

The Relationship between Reasons to Attend College and Learning Community Participation

Survey Factored Subscales with Coefficient Alpha

Individual Development ($\alpha = .82$)

- To achieve personal success
- To be able to make more money
- To get into an interesting and satisfying career
- To learn more about things that interest me
- To develop an in-depth understanding of a specific field of study
- To gain a general education and appreciation of ideas
- To achieve a high GPA
- To prepare for graduate or professional school
- To achieve a position of higher status in society

Civic Leadership ($\alpha = .82$)

- To be able to contribute to the welfare of others
- To be able to contribute to the improvement of the human condition
- To develop skills to work effectively with different kinds of people
- To prepare for a life of meaningful participation in society
- To take advantage of leadership opportunities on campus
- To understand the complexities of life in the modern world
- To become an informed citizen and voter

Personal Connections ($\alpha = .76$)

- To establish meaningful relationships
- To enjoy my college years before assuming adult responsibilities
- To become actively involved in student life and campus activities
- To meet new people
- To get away from home
- To discover what kind of person I really want to be

Default-Indifferent ($\alpha = .66$)

- I often ask myself why I'm in college
- I am in college because I could not find a job
- I am in college because I didn't know what I wanted to do after high school
- I am in college because there was nothing better to do

Expectation-Driven ($\alpha = .74$)

- My parent(s) would be very disappointed in me if I didn't get a college degree
- I basically had no choice but to come to college, it was expected of me
- To meet family expectations

Interview Themes

Preparing for Life after College

- Determining a Calling
- Learning to be an Adult/Growing Up
- Acquiring Knowledge for Life after College
- Getting the Credential Necessary for Their Chosen Career
- Learning Specific Skills or Knowledge

Broadening Horizons

Meeting New People

- To make new friends
- To develop life skills
- As a strategy for success
- As a mechanism for broadening horizons

Taking Advantage of the Opportunity in order to be a Role Model

Formulas

Formulas for Being a College Student

- Social Integration
- Academic Integration
- Millennials
- Transition Awareness

Formulas for Preparing for Graduate/Medical School

- Grades and Specific Coursework
- Personality Traits and Skills
- Service and Leadership Activities
- Hands-On Experience

DICs

Developmentally Instigative Characteristics

- Stimulus Attributes
- Selective Responsivity
- Structural Proclivities
- Directive Belief

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