



Notes from the Aerie

Information from the Office of Institutional Research
November 2008

2008 HERI College Senior Survey

In spring 2008, Institutional Research, working with Student Affairs, distributed the 2008 College Senior Survey (CSS) to all graduating seniors. The survey is over 250 questions in length covering several topics relating to student satisfaction, attitudes, activities, self-actualization, and social beliefs. Additionally, there were 17 local content questions that asked students about student leadership, student diversity, and the Jesuit mission. The response rate was 32.6%.

The CSS is the follow up survey to the HERI Freshman Survey, in which Canisius participates. This allows us to track how specific students' responses change from their freshman to their senior year.





Canisius Seniors showed the greatest satisfaction in:

✚ Internet access	89.6%
✚ Student housing	82.8%
✚ Library facilities	82.7%

Canisius Seniors showed the least satisfaction in:


✚ Job placement services for students	58.8%
✚ Financial aid package	58.8%
✚ Psychological counseling services	57.4%
✚ Recreational facilities	56.9%

The majority (50% or more) of Canisius Seniors frequently or occasionally:

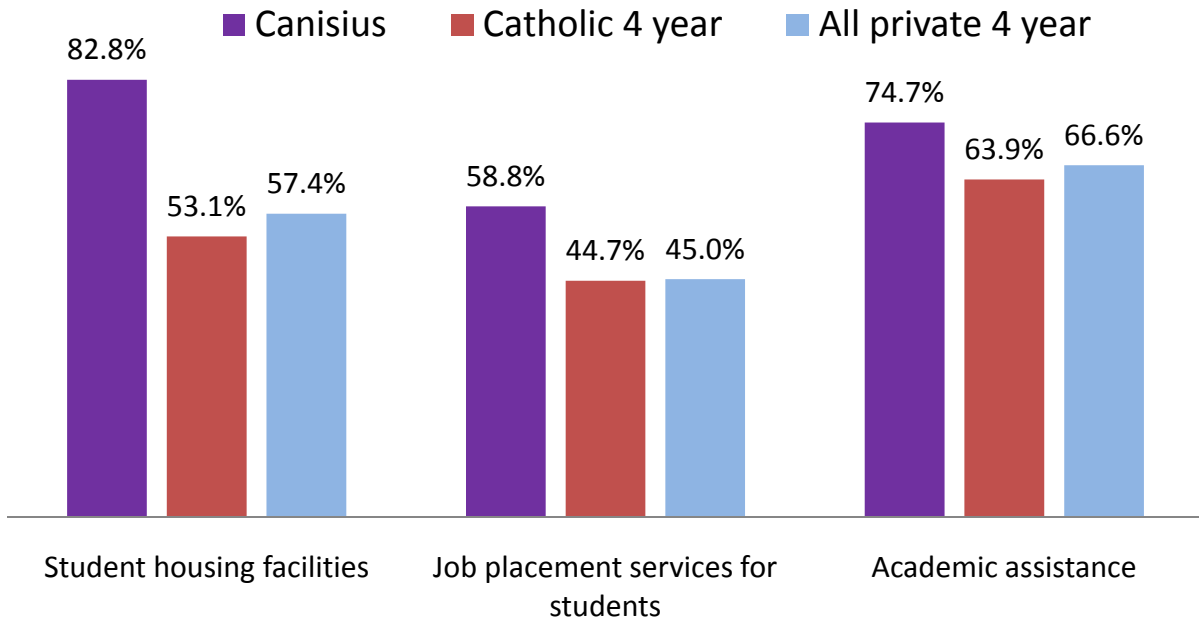
✚ Asked a professor for advice out of class	91.0%
✚ Had instruction that supplemented course work	83.3%
✚ Performed community service as part of a class	73.4%
✚ Had difficulty getting into the class they needed	67.1%

Activities/experiences uncommon (50% or less) of Canisius Seniors:

