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Date: 6/21/2013
Subject: SANKOFA Scholars Student Survey, Spring 2013

All SANKOFA program students in Spring 2013 participated in an online survey administered as a class in the computer lab. This resulted in 21 valid responses.

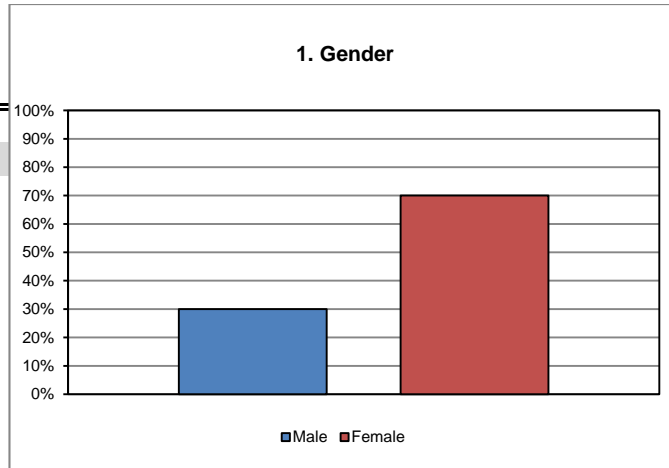
Important Highlights Include:

- 100% of respondents stated that they earned a High School Diploma or GED Certificate.
- 90% of respondents reported that they would recommend the Sankofa Scholars Program to a friend or family member
- 76% of respondents described their relationship with teachers and counselors in the Sankofa Scholars Program as "Great" and "Pretty good."
- 62% of respondents described the quality of their relationships with classmates in the program as "Very good" and "Pretty good."
- 48% of respondents "Very often" and "Often" found their time spent with their community mentor rewarding.
- 30% of respondents were male and 70% were female.

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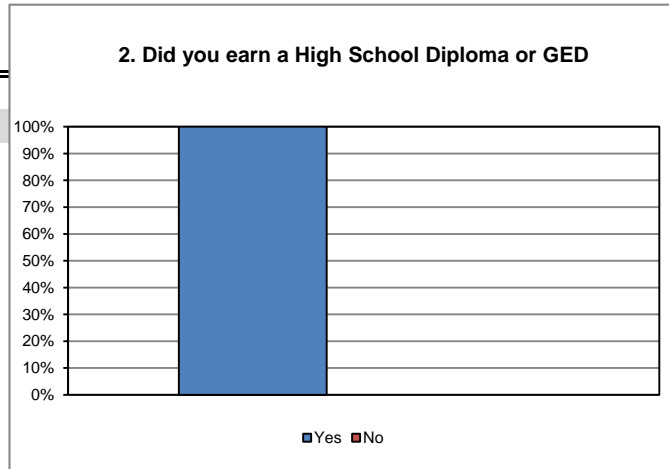
1. Gender:

Response	N	%
Male	6	30%
Female	14	70%
Total	20	100%



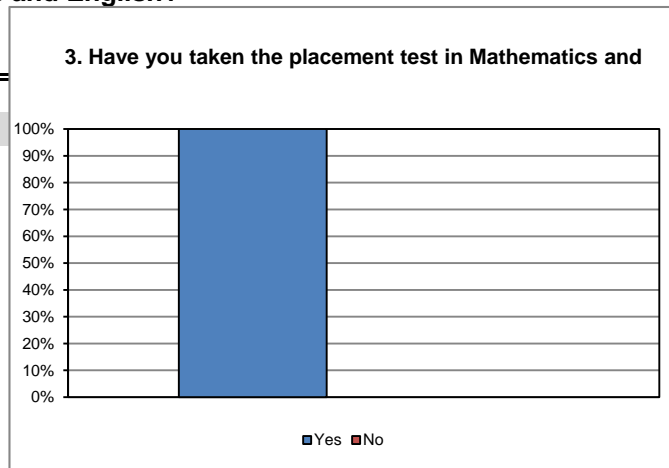
2. Did you earn a High School Diploma or GED Certificate?

Response	N	%
Yes	21	100%
No	0	0%
Total	21	100%



3. Have you taken the placement test in Mathematics and English?

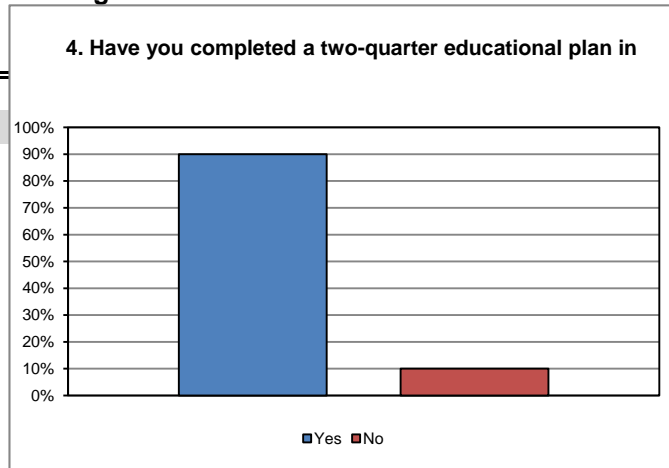
Response	N	%
Yes	19	100%
No	0	0%
Total	19	100%



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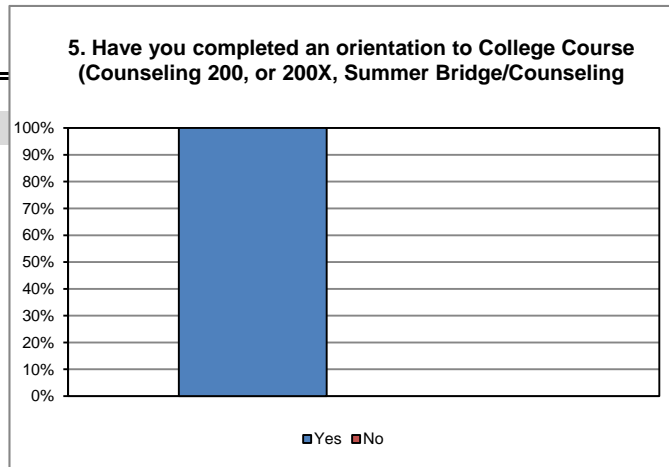
4. Have you completed a two-quarter educational plan in Degree Works?

