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# Student Perspective

Expectations, Hopes & Fears  
for Fall 2021



# Why is this session important?

- To give students a voice that may have been stifled in 2020 and to bridge the communication gap across campus
- To address student concerns about the value of higher education accelerated by the pandemic
- To listen to the needs of students and reflect on where to improve



# Meet Your Student Panel!

# Meet Your Session Hosts

From the Steppingblocks  
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# Perspectives from the panel

01

**Is college worth the cost anymore?**

Career Readiness and Employment

02

**Did higher ed adapt well to 2020?**

Student Support, Health and Learning

03

**Is an online education just as good?**

Benefits, Challenges and Quality

04

**What are students' No. 1 priorities?**

Family, Flexibility, Health or Debt

# **The Value of Education Pre- and Post-Pandemic**

Student Perspective Block 1

**Agree or disagree, and explain: My college degree will be worth the same as one earned before the pandemic.**

**How concerned are you about  
the pandemic's impact on  
your employment prospects?**



**How has the pandemic impacted internships at your institution, and how do you feel about internships as we move into fall 2021?**

# **Institutional Response to the Pandemic**

Student Perspective Block 2

**What does your personal  
college campus experience  
look like in fall of 2021?**

**How has your institution's  
Career Services center  
adapted to meet new needs  
that arose during the  
pandemic?**

**How do you feel about your  
institution's current  
vaccination mandates?**

# Opinion of Online Education

Student Perspective Block 3

**If you are to continue to learn  
online in the fall, what are  
your biggest concerns?**

**What is your opinion of the  
online education you have  
received during the  
pandemic?**



# **Personal Priorities for Fall 2021**

Student Perspective Block 4

**What are your concerns about  
mental health as it relates to  
your campus experience in fall  
of 2021?**

**Which policy decisions are most important to you right now: affordability, student loan debt, higher standards for education?**

# Audience Q&A

Have any questions for the panel?

# Thanks!

Do you have any questions for us?

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