



## National Survey of Student Engagement

# Rollins College

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The final page of the NSSE Web version asked students to respond to the following question in an open text box:

*"If you have any additional comments or feedback that you'd like to share on the quality of your educational experience, please type them below."*

Student responses to this question appear on the following pages. Please note that these comments appear exactly as the students entered them. They were not edited for grammar, offensive language, or otherwise questionable content. For this reason, student identifiers are not provided.

## Student Comments

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<b>IPEDS</b>	<b>classrank</b>	<b>Additional Comments</b>
136950	1	All of my professors so far have been very knowledgeable in their subjects. The classes I benefited from the most were the ones where the professors had me think, put what I learn into practice, and explore variations of the material being learned. I did not benefit as much from professors that had me memorize information. I had a pure lecture class with very little class interaction, and I did not learn well from that class. The rest of my educational experience was great.
136950	1	Rollins really allows you to get involved in several different positive activities and organizations. It is hard not to be involved here, which is my favorite thing about this school!
136950	1	I feel that my unsatisfactory interactions with my first academic advisor, who also happens to be a highly regarded member of the faculty, has been the cause of a lot of my initial distaste for this college.
136950	1	This is a great school that values student participation as well as student thinking. I personally love how it is very interested in what the student has to say and takes it into account when finding how to better itself as a community of learning.
136950	1	this college is what you make of it - a large range of activities and community involvement opportunities are available, but you have to look for them to get involved.
136950	1	I am not very interested in the arts. I do not really know how the College feels about the art program.
136950	1	In a majority of my classes, students- including myself, never know what there grades are. Often teachers do not keep a running total of your grade and this makes it difficult to know where you stand in your class and how hard you have to work to achieve the grade you desire. If teachers could print out grade sheets or post your grades online this would be very beneficial.
		Derrick Johnston
136950	1	I have so far enjoyed being a student here at Rollins. But I believe that many students here are still somewhat close-minded to a lot of aspects of life. But otherwise I love it here.
136950	1	Rollins really has it together. If you are slacking here, its your own fault. There are so many resources on campus to help you succeed. The theatre Arts department while not nationally recognized is by far one of the best especially for a B.A. The training is BFA quality with a strong emphasis on learning about other fields and realms of knowledge. Not only do you come out of Rollins a trained performer but a well rounded citizen.
136950	1	Small college is great. Nest survey could include financial aid questions perhaps?
136950	1	Theatre here isn't just focused on performance. It is all about the entire picture. The technical aspect is very important and it is made clear to any theatre major that even if there emphasis is performace or directing they must learn the technical aspect first.

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136950	1	The social life is somewhat lacking. On the weekends, the campus empties, which leaves very little to do. Moreover, there is nothing that unites the whole student body. I feel as though the students don't really care about the institution they are going to. Finally, more needs to be done regarding food variety and attendance at sporting events.
136950	1	This school does nothing to stop drug abuse. The entire administration is running around trying to stop drunk kids from breaking things but is doing nothing about the COUNTLESS students who are ruining their lives with drugs. Now I am not talk about pot. I am talking about coke, speed (adderral, concerta, focsil), xanax, acid. I see some of my best friends being dead or in jail with 10 years. I know if I had not left the school I would be in jail or dead. RA's know this is happening and do nothing, RA's buy drugs off of freshmen, smoke pot with freshmen, drink with them, drive them to buy alcohol for them with fake IDs. In such a small school they can't afford these numbers and expect to have a school any longer. If they brough drug sniffing drugs into all oncampus residences you would have to kick out the entire school. I wasted 20k on this school just to become addicted to drugs and then when I wanted my money back for second semester when I decided to get the help which I could not get at the school I ws denied. I am one of those people who can pull themselves up by their boot straps it took me one month to have a full time job and be at school (Online courses) full time. Help these students. Some may need to be kicked out and go home but atleast you are helping them. Pratice your motto of global citizenship. Help. Please help them.
136950	1	This school tries to look like it is really good academically, but most of the students here make horrible grades; however, they come from very affluent families. The professors are not very good at teaching the material and some dont bother to learn the names of the students even though it is a small class. They set the standards really high and expect people to do bad. It is a nice campus and great for a "Country Club" but overall it is not a good school. Most people only care about partying and sex.
136950	1	Through the dormitory experience and use of student resources, I've come to know myself in a more mature and realistic manner, as well as others.
136950	1	Rollins is a good school. Most of the facultya are really great. However, the students are a mixed bag. There are som really nice, studious people here, but it is such a party atmosphere all the time.
136950	1	None
136950	1	I love Rollins so far! Everyone I have met has been so great and friendly, and most of my classes have been very worthwhile. The campus is beautiful and there are plenty of organizations available on campus to get involved in.
136950	1	I greatly enjoy attending Rollins College. This school challenges me farther than I had ever expected and I like it.

