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GEAR UP

College Visit Report
Cohort Event



 UNIVERSITY OF
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GEAR UP Program



Introduction

RGI Corporation coordinated college visits for over 1,215 GEAR UP students in the month of May and June of 2007. This booklet provides an overview of the college visits and student evaluation results for these events.

The college visits were coordinated by RGI Corporation in partnership with the local GEAR UP Director and facilitated by Columbia Basin College as part of the University of Washington GEAR UP Program. This GEAR UP Cohort event gave all students an opportunity to participate in this grade-wide activity.

Seventh and eighth grade GEAR UP students visited Columbia Basin College (CBC) to learn about going to college. These college visits exposed students to college life and encouraged them to pursue a post secondary education. College staff and students presented information to visiting students on different topics. The participating school districts included:

School District	Dates	Number of Students
East Valley	May 9, 2007	247
Goldendale	May 14 & 15, 2007	180
Granger	May 18, 2007	128
Mt. Adams	June 1, 2007	29
Sunnyside	May 17 & 24, 2007	230
Toppenish	May 25, 2007	141
Wapato	May 2 & 11, 2007	260
Total		1,215

RGI Corporation developed a Student Handbook with teaching lessons for students to learn about college. Teachers used the handbook before the event to complete a pre-visit learning activity. The students then took the handbook on their visit and used a list of questions to interact with presenters. Upon returning back to school, students completed an essay about what they learned and their future plans.

Students completed a college visit evaluation survey on the bus ride back to the school. Findings indicated that the visit was a positive learning experience. Many students did not know that CBC existed or that it was an option for them. Many students also commented that this was their first time going to the Tri-Cities.

We thank Columbia Basin College for all their work and support in making these events possible. CBC facilitated all the student sessions and did an extraordinary job in keeping students interested and got them motivated about going to college.



East Valley School District

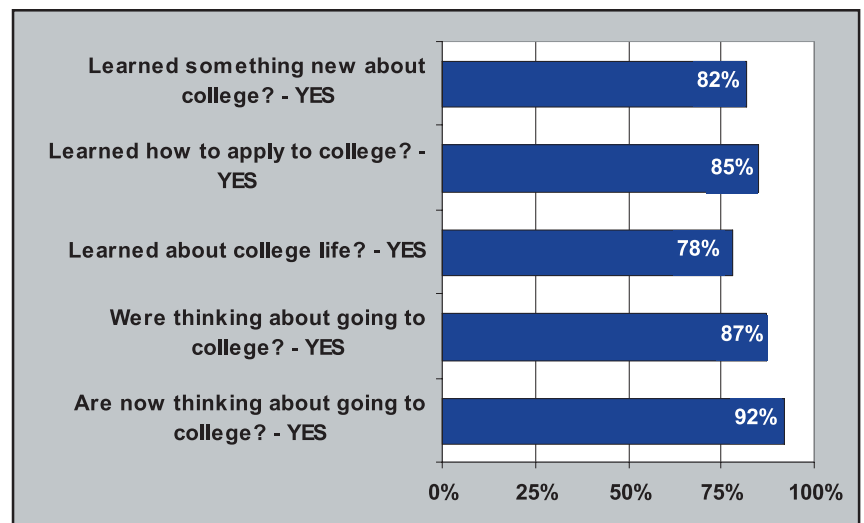


Two hundred and forty-seven (247) East Valley 7th grade GEAR UP students visited Columbia Basin College on May 9 to learn about going to college. These college visits expose students to college life and encourages them to pursue a post/secondary education.

Evaluation Results

GEAR UP students completed an evaluation survey to assess what they learned about their college visit. The survey also collected other helpful information about the student handbook and future college visits.