Response	N	%
Yes	18	90%
No	2	10%
Total	20	100%



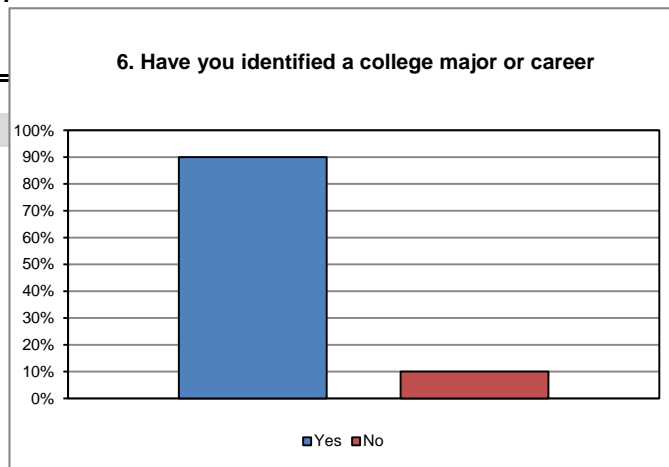
5. Have you completed an orientation to College Course (Counseling 200, or 200X, Summer Bridge/Counseling 200)?

Response	N	%
Yes	19	100%
No	0	0%
Total	19	100%



6. Have you identified a college major or career path?

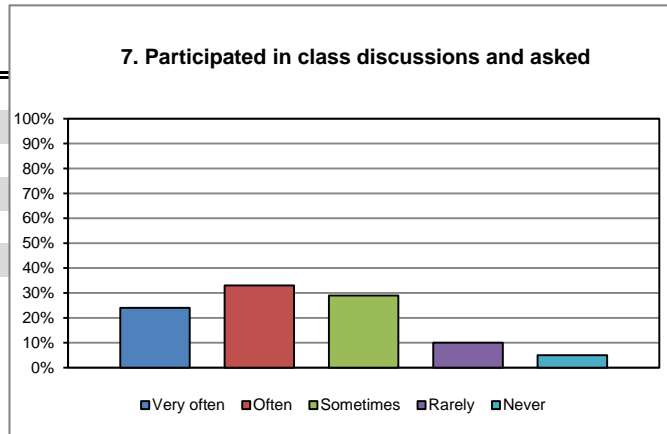
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Yes	19	90%
No	2	10%
Total	21	100%



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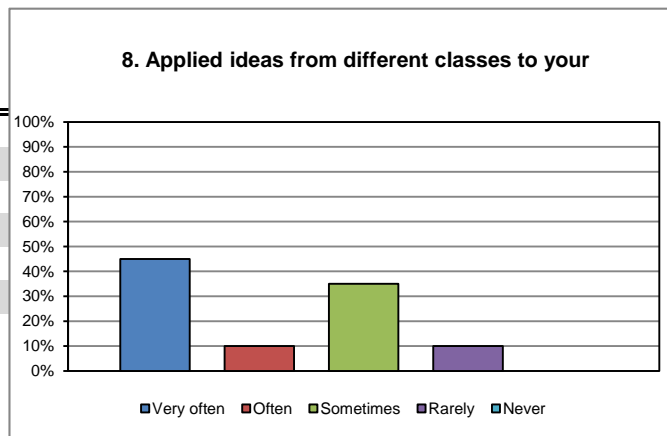
7. Participated in class discussions and asked questions in class

Response	N	%
Very often	5	24%
Often	7	33%
Sometimes	6	29%
Rarely	2	10%
Never	1	5%
Total	21	100%



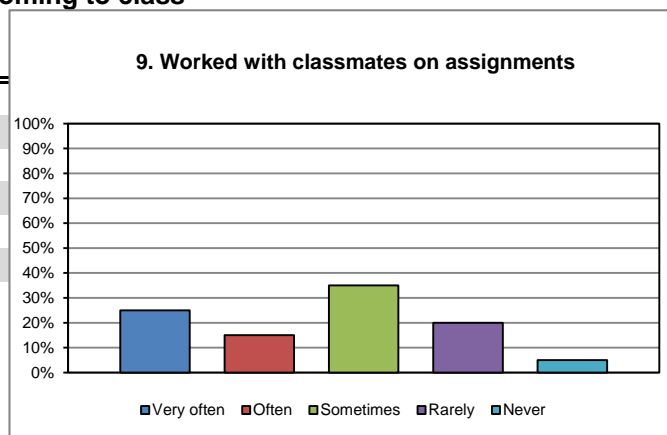
8. Applied ideas from different classes to your life

Response	N	%
Very often	9	45%
Often	2	10%
Sometimes	7	35%
Rarely	2	10%
Never	0	0%
Total	20	100%



9. Worked with classmates on assignments before coming to class

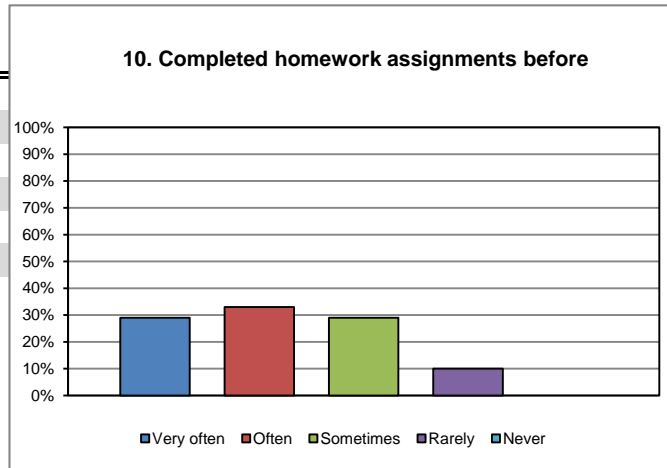
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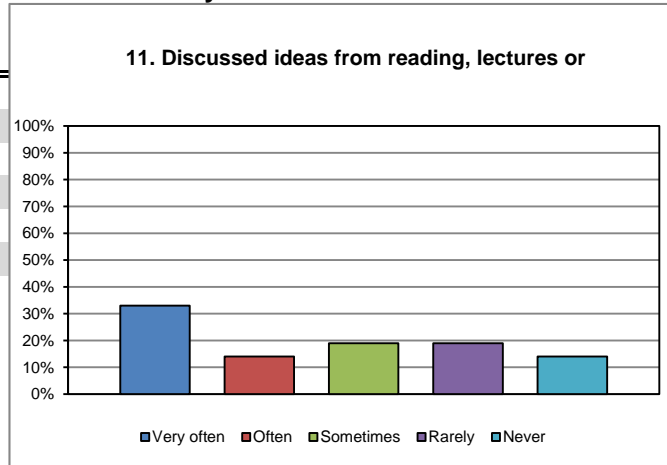
10. Completed homework assignments before going to class

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Very often	6	29%
Often	7	33%
Sometimes	6	29%
Rarely	2	10%
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Total	21	100%



