2024 Kickstart Survey

In Fall 2024, the Kickstart Survey was administered to new incoming students to understand students' decision-making process to attend CSUSM, their experiences with the enrollment process and expectations about their upcoming college journey.

Building Community

*Based off the number of first-year students who responded to the survey

- How likely are you to do the following:
  **Very likely/likely response options were combined*
  - **85%** were likely to make close friendships
  - **65%** were likely to participate in student orgs
  - **79%** were likely to communicate with professors outside of class
  - **71%** were likely to attend campus events

Sense of Belonging

Based off the number of first-year students who responded to the survey

- I feel like I belong at CSUSM.
  - **70%** Strongly Agree/ Agree
  - **27%** Neutral
  - **3%** Strongly Disagree/ Disagree
- I feel like a member of the CSUSM community.
  - **66%** Strongly Agree/ Agree
  - **32%** Neutral
  - **2%** Strongly Disagree/ Disagree

Establishing Support Systems

*Based off the number of first-year students who responded to the survey

- How likely are you to the following establish support systems:
  Very likely/likely response options were combined
  - **81%** likely to seek academic support
  - **44%** likely to visit student life centers
  - **36%** likely to identify a mentor
  - 33% likely to seek mental health counseling

Balancing School & Life

*Based off the number of first-year students who responded to the survey

- **78%** expect to spend 1+ hours a week participating in co-curricular activities (e.g., clubs, school events, Greek life, etc.)
- **77%** expect to spend 6+ hours a week studying/doing homework
- **63%** expect to spend 6+ hours a week socializing with friends
- **55%** expect to spend 6+ hours a week working for pay
- **20%** expect to spend 6+ hours a week providing care for family

Academic Involvement

*Based off the number of first-year students who responded to the survey

Very likely/likely response options were combined

- **74%** will likely participate in an internship
- **50%** will likely work on campus
- **43%** will likely participate in community service learning
- **38%** will likely work with faculty on a research project
- **31%** will likely complete senior capstone project

Infographic reflects the responses of incoming Fall 2024 first-year students at CSUSM who completed the 2024 Kickstart Survey (*n* = 1230).