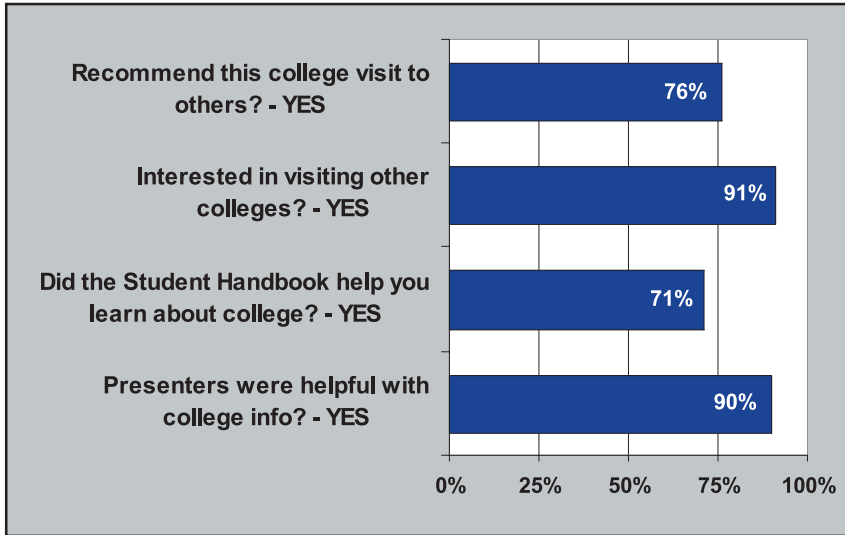
Learning About College...



“The activities were very involved, engaging and helpful to the students.”

- East Valley Teacher

More College Visits and Information...



“Seeing a new college, knowing there’s another college close to home that I could attend...all my questions were answered!”

- East Valley Student



Goldendale School District

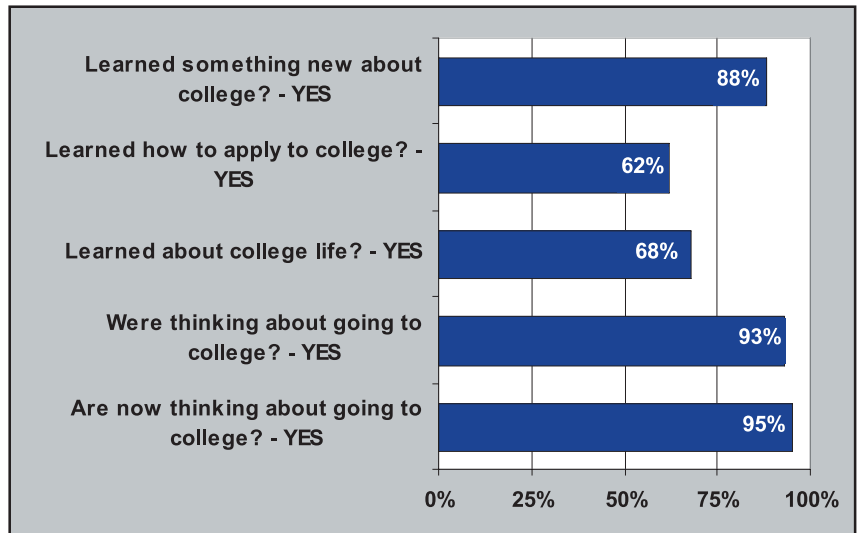


One hundred and eighty (180) Goldendale 7th & 8th grade GEAR UP students visited Columbia Basin College on May 14 & 15 to learn about going to college. These college visits expose students to college life and encourages them to pursue a post/ secondary education.

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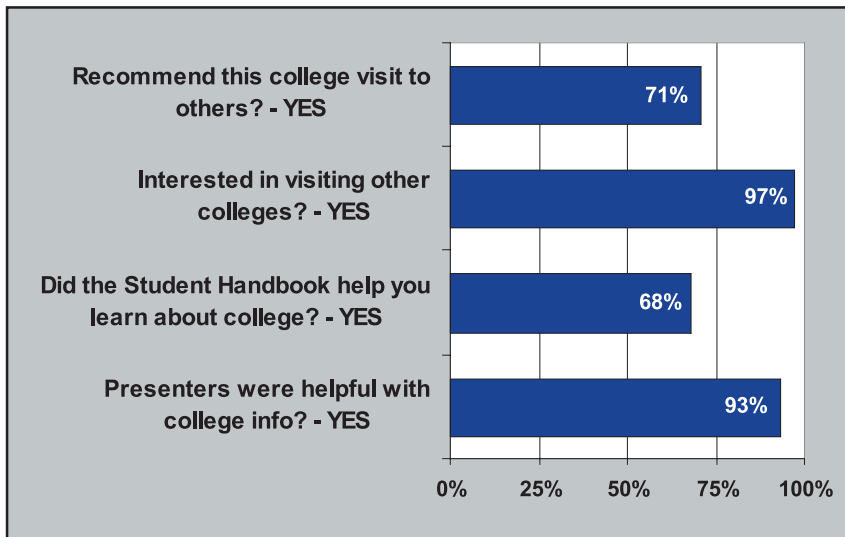
Learning About College...