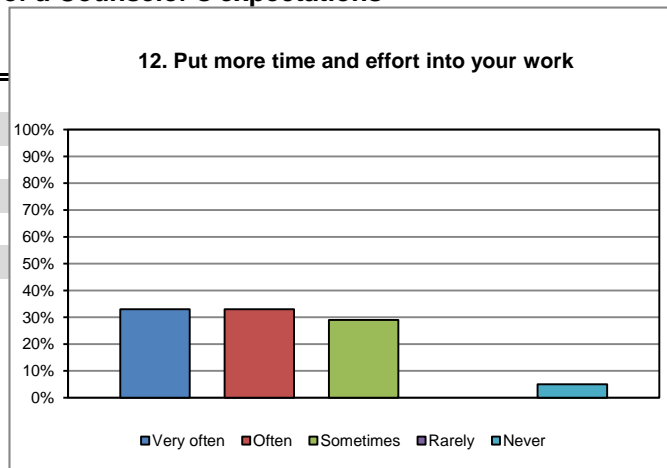
11. Discussed ideas from reading, lectures or discussions with family members

Response	N	%
Very often	7	33%
Often	3	14%
Sometimes	4	19%
Rarely	4	19%
Never	3	14%
Total	21	100%



12. Put more time and effort into your work because of a Counselor's expectations

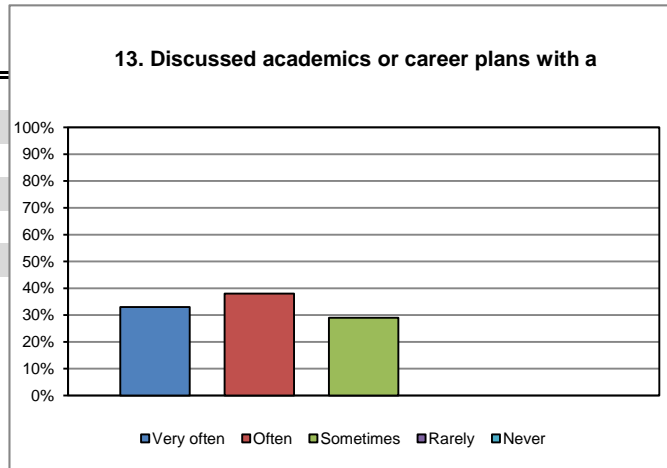
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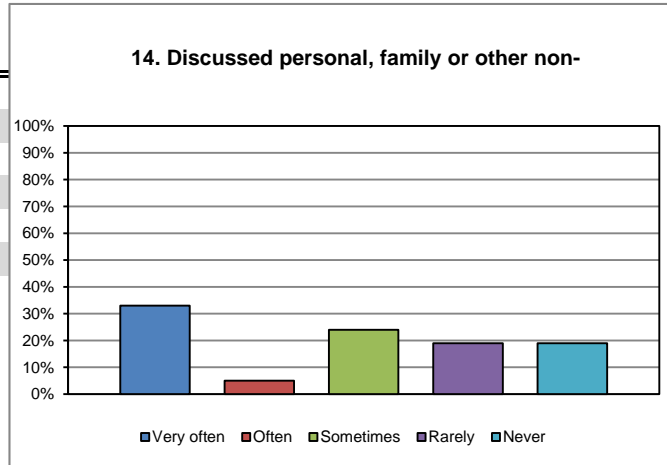
13. Discussed academics or career plans with a Counselor or Advisor

Response	N	%
Very often	7	33%
Often	8	38%
Sometimes	6	29%
Rarely	0	0%
Never	0	0%
Total	21	100%



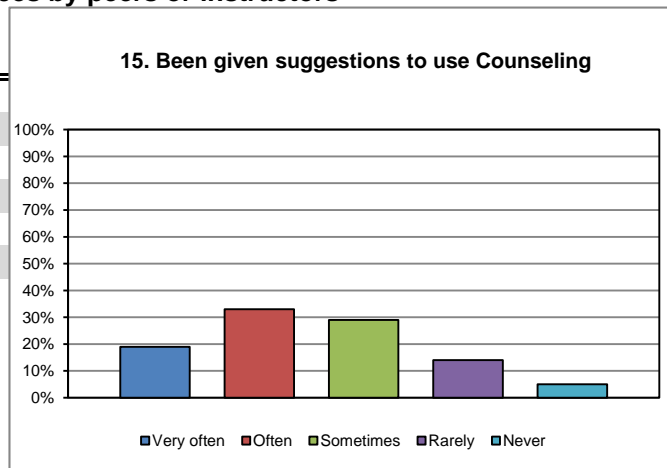
14. Discussed personal, family or other non-academic issues with a Counselor

Response	N	%
Very often	7	33%
Often	1	5%
Sometimes	5	24%
Rarely	4	19%
Never	4	19%
Total	21	100%



15. Been given suggestions to use Counseling services by peers or instructors

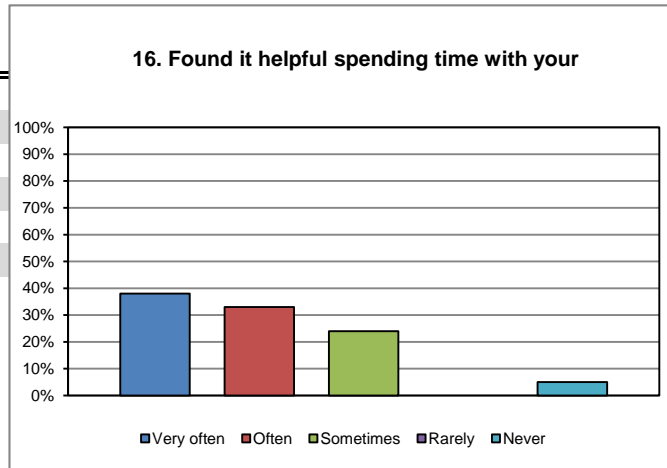
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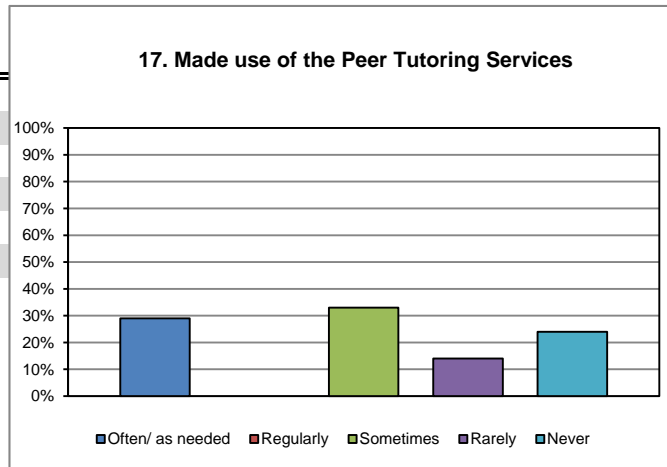
16. Found it helpful spending time with your counselor or advisor

Response	N	%
Very often	8	38%
Often	7	33%
Sometimes	5	24%
Rarely	0	0%
Never	1	5%
Total	21	100%