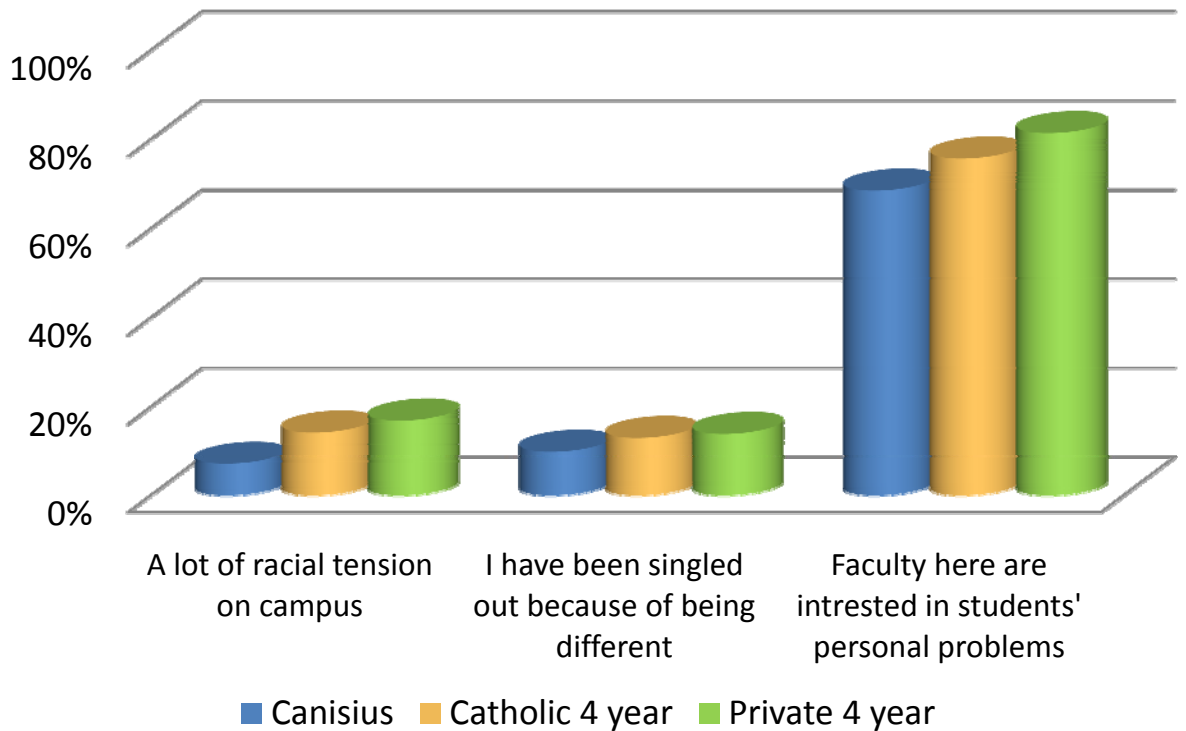
✚ Have been bored in class	27.0%
✚ Voted in a student election	26.1%
✚ Played a musical instrument	18.5%
✚ Demonstrated for/against war	10.8%



