

## Beginning College Survey of Student Engagement (BCSSE) 2019: Key Findings from CSUN First-Time Freshmen

The goal of the Beginning College Survey of Student Engagement (BCSSE; <http://bcsse.indiana.edu>) is to obtain information about entering students' academic and co-curricular engagement, as well as their expectations of the upcoming college year. A total of 1,306 new first-time freshmen at CSUN responded to the BCSSE in Summer of 2019 through an online portal. Here, we highlight some of the findings from this survey.





### Ranking CSUN:

Out of 950 students, 82% of students ranked this institution as their first and second choice for school.



### Financial Aid for CSUN:

72% of first-year students are planning to use grants or scholarships to pay for academic expenses (tuition, fees, books, room & board, etc.).



### Employment:

52% of students expect to work for pay (on or off campus) at least 11 hours in a typical week.



### Campus & Community Involvement During Last Year of High School:

- 73% of students said they were involved in a performing or visual arts activity (band, chorus, theater, art, etc.).
- 50% were involved in at least some athletic team activity (club sports, JV, varsity, etc.).
- 76% of students were involved in at least some community service or volunteer work.



### Importance of Resources at CSUN:

- 95% placed a mid-to very high level of importance on their institution's capacity to provide support for student academic success.
- 87% placed a mid-to very high level of importance on the university's capacity to help manage their non-academic responsibilities (work, family, etc.).

## Want to get involved?

### Academic First-Year Experience

<https://www.csun.edu/undergraduate-studies/academic-first-year-experiences>

### Student Success

<https://www.csun.edu/student-success>

### CSUN with A Heart

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