



# Supportive Environment and Student Satisfaction

Institutions that are committed to student success provide support and involvement opportunities across a variety of domains, including the cognitive, social, and physical. These commitments foster higher levels of student performance and satisfaction (NSSE, 2020). Our last infographic of the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) series explores students' perceptions of Xavier's supportive environment and student satisfaction.

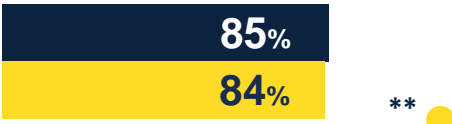
This infographic series features selected results from the NSSE administered to Xavier first-years and seniors in spring 2020; data collection ended just before the switch to remote learning. Response rates were 43% (n=533) for first-years and 32% (n=352) for seniors. For more information about Xavier's NSSE results, visit the Office of Institutional Research's [Nexus site](#).

## Supportive Environment

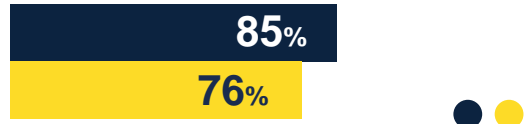
Students reported Xavier emphasizing... \*

■ First-years ■ Seniors

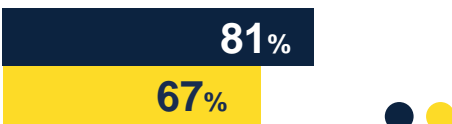
Spending significant amounts of time **studying** and on **academic work**



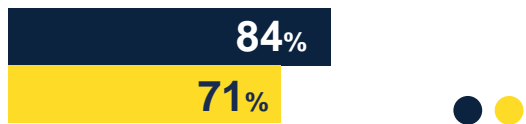
Providing support to help students **succeed academically**



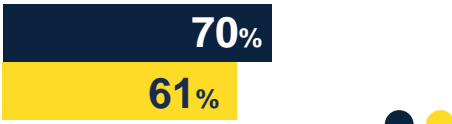
Providing support for their overall **well-being** (recreation, health care, counseling, etc.)



Using **learning support services** (tutoring services, writing center, etc.)



Encouraging contact among students from **different backgrounds** (social, racial/ethnic, religious, etc.)



Providing opportunities to be **involved socially**



Attending events that address important **social, economic, or political issues**



Attending **campus activities and events** (performing arts, athletic events, etc.)



\* "Quite a bit" and "Very much" responses displayed.

\*\* Blue and yellow dot signs indicate that XU first-years and seniors, respectively, had statistically significantly higher mean scores than their NSSE competitor group peers (p<.05).

Students benefit and are more satisfied in supportive settings that cultivate positive relationships among students, faculty, and staff.



## Student Satisfaction \*\*\*

82% of first-years 77% of seniors feel like part of the community.

84% of first-years 70% of seniors feel valued.

89% of first-years 87% of seniors feel comfortable being themselves.

89% of first-years 85% of seniors evaluate their entire educational experience at Xavier "Good" or "Excellent".