

Intro

Welcome to the New Student Survey!

We're excited to have you join the Santa Clara community. As part of your onboarding process and to help us get to know you better, we'd appreciate your participation in this survey - it takes around 8 minutes.

We will use the survey results to inform campus discussions about improving students' experiences. Your participation is voluntary; there will be no penalty if you choose not to participate, skip questions, or withdraw from the survey at any time. All responses are confidential and analyzed in the aggregate; no personally identifiable information will be published.

We appreciate your time, and hope you have a great year ahead!

Big 5 Shortened

Here are a number of personality traits that may or may not apply to you. Please rate the extent to which the pair of traits applies to you, even if one characteristic applies more

strongly than the other.

I see myself as:

	Disagree strongly	Disagree moderately	Disagree a little	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree a little	Agree moderately	Agree strongly
Disorganized, careless.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Sympathetic, warm.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Extraverted, enthusiastic.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Open to new experiences, complex.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Calm, emotionally stable.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Anxious, easily upset.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Reserved, quiet.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Critical, quarrelsome.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Conventional, uncreative.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

	Disagree strongly	Disagree moderately	Disagree a little	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree a little	Agree moderately	Agree strongly
Dependable, self-disciplined.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Cura Personalis - from Jesuit Survey

For each of the following statements, indicate how well it describes you. Answer as honestly as you can.

	Does NOT describe me	Describes me slightly well	Describes me moderately well	Describes me very well	Describes me extremely well
I actively seek opportunities to support and encourage the personal growth of others, both inside and outside the classroom.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I prioritize building meaningful relationships with faculty, staff, and peers, valuing their	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

	Does NOT describe me	Describes me slightly well	Describes me moderately well	Describes me very well	Describes me extremely well
unique perspectives and experiences.					
I am informed about current social justice issues and feel motivated to take action.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I actively seek opportunities to serve others in my community.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Ethical Use of AI - from Jesuit Survey

Please rate your level of agreement with the following statements on the ethical use of artificial intelligence (AI).

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
It is important for all college students, regardless of their major, to have a basic understanding of AI ethics.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I am likely to question the fairness and transparency of AI-powered decision-making systems I encounter.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I would feel comfortable discussing ethical considerations with a professor when using AI tools for academic purposes.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Emerging technologies can pose significant ethical challenges that require careful consideration before widespread use.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Faith (shortened) - from Jesuit Survey

For each of the following statements, indicate how well it describes you. Answer as honestly as you can.

	Does NOT describe me	Describes me slightly well	Describes me moderately well	Describes me very well	Describes me extremely well
I regularly dedicate time to quiet reflection and prayer, seeking to discern God's will in my life.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I critically examine my own values and motivations, seeking to align them with Jesuit principles.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
My faith plays a significant role in my decision-making.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I engage in spiritual practices that connect me to something larger than myself.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Faith (Ethics construct) - from Jesuit Survey

For each of the following statements, indicate how well it describes you. Answer as honestly as you can.

	Does NOT describe me	Describes me slightly well	Describes me moderately well	Describes me very well	Describes me extremely well
I consider the long-term consequences and ethical implications of my actions.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I am able to reflect on my choices and identify my values and priorities.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I strive to live according to my values and beliefs.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I am confident in my ability to articulate my personal values and ethical principles.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Foster Care

At any time since you turned 13, were you in foster care or were you a dependent of the court?

Yes

No

I don't know

Grit

Please respond to the following 8 items. Be honest – there are no right or wrong answers!

	Not like me at all	Not much like me	Somewhat like me	Mostly like me	Very much like me
Setbacks don't discourage me.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I am diligent.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I often set a goal but later choose to pursue a different one.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I have difficulty maintaining my focus on projects that take more than a few months to complete.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
New ideas and projects sometimes distract me from previous ones.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I finish whatever I begin.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I have been obsessed with a certain idea or project for a short time but later lost interest.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

	Not like me at all	Not much like me	Somewhat like me	Mostly like me	Very much like me
I am a hard worker.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

HERI Activities

During your last year in high school, how much time did you spend during a typical week:

	None	Less than one (1) hour	1-2 hours per week	3-5 hours per week	6-10 hours per week	11-15 hours per week	16-20 hours per week	Over 20 hours per week
Participating in student clubs/groups	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Socializing with friends in person	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Playing video games	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Using social media	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Performing household/childcare duties	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Exercising/sports	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Watching TV/online video content (e.g.,	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

	None	Less than one (1) hour	1-2 hours per week	3-5 hours per week	6-10 hours per week	11-15 hours per week	16-20 hours per week	Over 20 hours per week
Amazon, Hulu, Netflix, YouTube)								
Studying/homework	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Working (for pay)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

HERI Political Orientation

How would you characterize your political views? Select only one.

Very liberal

Liberal

Centrist

Conservative

Very conservative

Intercultural Competence and Global Awareness

For each of the following statements, indicate how well it describes you. Answer as

honestly as you can.

	Does NOT describe me	Describes me slightly well	Describes me moderately well	Describes me very well	Describes me extremely well
I am committed to promoting intercultural understanding and dialogue, fostering bridges between different communities.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I actively seek to learn about and appreciate diverse cultures and perspectives, recognizing the interconnectedness of our world.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Mental Health - from Senior Survey

In the past year, how often have you...

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Always
felt fearful?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
found it hard to focus on anything other than your anxiety?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Always
been overwhelmed with worries?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
felt uneasy?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

In the past year, how often have you...

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Always
felt worthless?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
felt helpless?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
felt depressed?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
felt hopeless?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Student Leadership Practices Inventory

As a leader, how frequently do you typically engage in the following behaviors?

	Rarely or seldom	Once in a while	Sometimes	Often	Very frequently
I spend time making sure that people behave consistently with the principles and	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

	Rarely or seldom	Once in a while	Sometimes	Often	Very frequently
standards we have agreed upon.					
I search for innovative ways to improve what we are doing.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I foster cooperative rather than competitive relationships among people I work with.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I talk with others about a vision of how we could be even better in the future.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I express appreciation for the contributions that people make.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Sustainability - from HERI SCU Local

Sustainability is about meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. Please indicate your level of agreement or disagreement with the following items.

	Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree
My education has prepared me to include sustainability as a factor in decision-making.	☐	☐	☐	☐
Realistically, an individual can do little to make a positive difference on issues of sustainability.	☐	☐	☐	☐
I have a personal responsibility to help make a positive difference on issues of sustainability.	☐	☐	☐	☐

Test Scores - from Jesuit Survey

Did you take the SAT and/or ACT?

Yes, I took the SAT and/or ACT

No, I did not take either exam

Please share your SAT/ACT scores. Your response is completely voluntary and

confidential. Please enter 0 for the test(s) you do not have scores for.

ACT (1 - 36)

SAT - Math (200 - 800)

SAT - Verbal (200 - 800)

Vocation - from HERI SCU Local

Simply stated, a vocation is about pursuing a meaningful life and not merely a livelihood. Please indicate your level of agreement or disagreement with the following items on a four-point scale.

	Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree
My education has prepared me with talents and strengths to live with greater joy, integrity, and balance.	☐	☐	☐	☐
Compared to my peers who did not attend Santa Clara, I have a stronger sense of vocation.	☐	☐	☐	☐

	Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree
I see myself participating in activities that give meaning to my life.	☐	☐	☐	☐
My chosen career allows me to make a positive difference in the world.	☐	☐	☐	☐

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