“It provided an opportunity for students to see what an actual campus looks like and the social interactions of the students”

- Goldendale Teacher

More College Visits and Information...



“I liked learning about how to get into college and the way that they showed us hands-on was great.”

- Goldendale Student



Granger School District



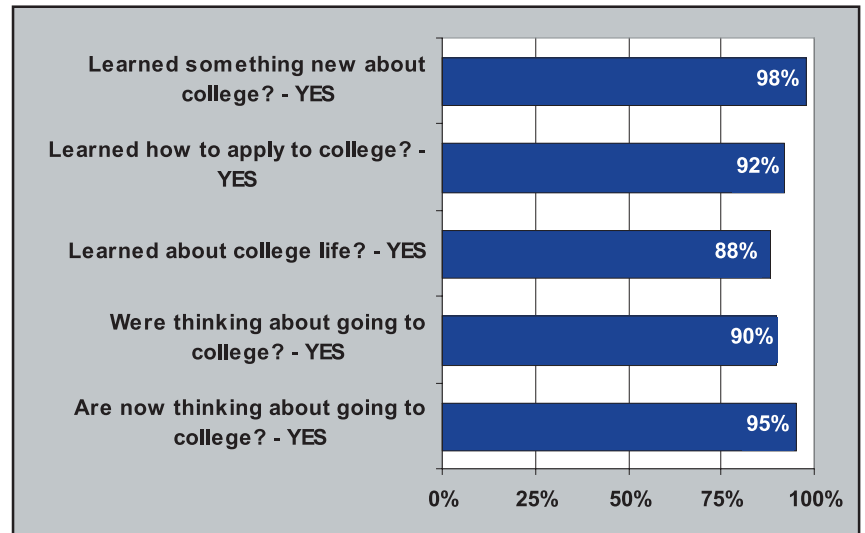
One hundred and twenty-eight (128) Granger 7th grade GEAR UP students visited Columbia Basin College on May 18 to learn about going to college. These college visits expose students to college life and encourages them to pursue a post/secondary education.

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Learning About College...

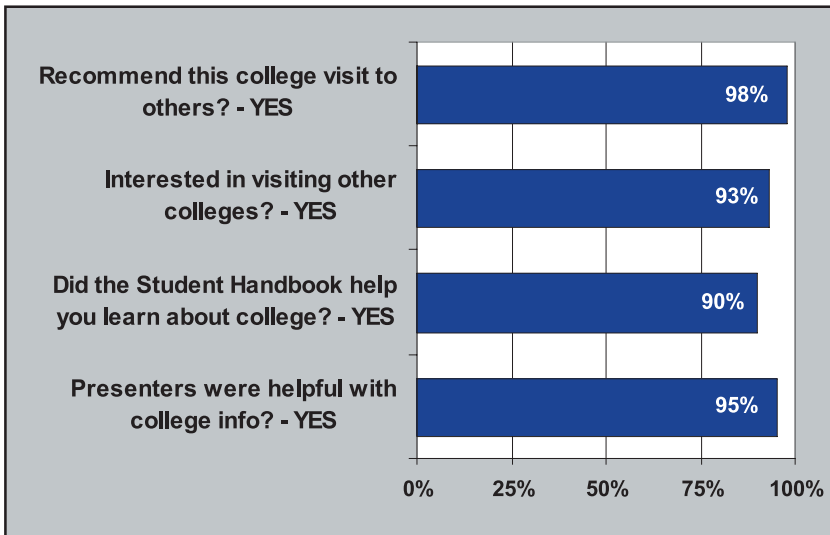


“The presenters did an excellent job informing students about ways to save for college.”

- Granger Teacher



More College Visits and Information...



“I liked getting information about what I need to know for college...its fun to visit college.”

