



## Class of 2017 Quick Facts

### **First Years<sup>1</sup> are confident in their academic abilities...**

- 62% rate themselves in the highest 10% in academic ability
- 42% place themselves in the highest 10% in mathematical ability
- 42% place themselves in the highest 10% in drive to achieve
- 35% report their critical thinking skills are a major strength
- 27% place themselves in the highest 10% in self-confidence (intellectual)

### **...but less confident in other areas associated with success in college and beyond**

- 19% place themselves in the highest 10% for leadership abilities
- 16% report ability to manage time effectively is a major strength
- 9% place themselves in the highest 10% for self-confidence (social)

### **Active and collaborative learning:**

- 81% indicate there is a very good chance they will discuss course content with students outside of class
- 54% report they frequently sought feedback on their academic work (in HS)
- 52% report they frequently worked with other students on group projects (in HS)
- 38% report they frequently studied with other students (in HS)

### **First years come to HMC with expectations for a diverse college environment...**

- 83% report they frequently socialized with someone of another racial/ethnic group during the past year
- 82% indicate there is a very good chance they will socialize with someone of another racial/ethnic group
- 61% indicate there is a very good chance they will have a roommate of a different ethnicity
- 50% indicate improving their understanding of other countries and cultures is an important/essential personal goal
- 8% report their knowledge of people from different races/cultures is a major strength

### **...but with room to develop the skills and abilities that will help them live and work in a diverse society**

- 46% indicate that their tolerance of others with different beliefs is a major strength
- 39% indicate their ability to work cooperatively with diverse peoples is a major strength
- 28% indicate that their ability to see the world from someone else's perspective is a major strength
- 23% indicate their ability to discuss and negotiate controversial issues is a major strength
- 21% indicate that openness to having my own views challenged is a major strength

### **Contact with racial diversity:**

- 56% indicate the neighborhood they grew up in was mostly or completely white
- 50% report the high school they last attended was mostly or completely white

### **Experience placing their learning in context:**

- 10% report understanding the problems facing their community is a major strength
- 8% report understanding of national issues is a major strength
- 8% report understanding of global issues is a major strength

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<sup>1</sup> Source: 2013 CIRP Freshman Survey results, fall 2013. n = 215. For more information contact [lpblake@hmc.edu](mailto:lpblake@hmc.edu)