CIRP 1998

Freshmen Students: Fall 1998

The 1998 freshmen norms are based on the responses of 275,811 students at 469 baccalaureate colleges. Of Elon's 1,013 Fall 1998 first-time full-time freshmen, 880 participated in this survey (a 87% response rate). Some key findings are:

Nationally:

- Level of academic disengagement continues to rise
- Four of five students use the internet for research or homework
- Political interest continues to drop
- Volunteerism more likely in high school than in college
- Financial concerns weigh heavily on women
- Beer drinking on the decline
- Record low support for abortion, casual sex

Elon vs. 4-Year Private "other" Religious Schools:

- Elon has more students who lived 500 or more miles from college (1-in-3 vs. 1-in-5)
- Elon students come from a more affluent background ($100,000 or more: 40.4% vs. 17.2%)
- As a first choice college, Elon was higher (83.1% vs. 74.0%)
- More Elon students plan to obtain a master's degree (52.9% vs. 39.3%)
- Elon students are less concerned about financing college: (No concern financing: 48.2% vs. 32.1%)
- More Elon students attend college to become a more cultured person (59.7% vs. 51.9%)

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