

# SCC Fall 2008 Entering Student Survey

## 1. Which statement below reflects YOUR CURRENT GOALS?

Response	Frequency	Percent
To take a few courses but NOT earn a Degree, Diploma or Certificate	30	2.3%
To complete an Associate Degree, Diploma or Certificate	620	47.4%
To complete an Associate Degree AND go on to earn a four-year Bachelor's Degree	422	32.2%
To take a few courses then TRANSFER to a University	196	15.0%
I am uncertain about completing a Degree, or Certificate	39	3.0%
No Response	2	0.2%

## 2. I plan to (select one):

Response	Frequency	Percent
Enroll for only this semester	61	4.7%
Enroll for this semester AND the next semester	149	11.4%
Enroll every semester until I reach my goal	1030	78.7%
Unsure about future enrollment	67	5.1%
No Response	2	0.2%

## 3. Do you have access to a personal computer, either at home or at work, that you can use for school work?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Yes	1217	93.0%
No	84	6.4%
No Response	8	0.6%

## 4. If yes, do you have access to the Internet from the computer with e-mail access?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Yes	1196	91.4%
No	75	5.7%
No Response	38	2.9%

## 5. While attending college, I plan to work:

Response	Frequency	Percent
Not at all	180	13.8%
1 - 20 hours per week	454	34.7%
21 - 39 hours per week	435	33.2%
40 hours per week	185	14.1%
More than 40 hours per week	48	3.7%
No Response	7	0.5%

## 6. To increase my general knowledge and understanding of the world.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Important	1048	80.1%
Somewhat Important	246	18.8%
Not important	8	0.6%
No Response	7	0.5%

## 7. To decide on a career goal.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Important	1168	89.2%
Somewhat Important	109	8.3%
Not important	26	2.0%
No Response	6	0.5%

## 8. To develop or improve skills required in my current job.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Important	642	49.0%
Somewhat Important	326	24.9%
Not important	338	25.8%
No Response	3	0.2%

9. To help me obtain a raise or promotion.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Important	652	49.8%
Somewhat Important	337	25.7%
Not important	315	24.1%
No Response	5	0.4%

10. To help me prepare for a new career.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Important	1204	92.0%
Somewhat Important	83	6.3%
Not important	18	1.4%
No Response	4	0.3%

11. To be with others who want to learn.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Important	771	58.9%
Somewhat Important	444	33.9%
Not important	87	6.6%
No Response	7	0.5%

12. To increase my self confidence.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Important	874	66.8%
Somewhat Important	347	26.5%
Not important	74	5.7%
No Response	14	1.1%

13. To become more self reliant.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Important	1062	81.1%
Somewhat Important	213	16.3%
Not important	30	2.3%
No Response	4	0.3%

14. To improve my academic skills before going to a large university.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Important	744	56.8%
Somewhat Important	287	21.9%
Not important	268	20.5%
No Response	10	0.8%

15. Costs less than other colleges.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Important	743	56.8%
Somewhat Important	427	32.6%
Not important	132	10.1%
No Response	7	0.5%

16. I could not leave the area due to family obligations.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Important	569	43.5%
Somewhat Important	389	29.7%
Not important	343	26.2%
No Response	8	0.6%

17. I can keep my job and still go to college.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Important	707	54.0%
Somewhat Important	311	23.8%
Not important	282	21.5%
No Response	9	0.7%

18. My grades were too low to get into another college or university.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Important	105	8.0%
Somewhat Important	252	19.3%
Not important	938	71.7%
No Response	14	1.1%

19. The college offers the courses I want.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Important	912	69.7%
Somewhat Important	322	24.6%
Not important	65	5.0%
No Response	10	0.8%

20. The college has a reputation for good teaching/training.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Important	917	70.1%
Somewhat Important	343	26.2%
Not important	41	3.1%
No Response	8	0.6%

21. Classes are small and more personal.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Important	950	72.6%
Somewhat Important	290	22.2%
Not important	62	4.7%
No Response	7	0.5%

22. The college is close to my home.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Important	1073	82.0%
Somewhat Important	180	13.8%
Not important	49	3.7%
No Response	7	0.5%

23. My family wanted me to come here.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Important	279	21.3%
Somewhat Important	460	35.1%
Not important	559	42.7%
No Response	11	0.8%

24. I can take courses at night.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Important	502	38.3%
Somewhat Important	448	34.2%
Not important	344	26.3%
No Response	15	1.1%

25. I can take courses on weekends.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very Important	370	28.3%
Somewhat Important	464	35.4%
Not important	466	35.6%
No Response	9	0.7%

26. If there had not been a Community or Technical College in the area, I probably would (mark one):

Response	Frequency	Percent
Not attend college at all	387	29.6%
Go to one of the state Universities	629	48.1%
Go to a private college	107	8.2%
Go to a private technical college	103	7.9%
Go to an out-of-state college or university.	76	5.8%
No Response	7	0.5%

27. Check any statement which is true for your family or parents.

Response	Frequency	Percent
I am the first person in my immediate family to go to college.	662	50.6%
One or both of my parents or guardians went to college but did not earn a degree.	235	18.0%
One or both of my parents or guardians earned an associate degree from a community college	204	15.6%
One or both of my parents or guardians earned a Bachelor's degree from a college or	208	15.9%
No Response	36	2.8%

28. What is your total annual income?

Response	Frequency	Percent
less than \$10,000	870	66.5%
\$10,000-\$14,999	168	12.8%
\$15,000-\$19,999	91	7.0%
\$20,000-\$24,999	68	5.2%
more than \$25,000	101	7.7%
No Response	11	0.8%

29. What is your total family household income?

Response	Frequency	Percent
less than \$10,000	270	20.6%
\$10,000-\$14,999	185	14.1%
\$15,000-\$19,999	155	11.8%
\$20,000-\$24,999	169	12.9%
more than \$25,000	517	39.5%
No Response	13	1.0%

30. Which of the following best describes the household in which you currently reside? Are you living...

Response	Frequency	Percent
with parents or grandparents	652	49.8%
with spouse	92	7.0%
with spouse and children	206	15.7%
with children	149	11.4%
other (Skip to Question 32)	202	15.4%
No Response	8	0.6%

31. OTHER THAN YOURSELF, how many people rely on you for ALL or MOST of their financial support?

Response	Frequency	Percent
0	667	51.0%
1	221	16.9%
2	155	11.8%
3	89	6.8%
4 or more	56	4.3%
No Response	121	9.2%

32. How many people live in your household?

Response	Frequency	Percent
0	20	1.5%
1	66	5.0%
2	250	19.1%
3	378	28.9%
4 or more	576	44.0%
No Response	19	1.5%

33. Which of the following media:

Response	Frequency	Percent
Internet	631	48.2%
Television	75	5.7%
Radio	59	4.5%
Newspaper	148	11.3%
Brochure	373	28.5%
No Response	23	1.8%

34. Which of the following people:

Response	Frequency	Percent
Faculty or staff member	103	7.9%
High school counselor or instructor	344	26.3%
Parents	224	17.1%
Friend or other relative	567	43.3%
Coworker or supervisor	52	4.0%
No Response	19	1.5%