**NEW JAGS DATA**

**2015-2016**

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The New Jags completed one survey at the end of the first semester and a second one near the end of the second semester. In the second survey I included variations to some of the questions on the first survey based on the fact that, while many immigrant students often arrive with an idealized perspective of their upcoming experience, a large number soon may start a downward trajectory (*Learning a New Land: Immigrant Students in American Society* (2008)by Suarez-Orozco, Suarez-Orozco & Irina Todorova).

The survey was designed so that “True” answers indicate positive impact caused by the New Jags curriculum. “False” answers indicate negative or no impact. “More or Less” answers indicate relative impact. As the answers below demonstrate, the second semester shows an increase in the answers related to positive impact and a decline in the relative impact answers. The written answers by the students also demonstrate a strong shift towards a more positive impact.

Following are the questions included in the survey and the percentages of the answers:

1. The New Jags presentations help me adapt to Falls Church High School.

**End of First Semester:**

True: 69%

False: 0%

More or Less: 31%

**End of Second Semester:**

True: 80%

False: 5%

More or Less: 14%

No Answer: 1%

1. The New Jags presentations help me discover and take advantage of available resources so I may have academic success at school and in my new life in the USA.

**End of First Semester:**

True: 76%

False: 4%

More or Less: 20%

**End of Second Semester with Wording Variation:** The presentations to the New Jags help me discover and take advantage of the resources available so I may have the best possible experience at school and in my new life en the USA.

True: 91%

False: 0

More or Less: 9%

1. The New Jags presentations motivate me to come to school.

**End of First Semester:**

True: 56%

False: 4%

More or Less: 36%

No Answer: 4%

**End of second semester with Wording Variation:** The New Jags presentations motivate me to come to school even if there may be other circumstances that may not motivate me to come to school.

True: 66%

False: 12%

More or Less: 22%

1. The New Jags presentations help me have academic success.

**End of First Semester:**

True: 64%

False: 9%

More or Less: 24%

No Answer: 3%

**End of Second Semester:**

True: 78%

False: 2%

More or Less: 19%

No Answer: 1%

1. The presentations to the New Jags help me understand how I can achieve professional success in the future in my life in the USA.

**End of First Semester:**

True: 78%

False: 7%

More or Less: 16%

**End of Second Semester with Wording Variation:** The New Jags presentations help me understand how I can better take advantage of the opportunities in the future in my life in the USA.

True: 89%

False: 3%

More or Less: 8%

1. The New Jags presentations provide me with emotional support to deal in a positive way with the experience of being a new immigrant in the USA.

**End of First Semester:**

True: 60%

False: 7%

More or Less: 33%

**End of Second Semester:**

True: 77%

False: 7%

More or Less: 14%

No Answer: 2%

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| **Types of Questions** | **First Semester** | **Second Semester** |
| Answers that Indicate Complete Positive Impact | 67% | 80% |
| Negative or No Impact: | 5% | 5% |
| Relative Impact | 27% | 15% |
| No Answer | 1% | Less than 1% |

