High School Summer Nandagikendan (Seek to Learn) Academy Report June 27th-29th, 2023

The 2023 High School Summer Seek to Learn Academy had four participants for the three-day, two-night Academy held at the Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College. The first day introduced the students to campus, staff, and each other. Students toured campus while meeting staff members and enjoyed traditional lacrosse in the afternoon before a writing workshop. After dinner at a local restaurant, students explored Jay Cooke State Park, which was a highlight for the students that were not from the area.

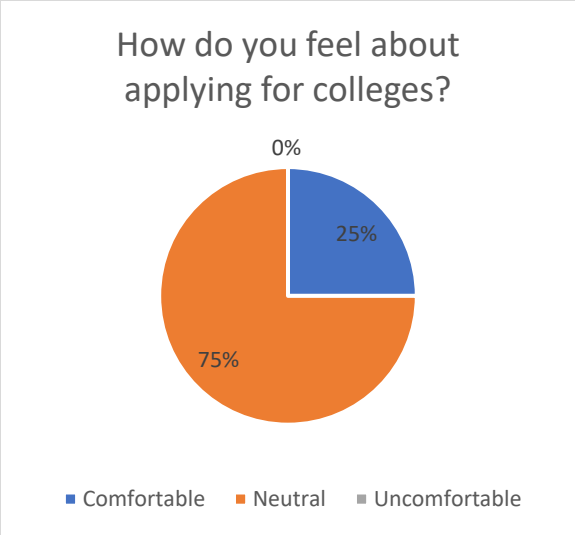
The second day of the Academy provided a "mock day at college" experience where participants attended classes provided by FDLTCC faculty. After lunch, students learned about the American Indian College Fund before learning about Computer Science by guest presenters from the College of St. Scholastica. On the final day of the Academy, students visited the Lake Superior National Estuarine Research Reserve in Superior, WI to learn about the cultural and historical importance of the estuary, and the research that is conducted in the estuary. Students also canoed in the estuary before heading back to campus for the final presentations and a family dinner.

Participants completed Pre- and Post-Surveys and the results of the surveys are compared via pie charts and qualitative feedback. In the Post Survey, students were asked what their favorite part of the Academy was, and the responses were:

- Making friends
- Staying in the dorms and exploring programs
- Visiting Jay Cooke State Park

The final question of the Post Survey was "What is one thing you would tell other students about the Academy?" and students stated:

- "It's fun and it feels friendly."
- "It's fun. You'll learn things."
- "It is a very positive and beneficial experience."
- "It's a great learning and team-building experience."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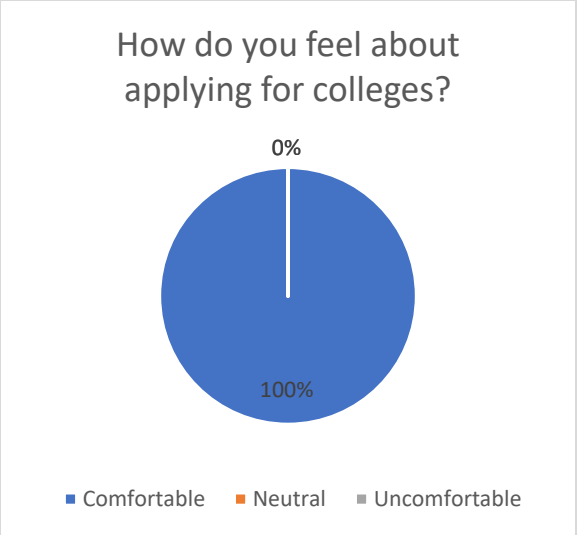
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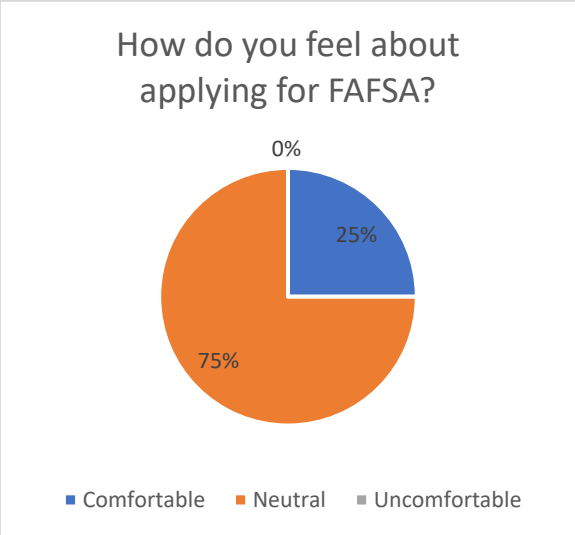
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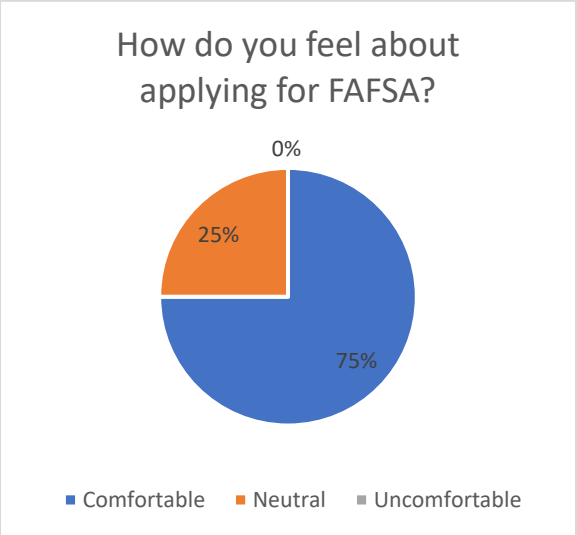
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