FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS:
A Snapshot from the Fall 2017 Survey of New Students

Intended Areas of Study

- 69% report 'some' or a 'very good chance' of changing majors
- 62% Female
- 29% US students of color
- 25% LGBTQ or ‘Other’
- 14% International students
- 14% Minnesota residents
- 14% First-generation college
- 53 Countries represented
- 46 US states/territories

Percent of first years who rate the following as personally ‘Very Important’ or ‘Essential’

- Improving my understanding of other countries and cultures: 86%
- Helping others who are in difficulty: 85%
- Raising a family: 73%
- Keeping up to date with political affairs: 71%
- Helping to promote racial understanding: 63%
- Developing a meaningful philosophy of life: 61%
- Influencing social values: 59%
- Being well off financially: 56%
- Raising a family: 56%
- Participating in a community action program: 54%
- Becoming an authority in my field: 49%
- Influencing the political structure: 43%
- Becoming successful in a business of my own: 26%
- Writing original works: 23%
- Creating artistic works: 21%
Rate yourself on the following traits as compared to the average person your age:

- **2017 Mac First Years**
  - **73%** above average on **DRIVE TO ACHIEVE**

- **2016 National Norms**
  - **76%** above average on **DRIVE TO ACHIEVE**

- **45%** above average on **PHYSICAL HEALTH**

- **30%** above average on **SOCIAL SELF-CONFIDENCE**

### Highest Degree You Plan to Obtain

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Years do not add to 100% due to a small number of "other" responses.

### Health and Wellness Indicators

- **50%** felt overwhelmed by all they had to do during the past year.
- **44%** felt anxious during the past year.
- **20%** felt depressed during the past year.
- **23%** percent saying there is a very good chance **they** will seek counseling during this year.

2017 Mac responses are similar to 2016 Mac responses for health and wellness. At that time our mean rates on these health indicators were significantly higher than the mean for highly selective liberal arts colleges. 2017 national data will be available in December.

Source: Sept. 2017 CIRP Survey. Response rate: 95%