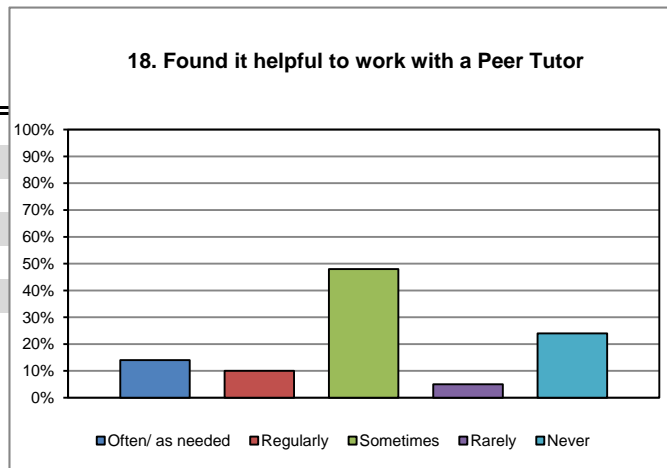
17. Made use of the Peer Tutoring Services

Response	N	%
Often/ as needed	6	29%
Regularly	0	0%
Sometimes	7	33%
Rarely	3	14%
Never	5	24%
Total	21	100%



18. Found it helpful to work with a Peer Tutor

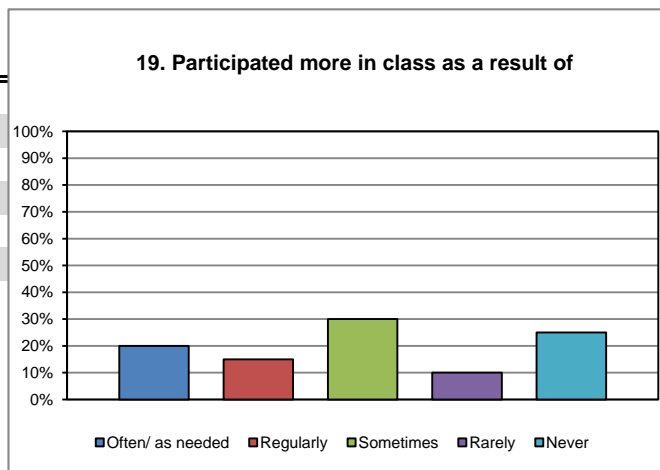
Response	N	%
Often/ as needed	3	14%
Regularly	2	10%
Sometimes	10	48%
Rarely	1	5%
Never	5	24%
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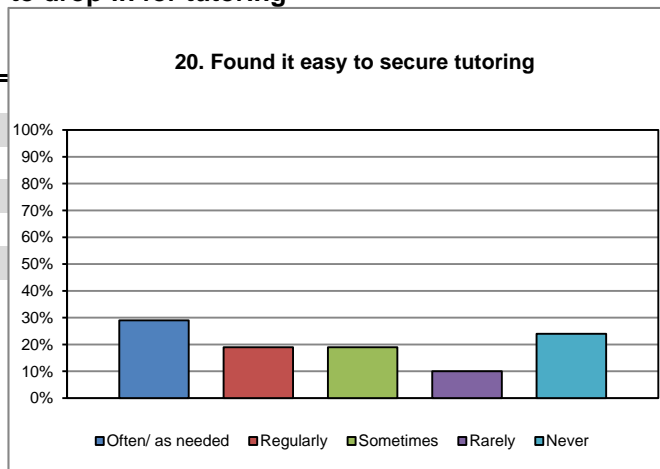
19. Participated more in class as a result of tutoring

Response	N	%
Often/ as needed	4	20%
Regularly	3	15%
Sometimes	6	30%
Rarely	2	10%
Never	5	25%
Total	20	100%



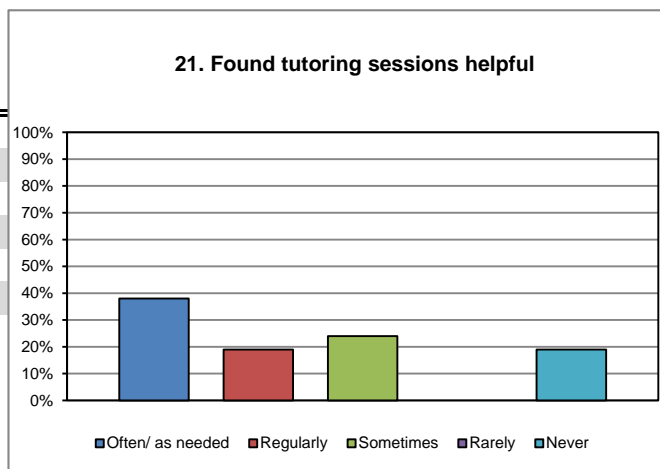
20. Found it easy to secure tutoring appointments or to drop-in for tutoring

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Often/ as needed	6	29%
Regularly	4	19%
Sometimes	4	19%
Rarely	2	10%
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21. Found tutoring sessions helpful

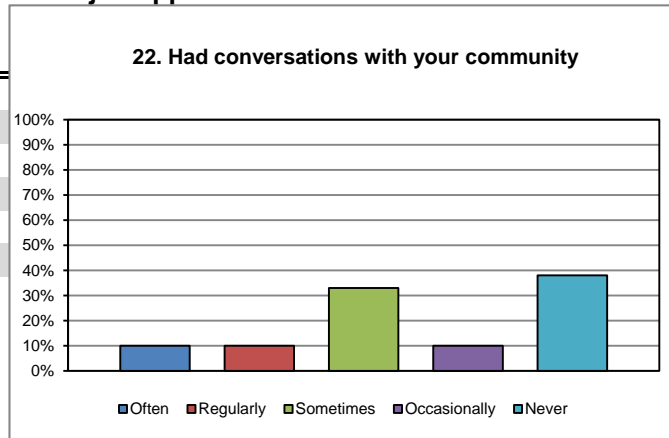
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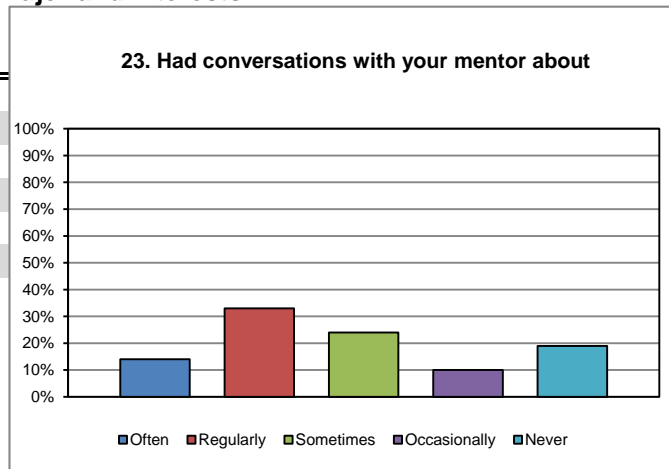
22. Had conversations with your community mentor about job opportunities