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136950	4	<p>The administration in this school is extremeyl lacking. Get the sense that they do not really care about the students. They are just trying to please trustees. An example, a lot of money is spent on the outside appearance of this school. Yes, the lawns are pretty, but my dorm is disgusting inside! There's mold and dust. The building is basically falling apart. The administrators seem distant from the students. They act as if we are just a small part of this school. They don't realize that the students make this school a school.</p> <p>The professors are great. Especially in the psych department. They go above and beyond their duties, helping students with matters both related and not related to school.</p>
136950	4	My education was terrific. I found most of the professors very nice, understanding, and helpful.
136950	4	<p>I question the quality of students that Rollins College recruits. While it has a fine reputation as a liberal arts college by ranking, a large majority of the students do not take the educational demands seriously and thus, we have earned the nickname of a "country club." By no means has a science major been easy while also trying to complete a second major in psychology. My classes have been demanding and rigorous. It has been nice working among the brightest individuals at an institution where education doesn't seem to be a priority. In addition, I have encountered very few professors that are not condescending and care about the students' overall wellbeing. It has been frustrating trying to keep up morale working with faculty who do not place faith in you and do not help you build up competency. They have high expectations but do not help you progress to those standards. You are forced to make quantum leaps or you fail. I have done average in my courses (3.3 GPA) but it has come with tears, sleepless nights, frustration, and solitude, and the faculty does not seem to acknowledge that many students feel this way. The opportunities are limited and the competition is rigorous, so much that happiness is often compromised and graduation is the only goal.</p>
136950	4	<p>Overall, I have been very happy with my education and experience here at Rollins College. Within my major, however, I have been dissapointed at times. Much of this has to do with major modifications throughout the deptartment's curriculum and faculty/staff during my attendance. This past year, they have made some changes that will greatly increase the quality of the curriculum--sadly, it was four years too late for me. Having been on full scholarship, I feel blessed to have been given the opportunity to study here. However, if I had the burden of paying the high tuition to attend here, I would have probably transferred after my first or second year.</p>
136950	4	The intentions are in the right place, but no one there's quite figured out the best way to be real with the students and the faculty.
136950	4	<p>I am a very personable individual, however, Rollins is an institution where if you do not get assigned a certain advisor freshman year it is very difficult to connect with the faculty in a personal manner. My educational experience has otherwise been very rewarding because of the unprecedented dedication to core and elective classes within my major because of specific professors within my major.</p>

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136950	4	The music faculty at Rollins College is amazing. They are all wonderful teachers and they truly enrich the students experiences. They all have extremely valuable knowledge to teach us, and they do so with grace, humor, and respect. I can not imagine a better music faculty anywhere else.
136950	4	I wish that faculty cared more about interacting in our lives and engaging in conversation with us outside of class. I feel often that they really can just care less... I feel silly for wanting to talk to them further about a class discussion or e-mail them with a question or comment about material.
136950	4	This has been a very rewarding experience for me. I feel as if Rollins has lived up to its reputation as an excellent liberal arts institution. I feel well-prepared for life after graduation and I will miss my time here greatly.
136950	4	I have enjoyed Rollins, but there are some things that I would change. Some of the advisors do not have as much experience or knowledge to really be an advisor. The only reason why I would probably not go to this institution had I started college this year would be the fact that you have to live on campus for the first two years. I would rather go to another institution out of state where I do not have to be subject to bug infested dormitories.
136950	4	I feel that too much emphasis is placed on the arts at Rollins. This survey was even geared towards the arts. I think it is important to consider the other majors at this school and their importance as well. Not everyone came here to participate in theater, arts and dance nor does everyone find this important to their education.
136950	4	I believe the International Business Program needs a lot of work. I have a fair amount of business experience from outside the institution, and have found very little value in the business content of the program. There is also very little applicable international content taught to students, and it is rare to find professors who incorporate technology use (an extremely important subject for businesses who communicate across borders & oceans) into their curriculum. I would venture to guess that, by just taking the major's core classes, a student would know little more than they did about the rest of the world than when they first began the program. I will say, though, that the emphasis on presentation skills is a strong point in the major and should certainly be built upon. The content just need to change.
136950	4	My educational experience has been exceptional. It has challenged me in every single way and because of it, both my hard and soft skills have drastically improved.
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136950	4	You claim that these survey's remain confidential but a friend of mine was reprimanded for giving a study abroad professor a bad evaluation..More people will take the time to fill these out if they actually were confidential.
136950	4	Rollins has an amazing amount of fine arts activities on campus but only the people who are involved in such things are truly active. I feel the school could help, through funding, to attract more students to the plays and activities on campus. In addition, the school could help with advertising such events.

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136950	4	I feel that the best aspects of Rollins are its small class sizes and individual attention from professors. In my opinion no matter how well-respected a school is, one cannot get the same level of education when there are 200+ students in a class and it is taught by a TA.