Intermountain Junior Science & Humanities Symposium 2012 Evaluation

Brief description of program: Three day event that brings high school students from 5 intermountain states to the University of Utah to present original scientific research they have done. Winners are chosen for scholarships provided by the Armed forces, and a 4 year in-state tuition waiver to the U for the top junior presenting.

Who was asked to complete survey: all students, parents, teachers, chaperones who attended

How many people were asked? Approximately 200

Respondents: 92 people total: 77 students, 3 parents, and 12 teachers

Administration Type: Campus Labs mobile app on iPod Touches and paper with data entry into Campus Labs

Summary of Key Findings:
1) Overall, a worthwhile event to attend (100%)
2) Enjoyed the Engineering Icebreaker activity (57%)
3) More aware of possible careers in science (93%)
4) Have a better understanding of how to present original research (82%)
5) Know more about research at the U (85%)
6) Interactive lab tours were liked the best of the symposium (46%)
7) Before the symposium, had considered the U as a potential university to attend (77%)
8) After symposium, 30% more likely to attend the U. Visit had no impact on 50%.

Actions Taken: These findings will be taken into consideration when planning the 2013 event.

Which department and/or program goals does this survey align with? Student Recruitment; showcase the U as a potential higher education destination.

Which Student Affairs goals does this program align with?
#1 - Develop students as a whole through the cultivation and enrichment of the body, mind and spirit.