1. The New Jags presentations have impacted me in the following way..

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| **END OF FIRST SEMESTER** |
| It impacted me a lot but I would like to learn how to pass to the higher English levels.  That the teachers don’t let us speak; they are the ones who speak to us.  The program is very good and motivates us to continue getting ahead and not stop studying.  The presentations are good because they teach us good things about how to adapt.  We need more help than advice.  The teacher is very good; teaches us how to behave better at school and in this country.  It is good since it gives us time to rest and time to do homework.  She does not let us speak.  It would be much better if they would take our opinions into account and let us know of more options.  I hope that they will continue helping students to get ahead.  The presenter does not let us speak.  This program gives you more options and things to learn about.  I don’t know.  They speak a lot and I don’t like it much.  Has helped me understand the school rules.  It has helped me understand that this is a big and pretty school and that the teachers are prepared to give us explanations.  It has helped me with my goals.  Has motivated me to study and that is what I simply do every day.  Motivates us.  Has helped me to be a good student.  Gives me more chances, more desire to learn.  Has motivated me a great deal to see the reality and see the good side of this new life opportunity.  Has impacted me to have success in the future.  Has impacted me to learn more English words. |
| **END OF SECOND SEMESTER** |
| It helped me to improve my English and to have success in the USA. Thanks a lot for your support.  Helps me to learn more each day and improve my mistakes.  Very good.  It helped me in part.  New Jags has helped me a lot.  New Jags has helped me a lot because I am feeling more comfortable in this country. I am managing time better and (can’t understand handwriting)  I liked it a lot since it helped people.  I liked it since it helped me to get ahead.  I liked this program because it helped us to become better and have success every day.  Motivated me to want to do better in school and be more creative.  Really nice.  The presentations helped me to get motivated and come to school.  Motivates us to have a good life at the USA.  It is a good program since it helps you think about the future and gives you knowledge about the USA.  Thank you for all you did for the New Jags.  Made us think of opportunities in this country and how to become someone in this country.  I liked the information about the law and my rights.  The school is important and good.  I liked New Jags.  Taught be about rules and how to be a good immigrant.  Taught me how to get ahead, how to have success and be a good immigrant.  I have learned English and many more things and enjoy school.  The presentations helped to have success, how to take better advantage of opportunities in the future and provide with emotional support.  You learn to focus on reaching your goals; good decisions bring good actions.  Helped me to want to learn more.  It was very important for me to do excellent work and motivated me in school.  Learn about my rights and important things.  This program is very good for us. It helps us acquire knowledge to help us adapt more in the USA and I like it a lot; I want this program to continue, to help us.  I liked the presentations a lot; they helped us to get motivated to improve; I like this program a great deal.  I have liked this program since it helps us know ourselves better. Thank you.  It has helped me to adapt more quickly to this country, and has motivated me to continue getting ahead, to follow my dreams and become someone in this life. Excellent program that will hopefully be even better next year.  I like this program since it presented many things that I did not know about, that I have to learn about in the USA.  It helped me to find work and in writing, speaking and athletic opportunities.  New Jags has taught me about the rules in this country and many other things. I hope that it will continue help the new immigrants so they will be have problems any more.  Presents positive ideas to help us adapt.  It liked it a lot since it helped us.  I think this program is very blessed since it helped us a lot to continue getting ahead.  I think it helped us a lot since it gave us advice to continue studying and teaches us about the law and how to become a good person in this life.  I would like for these presentations to take a longer time.  I would like for the program to speak about how to have a good relationship with a girlfriend.  Would like to learn more about VA law. Thanks.  How to deal with parents when they have problems.  I liked the advice.  Well, the truth is that I have not attended many presentations but would like to learn more about what I need to graduate and if I can get some kind of help to go to the university; would like for someone to talk to me about what I can become, what I can study at the university, I need inspiration. I want to finish my studies.  Has helped me to adapt better in the USA, to understand how difficult life is in the USA for Hispanics.  Has helped me think positively and work hard to achieve my goals.  Learned how to get motivated for the future.  It really supported me; thanks for helping us achieve out goals.  Helped me to learn how to adapt to the USA.  After each presentation I have learned how to be a better person and a better student; I am grateful for your advice.  Has given me good advice and helped to reflect.  I would like to know more about food.  Has helped me a little about how to become a good person.  The presentations helped me a lot; to learn that life in the USA is not so easy; helped me have more knowledge and to value what my teachers teach me.  The presentations that I liked the most were about Enrique’s Journey (and the student goes on to write the story). Thanks for the time you dedicated to us.  Enrique’s Journey helped me a lot and made me think of my mother and my life.  Motivates me to not get discouraged and to study.  Excellent program that has helped me a lot to get ahead. Thank you for your support.  Motivated me to become someone in the future.  Helped me to be different, better related to others; to take better decisions and have more communication with my family like with my family. Thanks for a good program.  Has helped me to get things in this country such as my documents.  It is a very interesting program.  The presentations are very important to help everyone to learn important things like for example about the rights.  I thought the program was good and it helped me a lot.  I like the program since they give us advice that can help us a lot in many things for our future.  It helped me to get motivated and to speak with more people and friends.  It helps me to be able to communicate with others and to continue a new life in the USA forward without being next to my family but having the hope to be able to see my new family.  Have helped me a lot above all with their advice and their help about programs. It is very good that a program like this exists since we are new at our school and the country and we feel we have no help and you guys help a lot.  The help of New Jags have helped me a lot like for example to k now my rights and learn how to conduct my life with success and know the most I want thank you for your support.  Has helped me to make a big effort for my studies.  The presentation by the man who spoke about immigration impacted me a lot.  New Jags is important. Thank you for your help. |

**LADIES OF HONOR DATA**

**2015-2016**

While this school year Ladies of Honor comprises a total of 134 students, - 22 of whom are Freshmen who were invited during the second semester - 49 Sophomore, Junior and Senior students answered this survey at the end of the first semester. The “Agree” answers demonstrate that the program has had a positive impact on the students’ sense of connection to FCHS, their peers and adults; better attendance and grades; better behavior; better guidance and examples to follow; better understanding of how to seek help when needed; more positive self-image and self-esteem; more resilience and self-confidence; and more hope towards the future. At the end of the survey, the students had a chance of expressing “What Ladies of Honor means to me”.