- Granger Student



Mount Adams School District



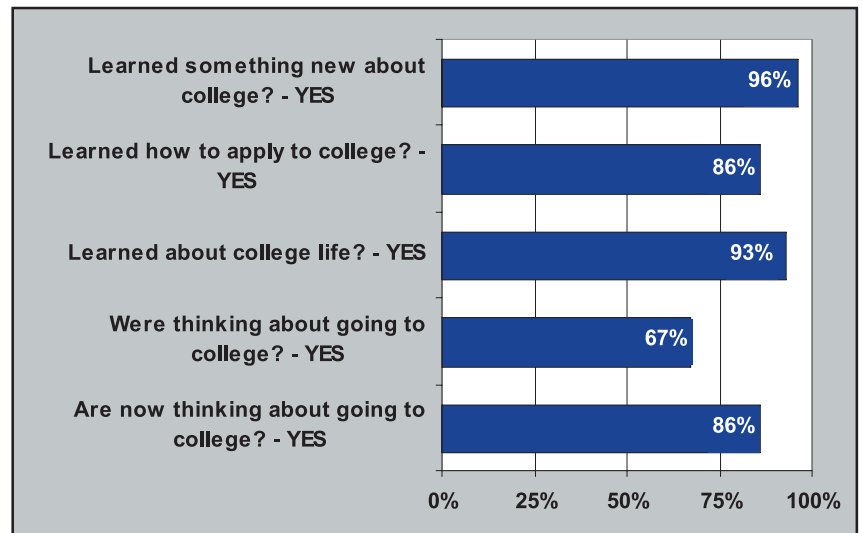
Twenty-nine (29) Mount Adams 7th grade GEAR UP students visited Columbia Basin College on June 1 to learn about going to college. These college visits expose students to college life and encourages them to pursue a post/ secondary education.

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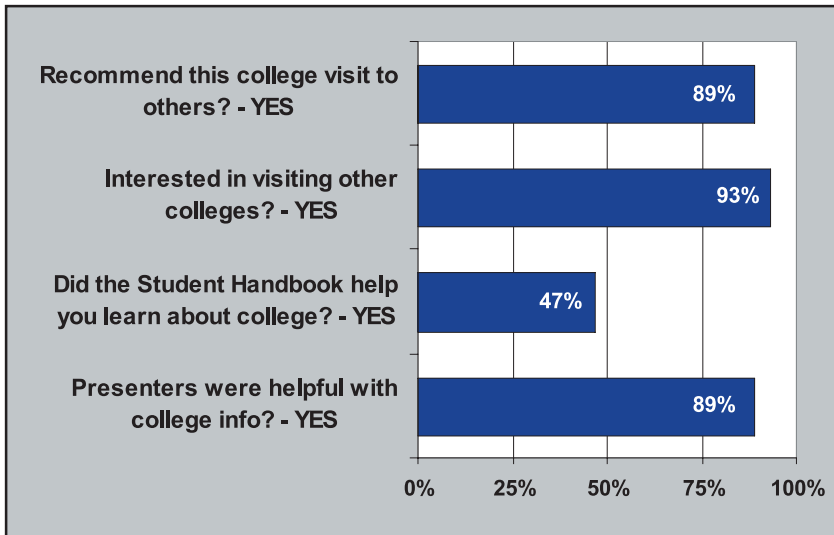
Learning About College...



“They gave important information about going to college and the various career opportunities available to them.”

- Mount Adams Teacher

More College Visits and Information...



“The college visit helped us to realize we can accomplish our goals.”

- Mount Adams Student



Sunnyside School District



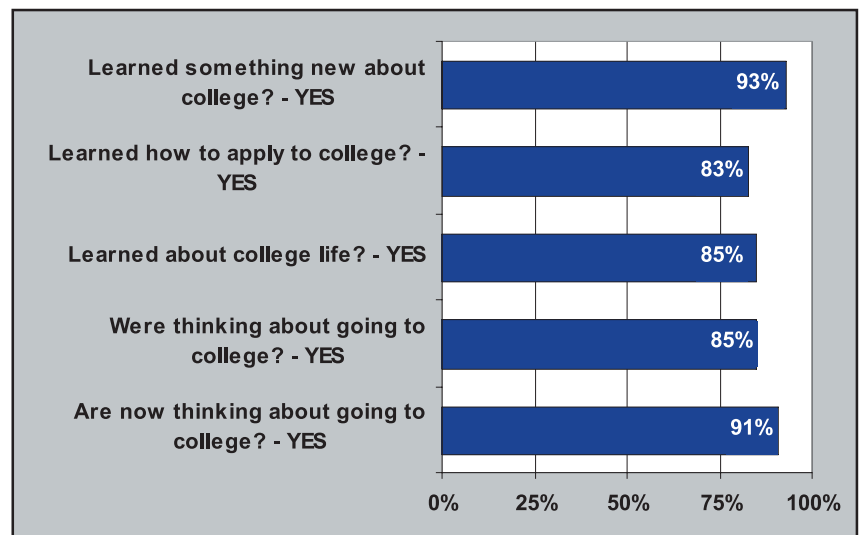
Two hundred and thirty (223) Sunnyside 7th grade GEAR UP students visited Columbia Basin College on May 17 & 24 to learn about going to college. These college visits expose students to college life and encourages them to pursue a post/secondary education.

