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2008 College & Career Fair for High School Students

Student Survey

Comments

Notes: (1) Comments offset to the right are a subset of the category above and are shown as examples of the category. They are intended to give the "flavor" of the students' comments. The frequency of these comments may not equal the total frequency for the category.

(2) "N" is the number of persons who made a comment; "total" is the number of comments made by those persons. Because some persons made more than one comment, the total can exceed the N.

What's the best thing about today's event? (N = 9)

Comment	Frequency
Note: In addition to six response options to this question, students were provided with a space for an "other" response. Of the 389 students who responded to the survey, 9 filled in the blank next to the "other" response option.	
Computer Science	2
Academy for Paul Mitchell	1
Air Force	1
All of them [exhibitors?]	1
All the health care availabilities, liked the variety	1
Business Manager	1
Cars and beauty salon	1
Interactions with students and college representatives	1
Total	**9**

What's the worst thing about today's event? (N = 9)

Comment	Frequency
Note: In addition to six response options to this question, students were provided with a space for an "other" response. Nine (9) students filled in the blank next to the "other" response option.	
Didn't get information was looking for	3
Couldn't answer a particular question	1
Couldn't find anything on general Dr's	1
[Arena] not organized	1
Hot in here	1

Comment	Frequency
No free food that's worth it	1
Not enough hiring jobs	1
Recruiters	1
The cars and ?	1
Total	**9**

Did you receive information about attending college from a college representative? (N = 34)

Comment	Frequency
Note: In addition to six response options to this question, students were provided with an "other" response option. Thirty-four (34) students indicated that they had received information from another institution, and 32 students filled in the name of another institution.	
St. Edward's University	10
University of Texas at Arlington	5
ITT Technical Institute	4
Checked, no institution named	2
Gary Job Corps	2
Spartan School of Aeronautics (Oklahoma)	2
Texas State Technical College	2
Baylor University	1
College Forward	1
Liberty University	1
MediaTech Institute	1
Phoenix University	1
Princeton Review	1
Texas Academy of Animal Control	1
Texas State University - Round Rock	1
University of Texas at San Antonio	1
Virginia State	1
	37

Note: In response to this question, 34 people made a total of 37 comments.

What are your plans after high school graduation? (N = 10)

Comment	Frequency
Note: In addition to six response options to this question, students were provided with an "other" response option. Of the 375 students who checked one or more options, 10 checked "other," and nine filled in the blank next to the "other" response option.	
7 year	1
ACC	1

Army	1
Checked, but didn't specify	1
Firefighter	1
Master's Degree	1
MediaTech Institute	1
Navy	1
Pharmacy	1
Summer Job	1
Total	**10**

Explanation for response to: "To what extent has today's event increased the chances that you will attend college?" (N = 160)

Comment	**Frequency**
Have more information/understand better/know more/more prepared	34
More information on what college is like	1
Because it gives more information about college	1
Help[ed] me understand better	1
Got more info	1
I have more info now	1
I learned all about the things colleges offer	1
I know more	1
Information	1
They helped me understand more	1
Already planning to go to college	33
Already planned on going	2
Already plan on it	1
Because I already thought of going	1
I have already decided to attend college	1
I was already planning to go to college	1
There wasn't really a doubt I was not going to college	1
Was already going	1
More confidence/interest in/motivation to attend college	31
Gave me more confidence	1
It made more exciting because I am really ready to go	1
It made me more interested in attending college	1
It made me more like more excited about it	1
It showed that I can get in no matter what my status in the country	1
Made me see it's too important	1
Motivation	1
Opportunities	15
All the opportunities	2
Have a lot of opportunities	1
I got to know how many opportunities there are	1
It opened up more opportunities	1
Showed me new opportunities	1
Showed me what opportunities to take	1

Because you get a better education/job		8
	Because you get a better job	1
	Because you really need college to get a better education and higher pay	1
	I want a good education	1
	So I can get a job and be successful	1
Already going to college		7
	Already going to college	2
	I'm already going	1
	I am already going to college	1
Event helpful		6
	It helped clarify things	2
	Helped a lot	1
More informed about financial aid		6
	Financial aid	1
	I am able to financially consider college	1
	It made me see that it's possible with financial aid	1
	I've been more informed about financial aid	1
Other		6
	Army will pay for it	1
	I did not come for help	1
	Many solutions	1
Choices/options		5
	Gave choices	1
	I know I have choices and options	1
	So many more options for different colleges	1
Reference to question 9 (likelihood of attending college)		3
	#9	1
	I put a "great deal" on #9...come on?	1
Not increased		3
	Nothing happened	1
	Same	1
Still not sure		2
Know more about careers		2
	Has opened my eyes to more careers	1
	I saw more careers	1
Not going to college		1
	Not going to college. Going to vocational school	1
	Total	**162**

Note: In response to this question, 160 people made a total of 162 comments.

What do you suggest to improve the event? (N = 21)

Comment	Frequency
Note: In addition to five response options to this question, students were provided with an "other" response option. Of the 57 students who responded to this question, 21 filled in the blank next to the "other" response option.	

More booths/information in a particular area of interest		5
	Theatre	2
	Geology	1
	Human services	1
	Photography	1
Fun/good		3
	It was fun!	2
	It was good	1
No/none		2
	No, the event was great!	1
	None	1
Map/information about where to go		2
Thanks		2
	Thanks, I had a great time	1
	Thank you. You all are awesome!	1
More chairs		1
More food		1
More one-on-one time		1
More organization – didn't know what we needed to do or where to go		1
More prizes		1
Expressions of approval		1
	This was a great place and had a lot of information	1
	Total	21

Any other comments? (N = 85)

Comment		**Frequency**
No/none/NA		23
	No	9
	N/A	5
	Nope	3
	Nada!!!	1
	No comment	1
Great experience/fun		20
	It was fun!	5
	Great experience	1
	Great time	1
	Had fun	1
	I enjoyed it	1
	I really enjoyed this	1
	I really loved it	1
	Loved it!!! Had fun	1
	This was a great experience for me	1
	Very great experience	1
	Worth time, very fun	1
Expression of approval		18
	It was great!	3

	Great job	2
	Great!	2
	I like this	2
	It was really great!	1
	Really cool	1
	Was good	1
Criticism/expression of need		11
	Less crowded	2
	Kinda loud, but you can't help that	1
	Make it easier to find booths	1
	More time and one-on-one help	1
	Need more colleges	1
	The animal cop lady was rude	1
	We need a place to sit and fill out stuff	1
	Wish I could have visited a radio broadcast booth	1
Great event		8
	Great fair!	3
	Great event!	1
	Great overall	1
	It was a great event, looking forward to next year	1
	Nice event	1
	THIS IS A GREAT CAREER EVENT!	1
Other		6
	Food is great	1
	Good environment	1
	I want an iPod!	1
	People were friendly except at the animal shelter	1
	The people at the event were really nice and helpful	1
	The viper was nice	1
Thank you		3
	Thank you for having a college fair	2
	Thank you. ☺	1
Learned a lot		3
	I learned a lot today	1
	I learned a lot!	1
	Learned a lot	1
	Total	**92**

Note: In response to this question, 85 people made a total of 92 comments.