Response	N	%
Often	2	10%
Regularly	2	10%
Sometimes	7	33%
Occasionally	2	10%
Never	8	38%
Total	21	100%



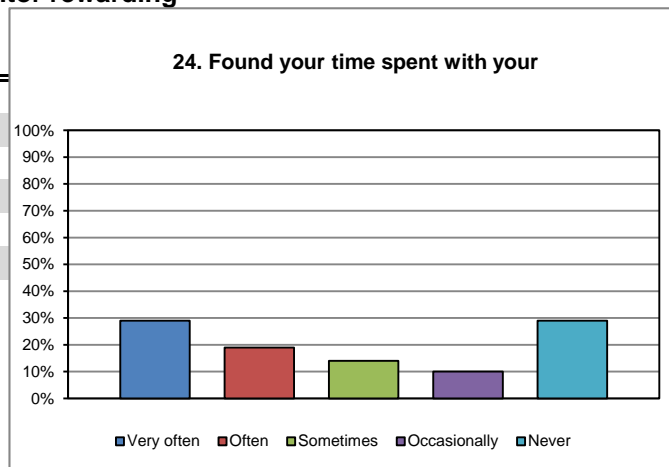
23. Had conversations with your mentor about your major and interests

Response	N	%
Often	3	14%
Regularly	7	33%
Sometimes	5	24%
Occasionally	2	10%
Never	4	19%
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24. Found your time spent with your community mentor rewarding

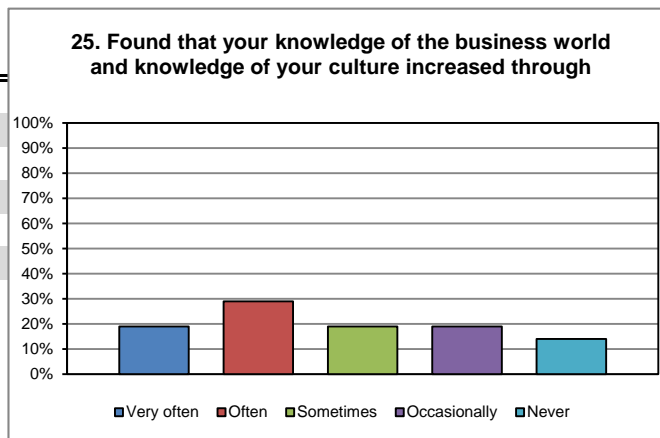
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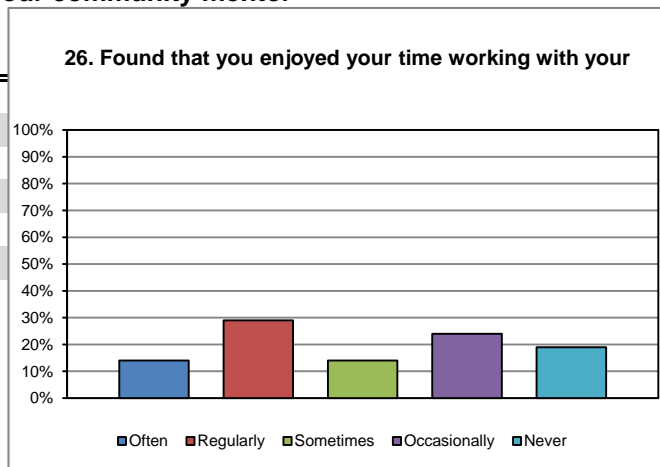
25. Found that your knowledge of the business world and knowledge of your culture increased through participation in the Sankofa Mentor activities

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Very often	4	19%
Often	6	29%
Sometimes	4	19%
Occasionally	4	19%
Never	3	14%
Total	21	100%



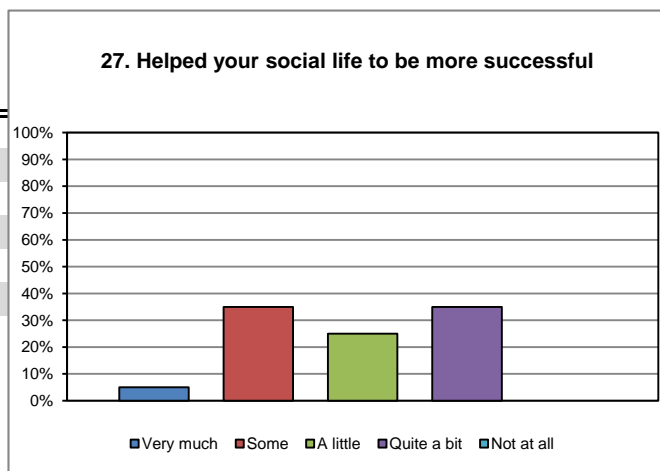
26. Found that you enjoyed your time working with your community mentor

Response	N	%
Often	3	14%
Regularly	6	29%
Sometimes	3	14%
Occasionally	5	24%
Never	4	19%
Total	21	100%



27. Helped your social life to be more successful

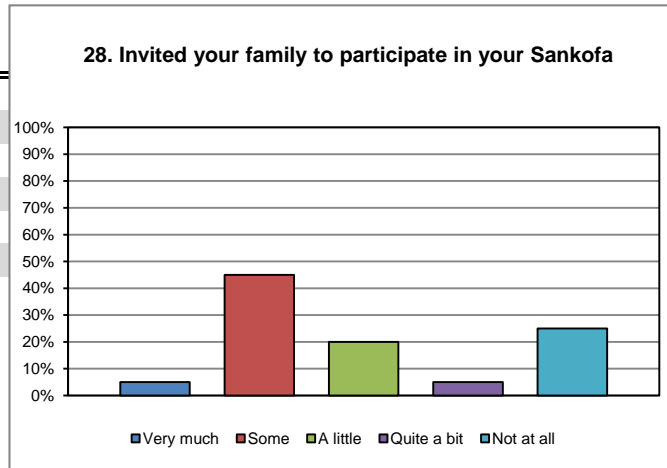
Response	N	%
Very much	1	5%
Some	7	35%
A little	5	25%
Quite a bit	7	35%
Not at all	0	0%
Total	20	100%