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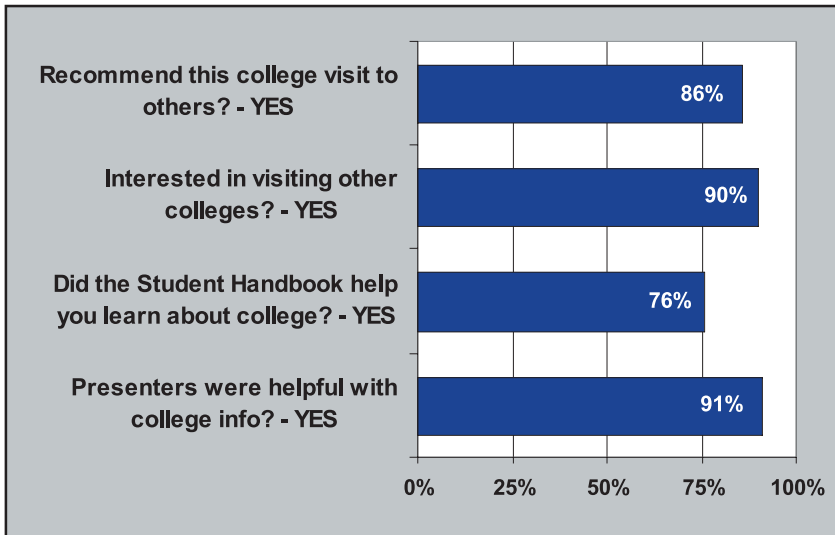
Learning About College...



“The college visit presented distinct trades and occupations for the students to consider.”

- Sunnyside Teacher

More College Visits and Information...



“I can’t wait to go to college and get a job...I got to see the campus and all of its benefits.”

- Sunnyside Student



Toppenish School District

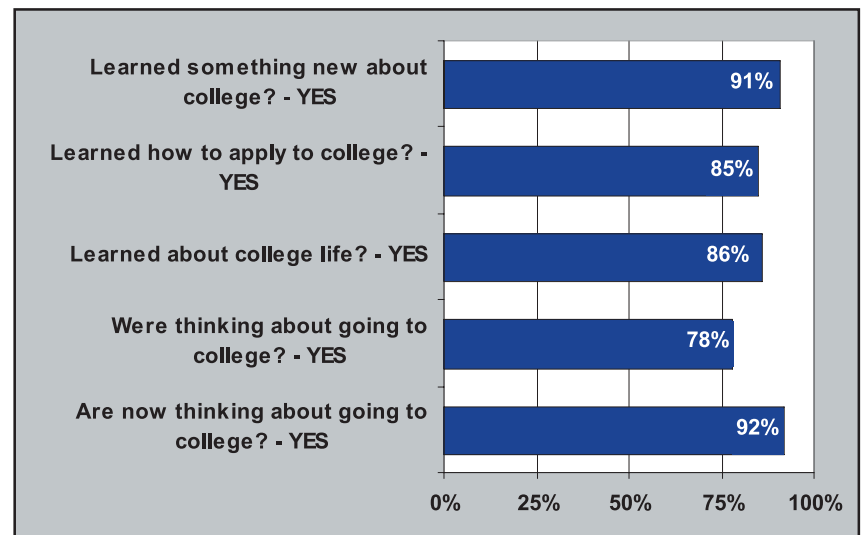


One hundred and forty-one (141) Toppenish 7th grade GEAR UP students visited Columbia Basin College on May 25 to learn about going to college. These college visits expose students to college life and encourages them to pursue a post/secondary education.

