First Years\textsuperscript{1} 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

\textsuperscript{1} Source: 2013 CIRP Freshman Survey results, fall 2013. n = 215. For more information contact lpblake@hmc.edu