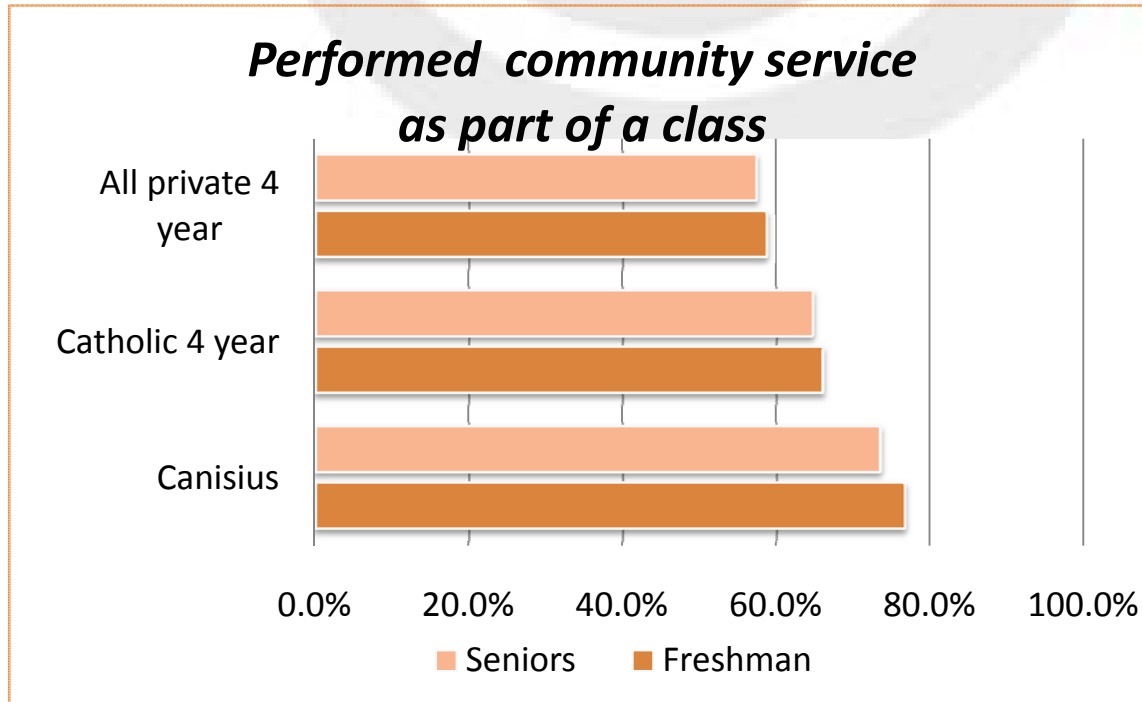
Seniors most satisfied with



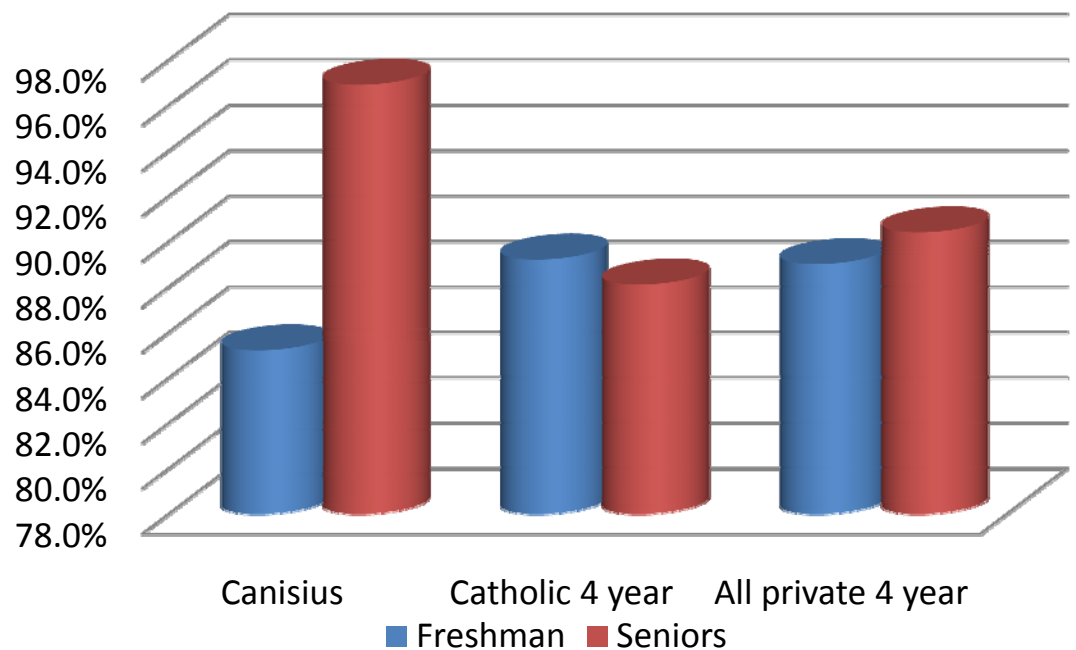
Seniors agree strongly/somewhat



Since entering college, students “frequently” or “occasionally” during their 4 years at Canisius



