

SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE
College Student Survey Summary

Planned Graduate Major and Probable Career
(Numbers in Percents)

	2008 Seniors	2005 Seniors	2003 Seniors
Student objectives noted as "very important" or "essential"			
Becoming accomplished in one of the performing arts (acting, dancing, etc.)	10.5	20.3	12.2
Becoming an authority in my field	66.1	72.4	51.6
Obtaining recognition from my colleagues for contributions to	54.8	65.6	50.0
Influencing the political structure	28.2	30.9	21.1
Influencing social values	59.7	59.3	56.7
Raising a family	80.6	80.5	82.4
Having administrative responsibility for the work of others	40.3	39.3	34.1
Being very well off financially	60.5	51.2	44.0
Helping others who are in difficulty	81.5	89.3	86.7
Making a theoretical contribution to science	12.9	16.3	8.9
Writing original works	19.4	21.1	7.8
Creating artistic work (painting, sculpture, decorating, etc.)	16.1	17.9	14.4
Being successful in a business of my own	20.2	24.4	17.6
Becoming involved in programs to clean up the environment	36.3	22.8	20.0
Developing a meaningful philosophy of life	64.5	63.1	48.9
Participating in a community action program	48.4	47.2	33.3
Helping to promote racial understanding	48.4	54.5	40.0
Keeping up to date with political affairs	52.4	56.9	57.8
Becoming a community leader	42.7	52.0	38.9
Integrating spirituality into my life	--	76.4	70.0

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PLANNED GRADUATE MAJOR			
Arts and Humanities	--	--	7.9
Fine Arts	1.1	2.5	--
Humanities	2.3	2.5	--
Biological Science	1.1	3.7	3.1
Business	10.2	16.0	9.5
Education	6.7	16.0	18.8
Engineering	1.1	0.0	0.0
Physical Science	1.1	2.5	0.0
Professional			
<i>Law</i>	6.8	--	6.3
<i>Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinarian</i>	6.8	--	3.1
<i>Nursing</i>	8	--	7.8
<i>Other Health (Technology and Therapy)</i>	5.7	--	4.7
<i>Health Professional</i>	--	22.2	--
<i>Other Professional</i>	2.3	--	4.7
Social Science	24.9	12.3	26.7
Technical	0.0	2.5	0.0
Other	2.2	12.3	7.8
PROBABLE CAREER			
Accountant or actuary	8.1	--	2.2
Artist	0.8	8.2	4.4
Business executive (management, administrator)	7.3	--	13.3
Business	8.9	14.8	16.7
Business (clerical)	0.0	0.0	1.1
College teacher	2.4	1.6	3.3
Dentist (including orthodontist)	0.8	--	0.0
Doctor (MD or DDS)	--	7.4	3.3
Engineer	0.8	0.0	0.0
Health professional	--	3.3	4.4
Lawyer (attorney) or judge	2.4	1.6	4.4
Military (career)	0.0	0.8	1.1
Nurse	9.7	9.8	6.7

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Optometrist	0.0	--	1.1
Scientific researcher	0.8	4.1	2.2
Social, welfare or recreation worker	8.9	4.9	8.9
Therapist (physical, occupational, speech)	4.0	--	3.3
Teacher or administrator (elementary)	5.6	13.9	12.2
Teacher or administrator (secondary)	4.8	5.7	6.7
Other	12.9	14.8	29.8
Undecided	10.5	8.2	7.8

Source: Higher Education Research Institute College Student Survey summaries::Institutional Research::css2008_comparison.xls