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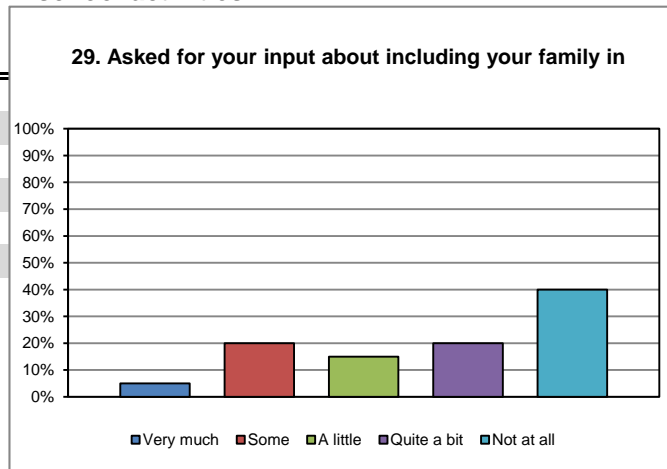
28. Invited your family to participate in your Sankofa Scholars education

Response	N	%
Very much	1	5%
Some	9	45%
A little	4	20%
Quite a bit	1	5%
Not at all	5	25%
Total	20	100%



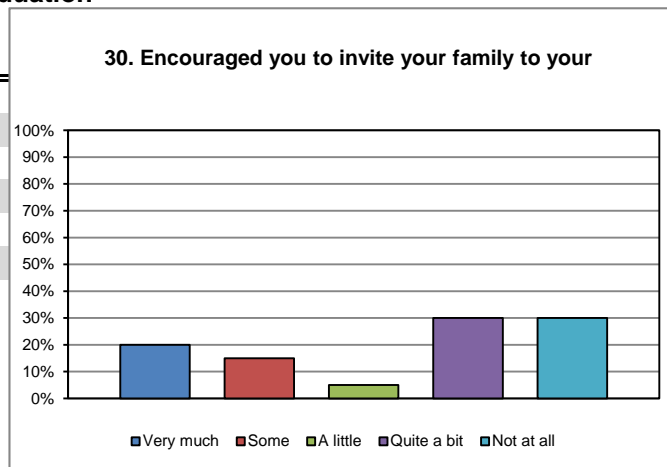
29. Asked for your input about including your family in school activities

Response	N	%
Very much	1	5%
Some	4	20%
A little	3	15%
Quite a bit	4	20%
Not at all	8	40%
Total	20	100%



30. Encouraged you to invite your family to your graduation

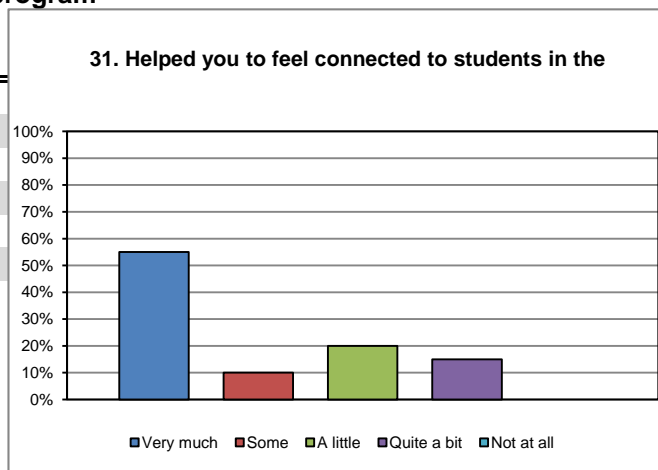
Response	N	%
Very much	4	20%
Some	3	15%
A little	1	5%
Quite a bit	6	30%
Not at all	6	30%
Total	20	100%



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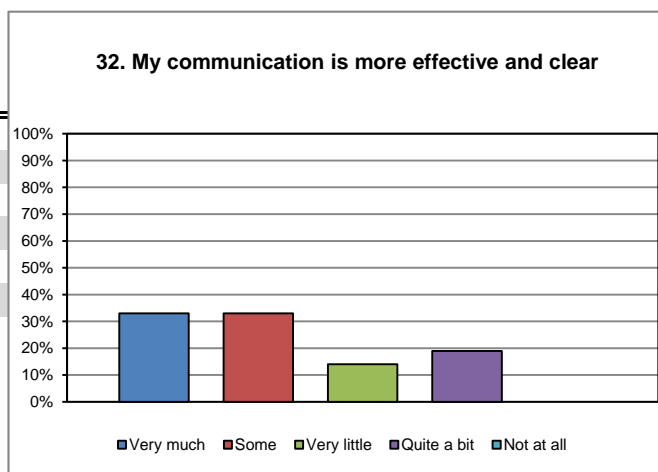
31. Helped you to feel connected to students in the program

Response	N	%
Very much	11	55%
Some	2	10%
A little	4	20%
Quite a bit	3	15%
Not at all	0	0%
Total	20	100%



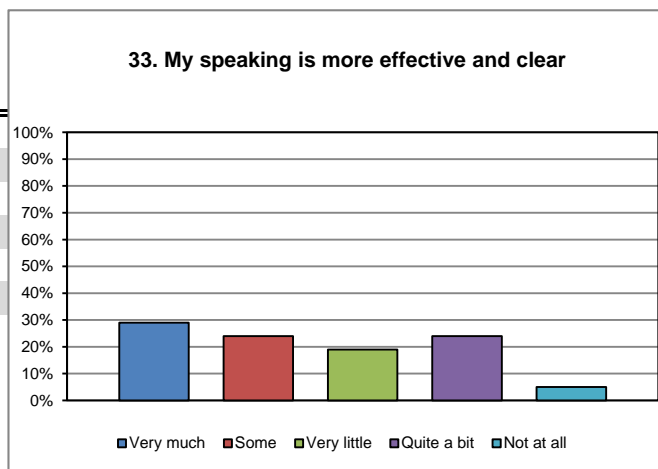
32. My communication is more effective and clear

Response	N	%
Very much	7	33%
Some	7	33%
Very little	3	14%
Quite a bit	4	19%
Not at all	0	0%
Total	21	100%



33. My speaking is more effective and clear

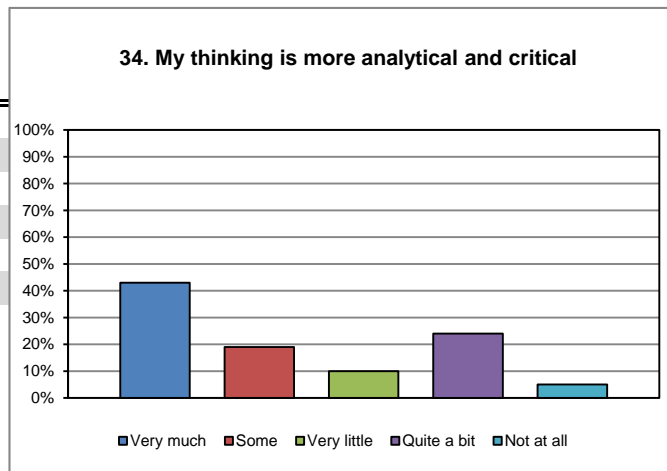
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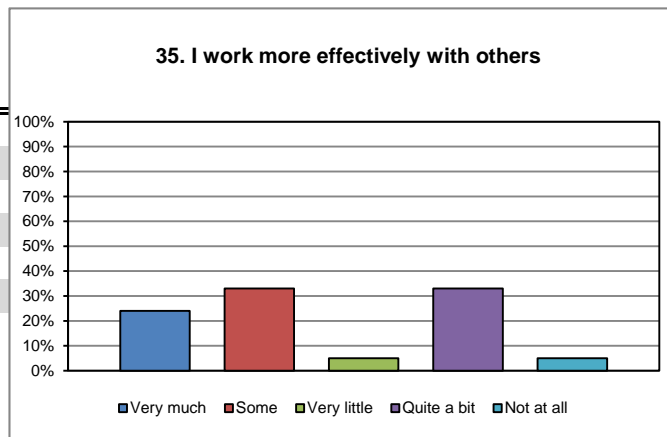
34. My thinking is more analytical and critical