Asked a professor for advice out of class





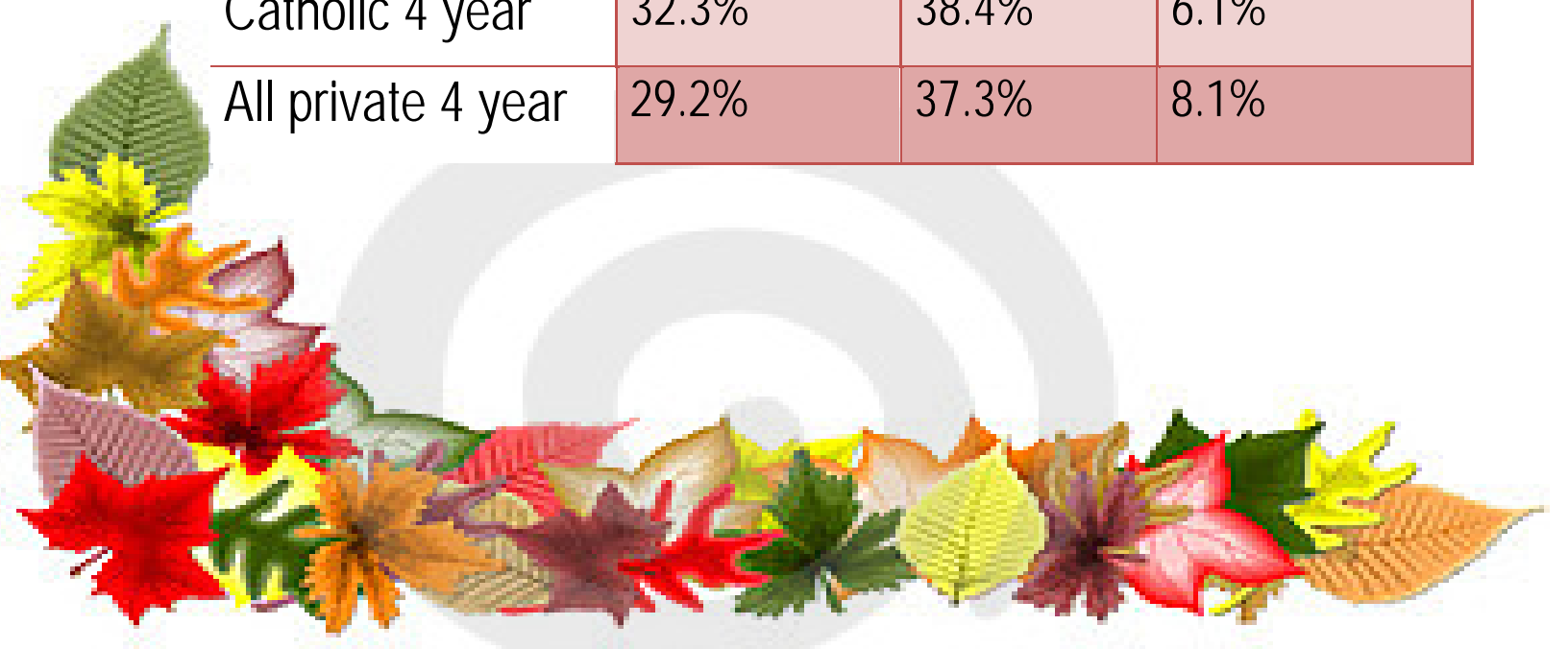
Student objectives noted as “essential”
or very important”

Helping others who are in difficulty

College Cohort	Freshman	Senior	Change
Canisius	56.8%	79.2%	22.4%
Catholic 4 year	71.7%	79.1%	7.4%
All private 4 year	68.5%	78.7%	10.2%

