

Table 1  
**SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE**  
 College Student Survey Summary

**Students Reporting Much Stronger Abilities and Skills Compared to When They First Started College in:**

*(Numbers in Percents)*

	2008	2005	2003
	Seniors	Seniors	Seniors
General knowledge	64.5	69.1	65.9
Analytical and problem-solving skills	56.5	53.7	51.6
Knowledge of a particular field or discipline	79.0	75.6	81.3
Ability to think critically	66.9	56.9	53.8
Foreign language ability	21.0	17.1	17.6
Knowledge of people from different races/cultures	29.8	28.5	28.6
Religious beliefs and convictions	--	--	16.7
Leadership abilities	51.6	46.7	34.1
Interpersonal skills	52.4	47.2	36.3
Ability to get along with people of different races/cultures	37.1	30.9	22.0
Understanding the problems facing your community	42.7	27.6	27.5
Understanding of social problems facing our nation	40.3	35.8	39.6
Understanding of global issues	33.1	32.5	36.3

**Student rated self "above average" or "highest 10%" in:**

Writing skills	77.4	44.7	54.9
Public speaking ability	54.8	45.5	41.8
Ability to work cooperatively	78.2	--	--
Mathematical skills	35.5	15.4	15.4
Creativity	58.9	--	--
Computer skills	43.5	31.7	30.8