

GRADUATES BALANCE MULTIPLE PRIORITIES



Seniors overcome various challenges as they progress towards graduation. Balancing academic, work, and extracurricular commitments, students engage in on-campus organizations, connect with friends on social media, meet with professors, and more. Seniors also look forward to next steps following college graduation and report satisfaction with their college experience as a foundation for meeting their future goals.

DURING THEIR SENIOR YEAR, NOT ALL THEIR TIME WAS SPENT IN CLASS.



79% / 78%
participated in student clubs/groups



71% / 82%
spent time volunteering



53% / 46%
attended religious services

STUDENTS ENGAGED IN VARIOUS ACADEMIC AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THEIR COLLEGE YEARS.

37% / 37%
studied abroad



30% / 25%
participated in an undergraduate research program



20% / 39%
joined a fraternity or sorority



19% / 26%
participated in an ethnic/racial student organization



11% / 11%
participated in a women's advocacy group

COLLEGE WAS NOT WITHOUT ITS CHALLENGES FOR THE CLASS OF 2019...



20% / 27%
were dissatisfied with their financial aid package

28% / 20%
experienced food insecurity

29% / 32%
missed class due to employment

37% / 47%
felt ignored or invisible because of their race/ethnicity

...BUT STUDENTS FOUND WAYS TO UNWIND.



64% / 66%
spent 6 or more hours per week socializing with friends in person

71% / 70%
spent 3 or more hours per week watching TV and online video content

80% / 83%
of students spent at least 1 hour exercising or playing sports each week

COLLEGE SENIORS MAINTAIN AN EYE TOWARDS THE FUTURE...

66% / 72%
plan to complete a degree beyond the baccalaureate

55% / 54%
consider it very important or essential to influence social values

29% / 28%
consider it very important or essential to influence the political structure



...AND HAVE THE PREPARATION AND PLANS TO ACHIEVE THEIR GOALS.

84% / 83%
felt satisfied with their overall college experience

78% / 85%
met with a counselor to discuss their career plans

84% / 87%
received support from professors in achieving their professional goals

45% / 43%
have already received an offer of employment

16% / 26%
plan to attend graduate or professional school full time in the fall