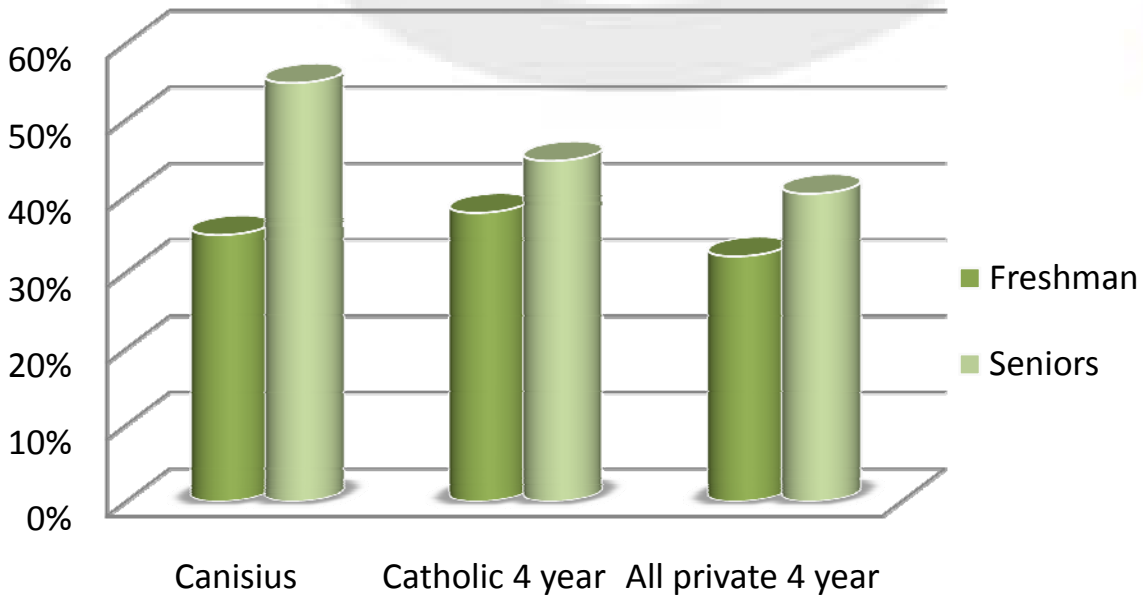
Helping to promote racial understanding

College Cohort	Freshman	Senior	Change
Canisius	18.5%	34.7%	16.2%
Catholic 4 year	32.3%	38.4%	6.1%
All private 4 year	29.2%	37.3%	8.1%

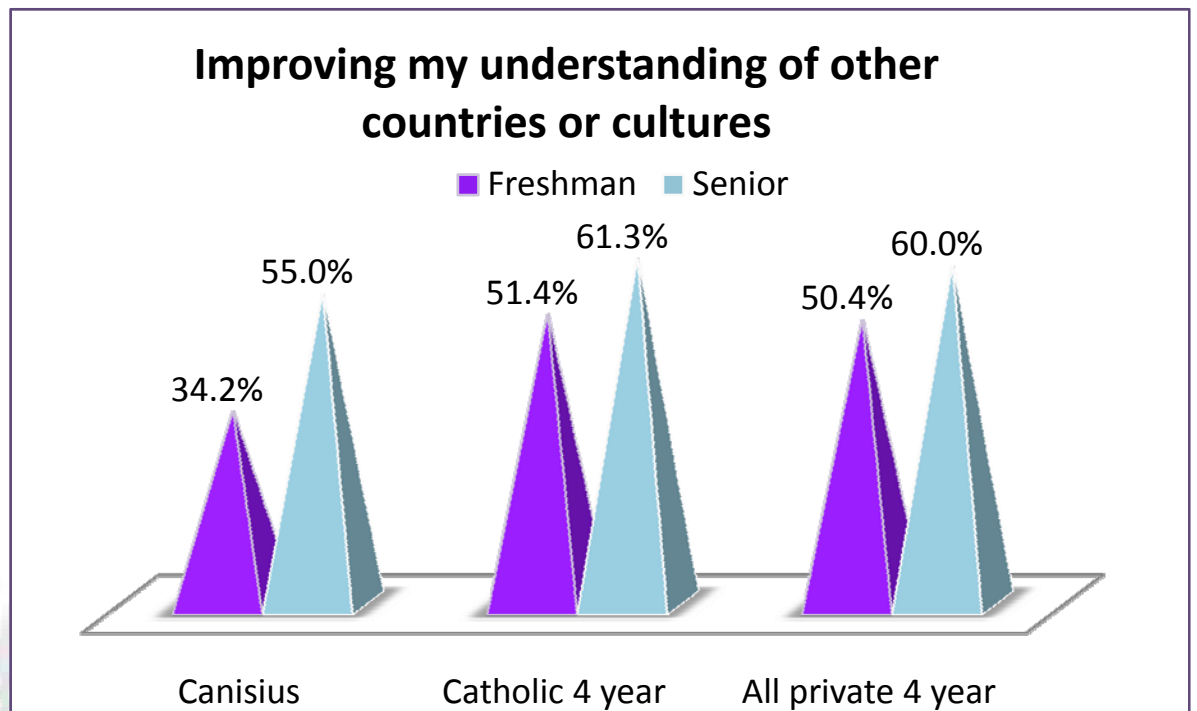


Students noted as "essential" or "very important"

Having responsibility for others





Improving my understanding of other countries or cultures





Here are some results to the 17 local content questions that were designed by Student Affairs and Institutional Research

- 73.6% of Canisius seniors agreed that attending this school had a positive effect on their personal moral behavior.
 - 74.9% of Canisius seniors agreed that ethical and spiritual development of students is an important part of the institution.
 - 95.6% of Canisius seniors agree that the institution offers opportunities for volunteering and community service.
 - 87.6% of Canisius seniors agree that the institution offers opportunities for developing leadership skills.
 - 74.4% of Canisius seniors agree that the Jesuit heritage of the institution is evident here.
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For a complete copy of the survey results, please access the Canisius College IR ANGEL page.

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2008 HERI Faculty Survey

If you have any question presented in this newsletter or have any suggestions for future topics, please contact Pat Mizak, Director of Institutional Research, at x3202 or mizakp@canisius.edu.

