TO entering this college, had you participated in any of the following activities?**

	Yes		No		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Ia. Joined a group or organization	472	61%	300	39%	772	100%
Ib. Held a leadership role in an organization or club	291	38%	480	62%	771	100%
Ic. Obtained news regularly (through Internet, television, newspaper, radio, etc.)	624	81%	147	19%	771	100%
Id. Discussed politics regularly	292	38%	477	62%	769	100%
Ie. Worked without pay in your community to help others	520	68%	248	32%	768	100%
If. Worked without pay in your community to help others <u>as part of a class requirement</u>	292	38%	479	62%	771	100%
Ig. Worked on a local, state, or national campaign	96	12%	675	88%	771	100%
Ih. Attended a march, rally, protest, or boycott	190	25%	581	75%	771	100%
Ii. Signed a petition	463	60%	309	40%	772	100%
Ij. Raised awareness about an issue, campaign, party, or group	282	37%	488	63%	770	100%
Ik. Raised money for a campaign, party, or group	258	34%	508	66%	766	100%
Il. Persuaded others to vote for a particular candidate or party	156	20%	613	80%	769	100%
Im. Contacted public officials or the media (through Facebook, Twitter, email, phone, letter, etc.)	189	25%	582	75%	771	100%
In. Registered to vote	427	55%	347	45%	774	100%
Io. Voted in a student election	346	45%	422	55%	768	100%
Ip. Voted in a local, state or federal election	350	45%	421	55%	771	100%

**2. SINCE ENTERING this college, have you participated in the following activities?**

	Yes		No		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
2a. Joined a group or organization	306	40%	464	60%	770	100%
2b. Held a leadership role in an organization or club	144	19%	621	81%	765	100%
2c. Obtained news regularly (through Internet, television, newspaper, radio, etc.)	611	79%	159	21%	770	100%
2d. Discussed politics regularly	343	44%	429	56%	772	100%
2e. Worked without pay in your community to help others	384	50%	386	50%	770	100%
2f. Worked without pay in your community to help others <u>as part of a class requirement</u>	252	33%	522	67%	774	100%
2g. Worked on a local, state, or national campaign	91	12%	677	88%	768	100%
2h. Attended a march, rally, protest, or boycott	131	17%	641	83%	772	100%
2i. Signed a petition	468	61%	297	39%	765	100%
2j. Raised awareness about an issue, campaign, party, or group	266	35%	504	65%	770	100%
2k. Raised money for a campaign, party, or group	143	19%	624	81%	767	100%
2l. Persuaded others to vote for a particular candidate or party	132	17%	636	83%	768	100%
2m. Contacted public officials or the media (through Facebook, Twitter, email, phone, letter, etc.)	185	24%	586	76%	771	100%
2n. Registered to vote	344	45%	429	55%	773	100%
2o. Voted in a student election	180	24%	585	76%	765	100%
2p. Voted in a local, state or federal election	291	38%	478	62%	769	100%

**3. Since entering this college I have increased my ability to:**

	<b>Strongly Agree</b>		<b>Agree</b>		<b>Neither Agree or Disagree</b>		<b>Disagree</b>		<b>Strongly Disagree</b>		<b>Total</b>	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
	3a. Converse productively about controversial issues with someone whose background or views are different than my own	118	15%	324	42%	244	31%	64	8%	26	3%	776
3b. Have my views challenged by others	121	16%	318	41%	221	29%	84	11%	31	4%	775	100%
3c. Understand people from other cultures, races, or ethnicities	269	35%	307	40%	142	19%	32	4%	15	2%	765	100%
3d. Work with others to make a difference in our community	137	18%	229	30%	267	35%	97	13%	37	5%	767	100%
3e. Voice my opinions on campus, at work, or in my community	119	15%	242	31%	255	33%	113	15%	40	5%	769	100%

**4. Since entering this college, I believe more now than I did before that:**

	<b>Strongly Agree</b>		<b>Agree</b>		<b>Neither Agree or Disagree</b>		<b>Disagree</b>		<b>Strongly Disagree</b>		<b>Total</b>	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
	4a. I can learn a lot through my involvement in community or campus causes	156	20%	300	39%	238	31%	55	7%	20	3%	769
4b. I am just one person and my actions cannot change our government or social system	46	6%	100	13%	247	32%	246	32%	133	17%	772	100%
4c. I have the tools to seek out information about social or political events to develop an informed position on the issue	145	19%	337	44%	233	30%	37	5%	18	2%	770	100%
4d. I have the tools to communicate with someone whose views are different than my own	159	21%	359	47%	200	26%	35	5%	16	2%	769	100%
4e. I can be a part of something bigger than myself to effect change	203	26%	333	43%	191	25%	25	3%	21	3%	773	100%

**5. I see myself:**

	<b>Strongly Agree</b>		<b>Agree</b>		<b>Neither Agree or Disagree</b>		<b>Disagree</b>		<b>Strongly Disagree</b>		<b>Total</b>	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
5a. As part of the campus community	102	13%	269	35%	230	30%	122	16%	52	7%	775	100%
5b. As part of a community outside this college	135	17%	367	47%	181	23%	66	9%	24	3%	773	100%
5c. As someone who values helping others	316	41%	368	48%	67	9%	7	1%	9	1%	767	100%
5d. As an individual with limited impact on what happens in this country	70	9%	233	30%	244	32%	162	21%	65	8%	774	100%
5e. As someone who has something to offer the world	253	33%	359	46%	130	17%	17	2%	16	2%	775	100%
5f. As someone who has a voice	214	28%	370	48%	144	19%	27	3%	20	3%	775	100%

