Student Affairs Assessment Monthly

Student Affairs Assessment Website

The Student Affairs Assessment Project is proud to announce to launch of its website. The site consists of useful links and resources to anyone interested in student affairs assessment. The site also provides links to upcoming trainings and webinars on relevant topics. Within the website one will also find information on the services that the SA-Assessment Project provides and how to get into contact with us.

Please visit our website at: www.eiu.edu/sa-assessment

Assessment of the Month

The results of the recent 2010/2011 AlcoholEdu for College report prepared for Eastern Illinois University, identified the following items as significant for our student population.

High risk drinkers have decreased in percentage on EIU's campus from 42% in 2007 to 35% in 2010 with a positive increase in the percentage of non-drinkers during that time period of 43% to 51%. Compared to the national average, the student at EIU are 11% less likely to drink on-campus, however, they are 17% more likely to drink in off-campus residences. Popular reasons that EIU students chose not to drink on a particular occasion included: going to drive, not wanting to spend money, not having to drink to have a good time, having other things to do, and having worries about being caught by authorities.

Data from survey 3, taken 30-45 days after completing AlcoholEdu, stated EIU students are less likely than the national average to drink during the pregame and do shots. Mean exam scores increased by 29% between the pre and post course tests resulting in positive influences that included: preparing the student to identify or help someone who has alcohol poisoning (89%), helping them to establish a plan for responsible decisions around alcohol (87%), changing their perceptions of others' drinking related behaviors (71%), and stimulating them to reflect on their personal attitudes and behaviors (70%).

Of those students who were high risk drinkers and did not see a need to change the way they drink alcohol prior to taking the course, 46% were persuaded to think about changing their drinking habits after taking AlcoholEdu.

One of the last items reported was the positive changes in behavioral intentions of EIU students in regards to alcohol consumption. Among them, "avoiding drinking games" had the largest percentage increase of 32%, followed by "pace drinks" (28%), and "reduce number of drinks" (27%).

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