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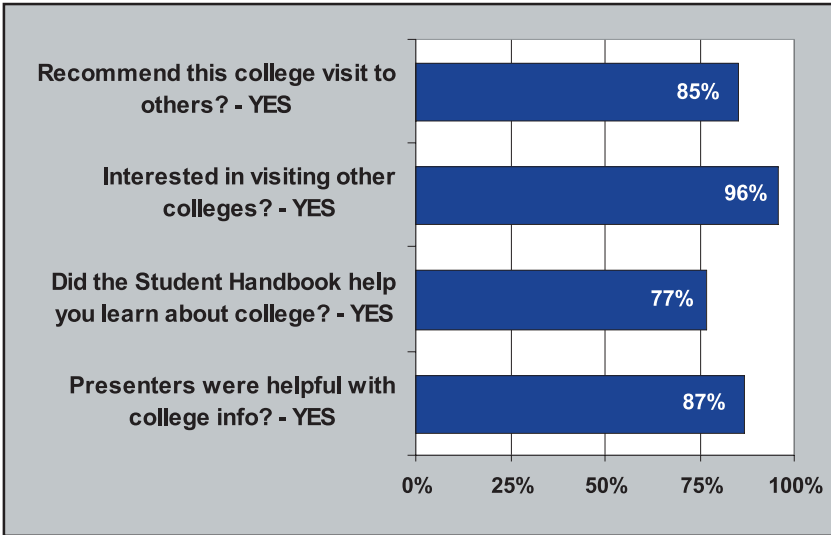
Learning About College...



“Seeing both genders represented equally at the college was a great encouragement to our male and female students.”

- *Toppenish Teacher*

More College Visits and Information...



“The presenters answered all my questions about college...I can’t wait to go to college!”
- *Toppenish Student*



Wapato School District



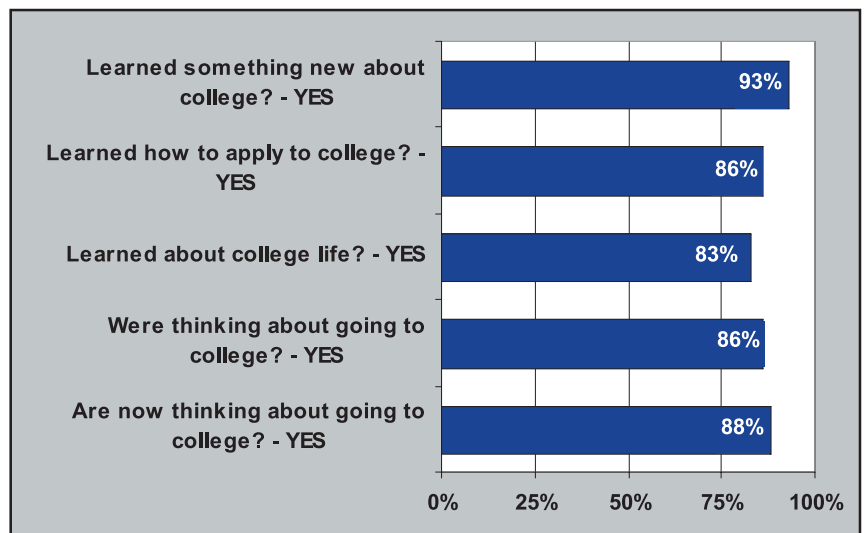
Two hundred and sixty (260) Wapato 7th grade GEAR UP students visited Columbia Basin College on May 2 & 11 to learn about going to college. These college visits expose students to college life and encourages them to pursue a post/secondary education.

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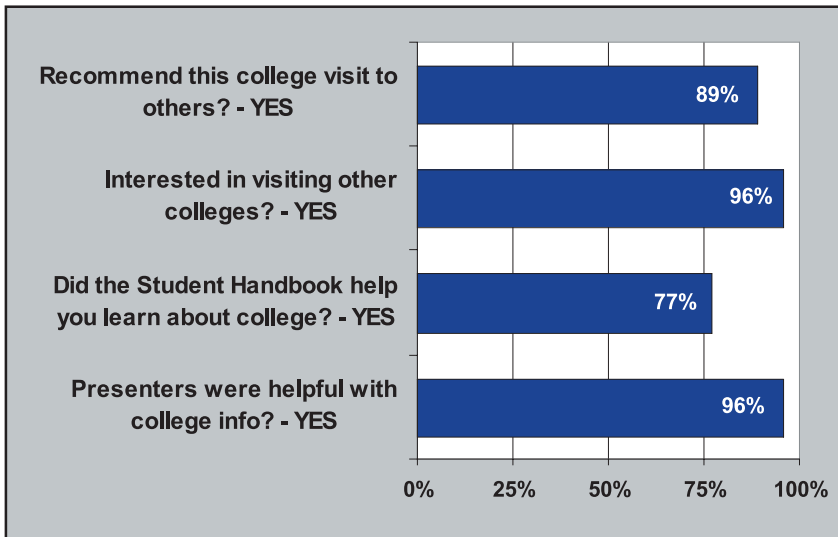
Learning About College...



