

Countdown to HLC Week 1 Survey Results

The Week 1 Countdown to HLC survey included questions about UNC’s students and alumni. 267 people completed the survey, with 30 lucky participants selected to win a prize. Keep reading for the results.

Question	% with correct answer
As of Spring 2024, over 25% of UNC’s undergraduate degree-seeking students are Latinx/Hispanic. (True)	96%
UNC’s undergraduate fall-to-fall retention rates for the 2021 and 2022 entering cohorts were the highest they’ve been in the past decade. (True)	90%
During the 2022-2023 financial aid year, over 95% of first-time, full-time undergraduate students were awarded financial aid. (True)	90%
Which of the following industries has the largest number of UNC undergraduate alumni? (K-12 Education)	81%
As of spring 2024, half of UNC undergraduate degree-seeking students are either first-generation or low income. (True)	93%

Respondents overwhelmingly describe the university’s students in positive ways, with 205 people commenting on the Week 1 Countdown prompt, “What three words best describe UNC’s students and why?”

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1. **Core Themes:**
 - **Resilience** and **diversity** are highlighted as foundational traits of UNC students, underscoring their ability to overcome various challenges while fostering an inclusive environment.
 - The emphasis on being **motivated**, **committed**, and **hardworking** reflects students' dedication to their educational and personal goals.
2. **Community and Support:**
 - Words like **compassionate**, **supportive**, and **caring** indicate a strong sense of community and a culture of helping one another among students.
 - **Inclusive** and **civic-minded** descriptors suggest a welcoming atmosphere that values diverse perspectives and experiences.
3. **Engagement and Initiative:**
 - Descriptions such as **engaged**, **creative**, and **driven** illustrate students' active involvement in both academic and extracurricular pursuits, emphasizing their initiative and desire to make a difference.
4. **Personal Growth and Achievement:**
 - Traits like **curious**, **persistent**, and **passionate** highlight the students' eagerness for knowledge and personal development, indicating a proactive approach to their education.
5. **Holistic Student Experience:**
 - The mention of terms like **diligent**, **independent**, and **grit** emphasizes the overall student experience at UNC as one that prepares them for both personal and professional success.