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The Class of 2006: Graduating Seniors Share Their Experiences Part 1

Students who desire to participate in the spring graduation ceremony are requested to complete a "Graduating Senior Survey" at the time they pick up their tickets for commencement. This year, 904 students completed the survey.

For the most part, seniors "agree" or "strongly agree" with positive statements about academic advising (Chart 1), Rowan's social environment (Chart 2), faculty (Chart 3), and the value they place on their Rowan education (Chart 4). Generally, about 80% of those responding indicate a favorable or positive response to these items. The only exception is to the survey's statement, "I seldom get the run-around when seeking information." For this item, only half of the students responding indicated they agreed; another 35% disagreed or strongly disagreed, and the rest did not respond.

The detailed responses are show below.

Chart 1

<i>Graduating seniors consider academic advising</i> N=904	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Response/ Missing	Total
Academic advisor knowledgeable	32.1%	41.7%	6.9%	8.0%	11.3%	100.0%
Requirements clear, reasonable	29.0%	51.2%	8.7%	3.0%	8.1%	100.0%

Chart 2

<i>Graduating seniors consider Rowan's social environment</i> N=904	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Response/ Missing	Total
Most have a sense of belonging	19.8%	58.3%	8.8%	1.4%	11.7%	100.0%
Staff are caring, helpful	19.8%	58.4%	7.0%	2.9%	11.9%	100.0%
I seldom get the run-around	14.9%	39.2%	25.3%	10.3%	10.3%	100.0%

Chart 3

<i>Graduating seniors consider Rowan faculty</i> N=904	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Response/ Missing	Total
Considered student differences as they taught	21.1%	59.1%	8.3%	1.2%	10.3%	100.0%
Cared about me as an individual	23.2%	60.6%	4.9%	1.7%	9.6%	100.0%

Chart 4

<i>Graduating seniors consider the value of their Rowan education</i> N=904	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Response/ Missing	Total
Academic reputation has improved	29.0%	54.3%	3.3%	1.0%	12.4%	100.0%
Good education for the money	24.9%	58.5%	4.5%	1.3%	10.7%	99.9%
Rowan degree compares well	25.2%	55.8%	4.6%	1.3%	13.1%	100.0%