Background
The purpose of this study was to explore student involvement within the Texas A&M undergraduate population. Contact was attempted with 2569 undergraduate students for this web-based survey. 16%, or 412, agreed to participate in the survey.

Results

Texas A&M student organizations
- 88% had been involved with an A&M organization
- 69% had been involved with an A&M organization for a year or more
- 74% were currently involved with an A&M organization
  - 40% were involved in one organization
  - 35% were involved in two organizations
  - 26% were involved in three or more organizations
  - 55% said they currently held leadership positions

Bryan/College Station community organizations
- 25% had been involved with a local community organization
- 14% had been involved with a local community organization for a year or more
- 16% were currently involved with a local community organization
  - 93% were involved in one organization
  - 7% were involved in two organizations
  - 33% said they currently held leadership positions in local community organizations

Religious organizations not affiliated with A&M
- 46% had been involved with religious organizations
- 34% had been involved with religious organizations for a year or more
- 36% were currently involved with religious organizations
  - 86% were involved in one organization
  - 12% were involved in two organizations
  - 1% were involved in three or more organizations
  - 17% said they currently held leadership positions in religious groups

Currently involved students
- 68% said their chosen organizations had an “acceptance” process (applications, interviews, etc.)
- 69% said that when they join an organization, they intend to be involved throughout their time at A&M

Top three reasons for getting involved
1. To meet new people and make friends
2. A passion for the subject covered by the organization
3. To be around other people who shared their interests

Top three influential groups of people for getting students involved
1. Friends at A&M
2. Members of the organization
3. Parents/Guardians

Top three influential activities for getting students involved
1. High school involvement
2. Personal contact from members of the organization
3. MSC Open House

Students not currently involved
- 54% of students who were not currently involved with A&M organizations had been involved in the past

Top three reasons for not getting involved
1. Work obligations
2. Academic responsibilities
3. No one to go with

Involvement Statements
- 94% of students agreed that being involved with organizations will assist them in future career goals
- 82% of students agreed that they had received advice from others to join specific organizations
- 51% of students agreed that they had received advice from others to not join specific organizations
- 31% of students agreed that there is too much to get involved in at A&M

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