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Transforming Campus Policies Through Your Shared Experiences

We are working with Trellis Strategies to survey our students about their financial security. Your responses will be confidential and will only be shared with us aggregated with other student responses or in a de-identified data file. The results will help us figure out how to best allocate resources. Please look for the email from Trellis Strategies in your school email inbox.

About the Survey

The research team at Trellis Strategies conducts the Student Financial Wellness Survey (SFWS) at dozens of colleges and universities each fall. Trellis Strategies has administered the survey to students at 341 schools around the country since 2018. Trellis Strategies works with schools to send the survey to currently enrolled students. It covers topics such as:

- Paying for college
- Use of credit
- Financial behaviors and security
- Basic needs security
- Mental health

How Schools Use the Survey Data

Schools receive a summary report of their students' survey responses and a de-identified data file and have used the data in various ways to improve the student experience. Schools use the information for planning, setting baseline metrics, and developing an understanding of their students' financial wellness. Schools have also used the data to develop financial education curriculum, establish food pantries and emergency aid programs, and target resources to students in need. Also, schools have used the survey findings to obtain grant aid and develop community partnerships to support students.

Privacy and Data Security

Trellis Strategies values your privacy and will never share your individual-level survey responses connected to your identifiable information (i.e., name, student ID, contact information, etc.) with your school or anyone else. Trellis Strategies will only use the student contact information received from schools for the purposes of sending out the Student Financial Wellness Survey for that year, and will never share that contact information with anyone else.

As with privacy, data security is of utmost importance to Trellis Strategies. All data are stored in Trellis Strategies' network and are only accessible by the research team. For more detailed information on Trellis Strategies' data security and data deletion policies, please see "Trellis Strategies Data Management and Destruction Policies" (https://www.trellisstrategies.org/sfws/data-storage-and-security/)

Learn More about the Survey

Visit www.trellisstrategies.org/sfws or email surveys@trellisstrategies.org for more information about the Student Financial Wellness Survey.

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