“The advantage of a college visit is to introduce inspiring dreams to young students.”

-Wapato Teacher

More College Visits and Information...



“I know what type of classes they have and how much a university costs.....it was all very educational and inspiring.”

- Wapato Student



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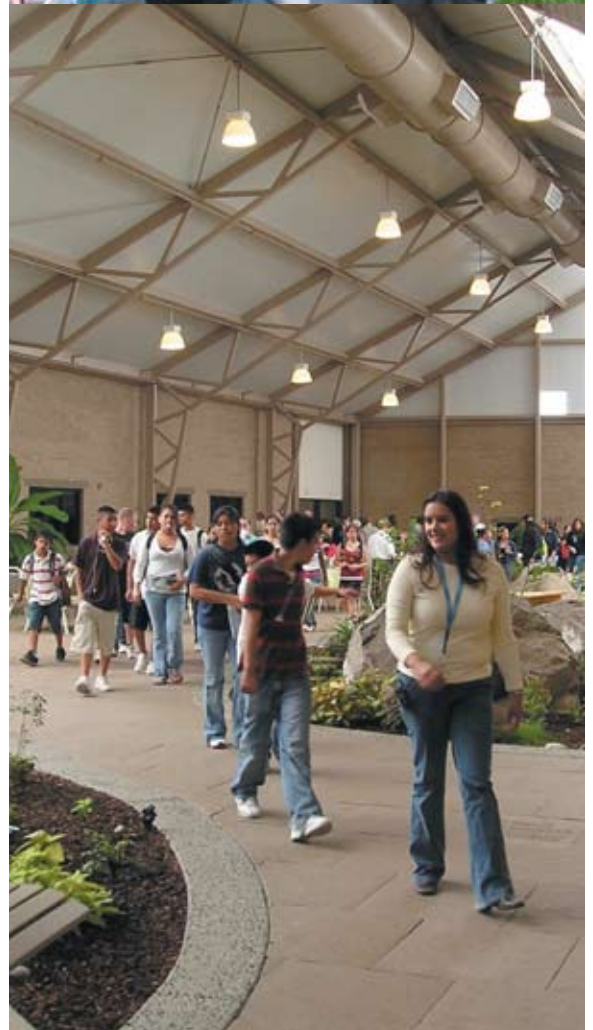
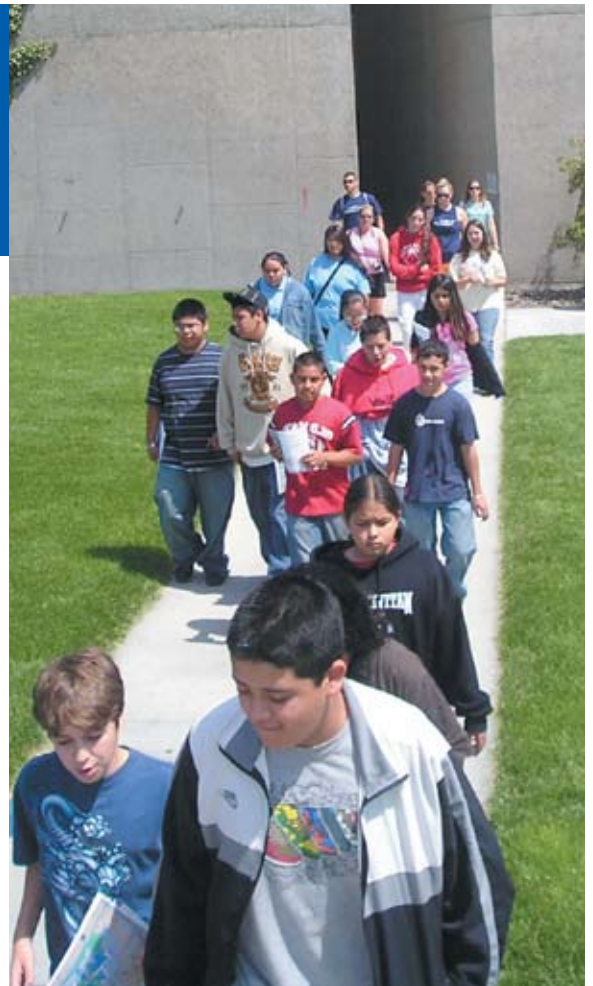
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