In 2018, college seniors expressed their political views during a midterm election year. Seniors felt confident in their critical thinking abilities, their global awareness, and aspired to be active agents of change after college. Though many students expressed that their senior year challenged their mental well-being.

WITH A HEIGHTENED POLITICAL CLIMATE, SENIORS EXPRESSED THEIR VIEWS ON DIVISIVE NATIONAL ISSUES.

- **31%** felt federal military spending should be increased
- **88%** disagreed that racial discrimination is no longer a major problem in America
- **55%** felt students from disadvantaged social backgrounds should be given preferential treatment in college admissions

STUDENTS ARE GRADUATING FROM COLLEGE ENGAGED IN COMPLEX THINKING...

- **64%** frequently evaluated the quality or reliability of information they received
- **62%** felt confident in identifying what is known and not known about a problem
- **60%** frequently sought alternative solutions to a problem

... WITH A STRONG SENSE OF GLOBAL AWARENESS...

- **34%** studied abroad
- **81%** felt their institution contributed to their understanding of global issues
- **55%** felt their institution helped their foreign language ability

... AND A COMMITMENT TO SOCIAL CHANGE AND COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP.

- **50%** felt working for social change is critical in their career path
- **65%** are committed to adopting "green" practices to protect the environment
- **29%** have a strong desire to influence the political structure

DURING THEIR SENIOR YEAR, MANY STRUGGLED WITH MENTAL HEALTH...

- **48%** frequently felt overwhelmed
- **42%** frequently felt anxious
- **19%** frequently felt depressed
- **38%** sought personal counseling in the last year

... AND COULD USE MORE INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT.

- **50%** felt satisfied with student health services
- **49%** felt satisfied with student psychological services