**6. I believe that after leaving this college, I will:**

	<b>Strongly Agree</b>		<b>Agree</b>		<b>Neither Agree or Disagree</b>		<b>Disagree</b>		<b>Strongly Disagree</b>		<b>Total</b>	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
6a. Work with others to promote social or political change	153	20%	260	34%	259	33%	80	10%	23	3%	775	100%
6b. Become a leader in my place of work	218	28%	286	37%	218	28%	33	4%	20	3%	775	100%
6c. Help others who may not be as well off as myself	296	38%	336	43%	121	16%	15	2%	6	1%	774	100%
6d. Be an integral part of society	220	28%	347	45%	167	22%	24	3%	14	2%	772	100%

**7. Since entering this college, I have increased my knowledge of:**

	<b>Strongly Agree</b>		<b>Agree</b>		<b>Neither Agree or Disagree</b>		<b>Disagree</b>		<b>Strongly Disagree</b>		<b>Total</b>	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
7a. Global issues	178	23%	321	42%	189	24%	62	8%	22	3%	772	100%
7b. National issues	177	23%	324	42%	188	24%	64	8%	19	2%	772	100%
7c. Issues facing my community	184	24%	301	39%	188	24%	76	10%	22	3%	771	100%

**8. What individual or group of individuals has the responsibility to make the final decision on whether a law is constitutional or not?**

	<b>Responses</b>	<b>Percent</b>
The President of the United States	79	10%
The Supreme Court	467	60%
Congress	173	22%
I don't know	59	8%
Total	778	100%

**9. What day of the week are local, state, and federal elections held?**

	<b>Responses</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Monday	39	5%
Tuesday	430	55%
Thursday	41	5%
Saturday	19	2%
I don't know	248	32%
Total	777	100%

**10. Which organization functions the most like the legislative branch in local governments?**

	<b>Responses</b>	<b>Percent</b>
The city council	614	79%
The mayor	39	5%
The police	17	2%
I don't know	107	14%
Total	777	100%

**11. What is your current enrollment status?**

	<b>Responses</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Part-time (Less than 12 units)	350	45%
Full-time (12 units or more)	426	55%
Total	776	100%

**12. Approximately how many credits have you completed at this college?**

	<b>Responses</b>	<b>Percent</b>
0-12	138	18%
13-24	136	17%
25-59	230	30%
60-89	129	17%
90 units or more	145	19%
Total	778	100%

**13. What is your ethnicity?**

	<b>Responses</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Asian	235	30%
African American	23	3%
Filipino	33	4%
Hispanic	125	16%
Multiple Ethnicities	48	6%
Native American	3	0%
Pacific Islander	5	1%
White	243	31%
Other	60	8%
Total	775	100%

**14. What is your gender:**

	<b>Responses</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Male	317	41%
Female	452	59%
Total	769	100%

**15. What is your age?**

	<b>Responses Percent</b>	
19 or under	223	29%
20-24	264	34%
25-29	93	12%
30-34	54	7%
35-49	82	11%
50+	61	8%
Total	777	100%

**16. Please provide an estimate of what you perceive to be the income of your parents/guardians while you were in high school.**

	<b>Responses Percent</b>	
Less than \$19,999 (Low Income)	138	18%
\$20,000-\$59,999 (Low Middle Income)	212	27%
\$60,000-\$99,999 (Middle Income)	160	21%
\$100,000-\$149,000 (Upper Middle Income)	94	12%
\$150,000-or more (High Income)	51	7%
Don't know	117	15%
Total	772	100%

**17. How many hours per week do you work for pay?**

	<b>On-campus</b>		<b>Off-campus</b>	
	<b>Responses</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Responses</b>	<b>Percent</b>
None	634	90%	356	47%
1-5 hours	10	1%	35	5%
6-10 hours	19	3%	45	6%
11-15 hours	13	2%	46	6%
16-20 hours	13	2%	56	7%
21-30 hours	6	1%	77	10%
31-40 hours	1	0%	57	8%
40+ hours	5	1%	81	11%
Total	701	100%	753	100%

**18. Is English the primary language you speak at home?**

	<b>Responses</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Yes	521	68%
No	250	32%
Total	771	100%

**19. What is the highest education level of your primary parent or guardian?**

	<b>Responses</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Grade 9 or less	45	6%
Some high school, did not graduate	43	6%
High school graduate (diploma, GED or equivalent)	121	16%
Some college, no degree	125	16%
Associate's degree (A.A., A.S.)	62	8%
Bachelor's degree (B.A., B.S.)	181	23%
Graduate degree (master's, Ph.D. or professional degree beyond bachelor's)	144	18%
Unknown	27	3%
Not applicable	32	4%
Total	780	100%

**20. What is the highest education level of your secondary parent or guardian?**

	<b>Responses</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Grade 9 or less	69	9%
Some high school, did not graduate	57	7%
High school graduate (diploma, GED or equivalent)	141	18%
Some college, no degree	109	14%
Associate's degree (A.A., A.S.)	50	6%
Bachelor's degree (B.A., B.S.)	126	16%
Graduate degree (master's, Ph.D. or professional degree beyond bachelor's)	91	12%
Unknown	47	6%
Not applicable	86	11%
Total	776	100%