### College Goals

Students choose the U for its top ranked programs, campus life opportunities, wide variety of majors and outstanding professors.

#### Deciding to Go to College

- **93.4%**[^1] indicated that getting a better job was important (combines very important and important on a 5 point scale).
- **96.5%**[^2] want to learn more about things that interest them.
- **96.9%**[^3] want general education.

#### When do you plan to graduate from the U of M?

- **88.3%**[^4] 4 years
- **5.5%**[^4] 3 years
- **2.4%**[^4] 5 years

### Transition to College

#### Topics of Concern

- **70.7%**[^5] are concerned with academic coursework (doing well in class, workload)
- **53.0%**[^5] have financial concerns (paying tuition, financial aid, managing money)
- **63.1%**[^6] are concerned with registration for courses
- **53.1%**[^6] are concerned with developing study/time management skills
- **50.3%**[^7] deciding on a major
- **50.3%**[^7] are concerned with making friends/meeting people
- **50.1%**[^8] are concerned with their living situation
- **49.6%**[^8] are concerned with being safe on campus
- **46.2%**[^8] mental health
- **45.9%**[^9] getting adequate sleep
- **45.9%**[^9] relationships with others (friends/family)
- **42.8%**[^10] obtaining academic assistance
- **37.2%**[^10] navigating campus resources

#### Other Topics

- **87.9%**[^11] are likely/very likely to communicate regularly with professors
- **81.38%**[^12] are likely/very likely to have an internship
- **82.1%**[^13] are likely/very likely to earn at least a 'B' average

### About

These results are from the 2021 Tell Us About Yourself Pre-Orientation survey. Data was pulled on May 25, 2021. International data was analyzed representing 290 responses. Numbers in the gray boxes represent the responses from the domestic students (n: 5,836).
### Finance

**Methods of Financing Education**
- 88.2% parent or family
- 61.0% scholarships
- 37.2% work during school
- 15.1% self/savings
- 7.9% loans/grants

### Living

**Distance from Campus**
- 82.4% plan to live on campus in campus residence halls
- 17.9% live off campus or plan to commute
- 16.7% plan to live 11-20 miles from campus

### In High School

**How Students Spend Their Time**
- Studying or Doing Homework
  - 9.6% 3-5 hours per week
  - 20.7% 6-10 hours per week
  - 16.9% 11-15 hours per week

**Involvement, Activities, Lifestyle**
- 71.3% participated in volunteer work
- 83.8% spent 1-20 hours per week on social media
- 80% participated to some degree in student groups/clubs
- 29.6% spent less than an hour per week talking with teachers outside class

### In College

**How Students Plan to Spend Their Time**
- Attending Class/Discussions
  - 10.3% 1-10 hours per week
  - 31.4% 11-20 hours per week
  - 39% 21-30 hours per week
  - 18.3% 31-40 hours per week

**Involvement, Activities, Lifestyle**
- 94.5% plan to participate to some degree in volunteer or community service work
- 70% plan to spend 1-10 hours per week participating in student groups/organizations
- 65.2% plan to spend 1-10 hours per week exercising or playing sports
- 63.1% plan to spend 1-10 hours per week networking electronically with friends
- 56.5% plan to spend 1-10 hours per week socializing with friends