Response	N	%
Very much	9	43%
Some	4	19%
Very little	2	10%
Quite a bit	5	24%
Not at all	1	5%
Total	21	100%



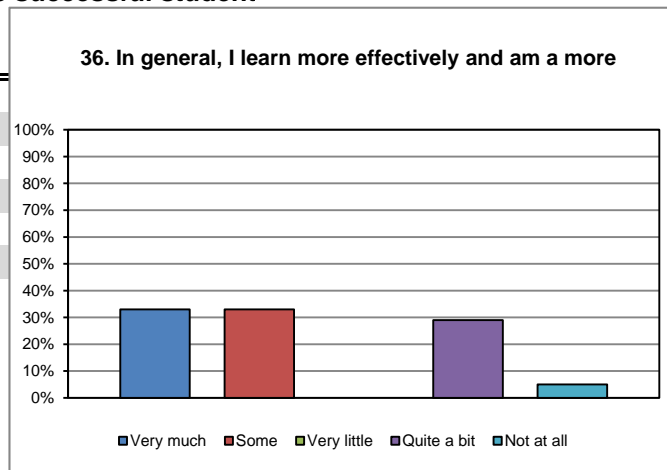
35. I work more effectively with others

Response	N	%
Very much	5	24%
Some	7	33%
Very little	1	5%
Quite a bit	7	33%
Not at all	1	5%
Total	21	100%



36. In general, I learn more effectively and am a more successful student

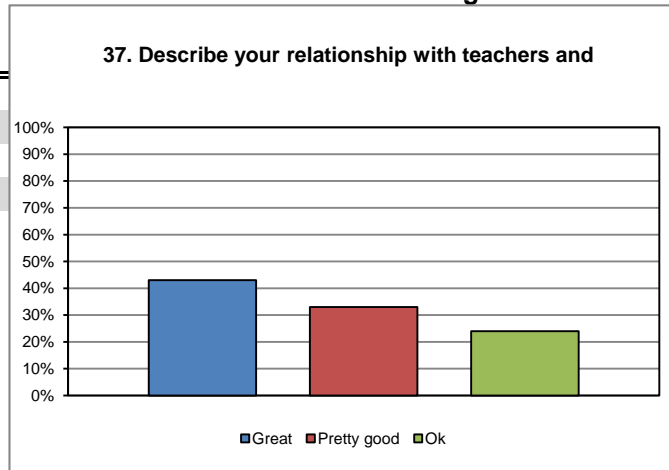
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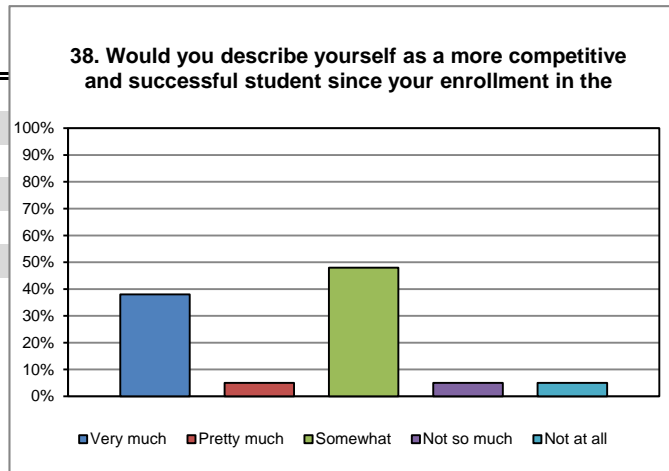
37. Describe your relationship with teachers and counselors in the Sankofa Scholars Program.

Response	N	%
Great	9	43%
Pretty good	7	33%
Ok	5	24%
Total	21	100%



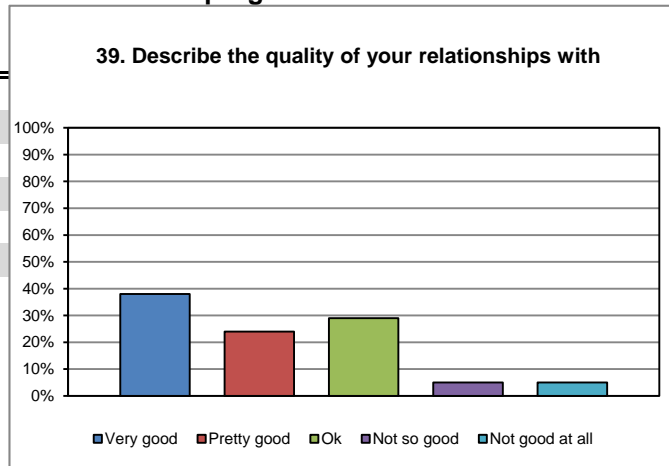
38. Would you describe yourself as a more competitive and successful student since your enrollment in the Sankof Scholars Program?