1. “Ladies of Honor” helps me feel connected to Falls Church High School.

Agree: 53%

Not Sure: 41%

Disagree: 6%

1. “Ladies of Honor” helps me feel more connected to my peers.

Agree: 63%

Not Sure: 29%

Disagree: 6%

No Answer: 2%

1. “Ladies of Honor” helps me feel that at least one adult other than my family members cares about me.

Agree: 85%

Not Sure: 15%

Disagree: 0%

1. “Ladies of Honor” motivates me to have better attendance.

Agree: 67%

Not Sure: 27%

Disagree: 6%

1. “Ladies of Honor” motivates me to have good or better grades.

Agree: 67%

Not Sure: 32%

Disagree: 2%

1. “Ladies of Honor” motivates me to behave in a more positive, honorable way.

Agree: 88%

Not Sure: 12%

Disagree: 0%

1. “Ladies of Honor” provides me with good examples and guidance to follow.

Agree: 86%

Not Sure: 12%

Disagree: 0%

No Answer: 2%

1. “Ladies of Honor” provides me with a better understanding of how to see help when I need it.

Agree: 84%

Not Sure: 14%

Disagree: 0%

No Answer: 2%

1. “Ladies of Honor” helps me have a more positive attitude towards myself.

Agree: 79%

Not Sure: 21%

Disagree: 0%

1. “Ladies of Honor” helps me feel stronger, more resilient and self-confident.

Agree: 75%

Not Sure: 23%

Disagree: 2%

1. “Ladies of Honor” makes me feel more hopeful about the future.

Agree: 86%

Not Sure: 14%

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| **Answers about Impact of Ladies of Honor** | |
| Agree that LoH has had positive impact | 75% |
| Not Sure that LoH has had positive impact | 22% |
| Disagree that LoH has had positive impact | 2% |

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| **What “Ladies of Honor” means to me:** |
| Connection and bond of common interests. Sisters. Family.  To be an example.  Strong-minded woman.  Strong women.  A lot of things.  It means that I have a purpose in life (picture of a heart). Thank you for providing Ladies of Honor! (picture of smiley face).  It means to believe in yourself.  It means the world, it’s a very positive environment to be in.  Ladies of Honor means to be that you honor and believe in yourself.  Ladies of Honor is confidence among my peers. It is a way of expressing our leadership qualities among each other.  A group that helps out girls feel better about themselves and help us out with our problems.  Ms. Caballero (Cabrero?) is the bomb.com  Connecting with students like me in topics that matter in terms of ourselves and our community.  It means I have people to look up to and to talk to.  Respect yourself.  Self-respect and integrity. To have self-confidence.  Importance of self-confidence and self-respect. Bring (illegible) and having dignity for oneself.  Ladies of Honor is somewhere where you can share their problems, a place to receive inspiration. It is a place to gain confidence and believe you are something and can do whatever you want if you put your mind to it.  Ladies of Honor means that everyone has to be respectful to other girls. This is great place where girls get together and can make new friends.  Ladies of Honor means having confidence, being able to talk to peers and feel comfortable.  What Ladies of Honor means to me would be that it is my little light of hope because I have lived through so many problems, and I would think that there is no hope. But thankfully I seeked for help from Ladies of Honor, and I recently came and it helps me know who I am and how I should become even stronger as a girl I am. I should also value myself and gain confidence. I’m thankful that I’m in Ladies of Honor because I don’t lower my head, but I look up and walk forward through all the problems. Thanks!  Ladies of Honor help me with my mental stability when others think I’m just looking for attention. It makes me feel like my inner feelings and thoughts do matter. I feel confident and happy and beautiful b/c not only do I have to remind myself, but there are others here who are there for me.  Ladies of Honor means to be a part of a group that supports me, highlights my worth and encourages empowerment/success.  It means I am able to connect with other people who are going through tough times like me.  To adapt to all of the ladies personally and getting a chance to be comfortable with others. Be an excellent role model. Be your unique self.  A group of strong women that motivate each other to be better and strong, and more importantly to help each other know their value.  Insightful talks which talk about and elaborate upon lives different from my own.  It means a lot.  Being a lady and earning respect for what it’s worth. I’m proud of who I am. |