Response	N	%
Very much	8	38%
Pretty much	1	5%
Somewhat	10	48%
Not so much	1	5%
Not at all	1	5%
Total	21	100%



39. Describe the quality of your relationships with classmates in the program.

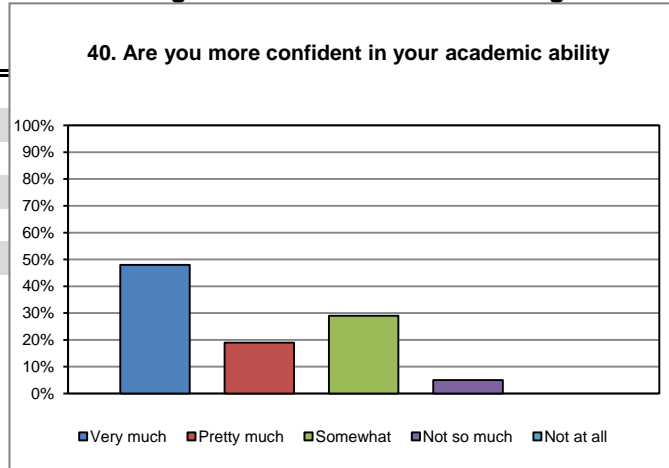
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Not so good	1	5%
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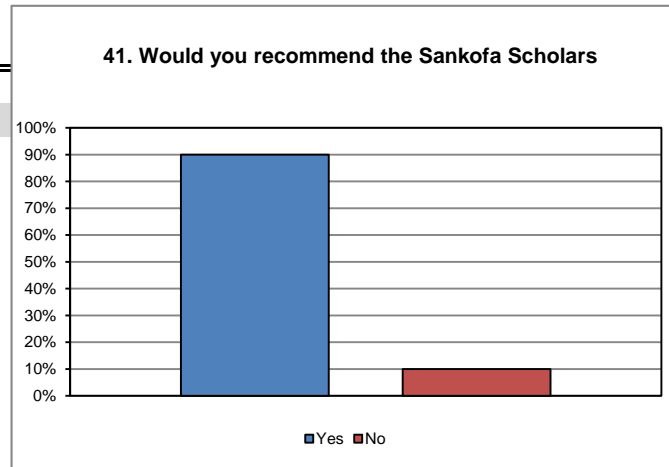
40. Are you more confident in your academic ability since enrolling in the Sankofa Scholars Program?

Response	N	%
Very much	10	48%
Pretty much	4	19%
Somewhat	6	29%
Not so much	1	5%
Not at all	0	0%
Total	21	100%



41. Would you recommend the Sankofa Scholars Program to a friend or family member?

Response	N	%
Yes	18	90%
No	2	10%
Total	20	100%



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Describe your most positive experience in the Sankofa Scholars Program. Please write comments here:

Comments

Being able to have someone to count on and forming a family

Being connected to Ms. Pauline and having her available for my needs and life guidance. She has really helped me turn my overall life around and I feel that I owe my education to her, my family and myself.

Being in the Sankofa Scholars Program helped me with staying on task and making sure i pass my classes. My counselors were great at keeping me up to date with my grades and making sure i exceed in my classes.

Finding my career path and the schools I want to transfer to.

I am a more positive student and I get better grades than I did in high school. I am more serious and am likely to ask for help when I need it. I am also likely to help others when they need it.

I like the family and togetherness. Sankofa is a good idea and should be continued. Positive is that it exists. But I will be honest with you and say there are tweaks to be made.

I really enjoyed when we took the intro to african american studies course.

I've enjoyed Sankofa's teachings and mentoring, but I will never recommend Sankofa for the fact that the students in Sankofa are devils and there will never be a group of young Black people that will do anything to support one another, but rather tear each other down.

Interactions with the teacher and students

It was nice to spend my first year of college with the same people. It allowed me to be more comfortable with the class, and with the people around me.

Lydia Hearn's classroom was always fun and she taught very good teach and I wish I had her for the Winter and Spring session.

My most positive experience being in the Sankofa program is meeting Pauline Wethington.

My most positive experience was being able to grow and learn together with people of my same race. I think it is so interesting how much a family we have grown to become, even though we don't talk all the time, we are still supportive of each other.

My positive experience is meeting new people of the African american community and building a up a bond.

The best part of Sankofa was having the ability to meet such a large group, it was nice to stay connected to the same people and teachers.

The most positive thing about Sankofa the new life experiences I've had since being apart of this program. I learn a new thing from all my professes about life, school, and careers. It has opened my eyes to a new way of living that I've always wanted to get into.

What I liked about it is that they gave us the opportunity to learn more about are heritage as well as getting further in our academic success.

When starting community college having the Sankofa program has helped to improve my college experience, so that entering college wasn't as scary and I had friends. It has helped me to grow and learn as a person and understand the nature and background of being an African American.

access to counselors, mentors, and resources Sankofa has it all and is very supportive I would recommend this program and have to many of my friends

my most positive experience in sankofa is when i relized i was able to pass all of my classes. it wasnt as hard as i thought and with all the help from the program it was much eaiser

my most positive experience with sankofa is when i learned more about myself as a person in ICS 10 with ms.julie.

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Describe your most challenging experience in the Sankofa Scholars Program. Please write your comments here:

Comments

Anthony's class has been the most challenging

Having Ms. Tapia and Delaney as professors it wasn't easy because they to my opinion are not very good teachers.

It sucked, and although I learned a lot, my experience was very discouraging. I will be glad to be out of the Sankofa Cohort. I hate all the students, with an exception of two.

Just the teaching styles of some of the professor within the group not all just some

My most challenging experience is doing the research project.

My most challenging experience would be trying to get to all the activities we had in class because my work schedule was interfering.

Not enough support and lack of communication

Nothing is challenging however I have ran into tough quarters and teachers that I like more than others.

Overcoming the struggles of having to make up classes that I had failed in previous quarters/semesters. However thanks to Ms. Pauline I have overcome those struggles and currently striving towards graduation/transfer

Some students can't get along so it's hard to focus in class.

Teachers expect you to do homework. I didn't use to do homework. I do it more now, because it helps you to be a part of the class and to do better in class.

The challenging thing would be trying to balance my classes, and trying to stay focused in class because since everyone is comfortable with one another, it becomes really easy to slack off or get distracted.

The most challenging experience that I have had with this program is the simple fact that we are too close and thus we have become so integrated and there are simple distractions. The classrooms have not been college level in attitude, it has been a lower level because people feel they can run all over the teachers. And even though the teachers they are picking are mainly of minorities that does not make up for their lack of organization.

Combined with the students lack of appreciation and the teachers lack of organization, the program is failing. And creating more harm than good.

The most challenging thing is juggling Math, English, and Sociology all in one quarter. I love the classes but they require so much work for each of them time managing is hard.

To some extent Sankofa seems to be more of a college cushion rather than a success builder. Having a group of students travel together as a cohort is a wonderful idea, but the experience has been a high school experience. The cohort is so stressed on the idea of success that there is this kind of softness put towards the students. The program is a bit lenient. Sankofa only admits qualified students they should be treated with scholarly attributes. Well rounded adults is what Sankofa should focus on for their students, not how many units they can complete in two years. It is how they complete them. With a high school mind there might not be so grand of a motivation to see counselors and ask for tutors. We get pulled aside for everything else except to schedule group Sankofa tutoring. Specified and mandatory as a Sankofa student. That is what is needed, mandatory concepts, put value in being a scholar to make a kid want it. Let them earn it. That all I hope it makes sense.

Trying to adapt to the teaching methods

meeting new people

most challenging experience was English with Mr. Delaney. It was so hard and confusing. That class was my first C in college.

my most challenging experience in Sankofa was getting use to the campus and finding my classes