

The Albuquerque Hispano Chamber of Commerce

YOUTH SUMMIT & FUTURE'S FAIR

Presented by Pima Medical Institute

2026

IMPACT REPORT





WHO WE REACHED 11 SCHOOLS

Albuquerque Talent Development Academy
Albuquerque High School
Digital Arts & Technology Academy
East Mountain High School
APS Transition Services
Volcano Vista High School
ACE Leadership High School
Atrisco Heritage High School
La Cueva High School
St. Pius X High School
West Mesa High School

240 Total Students

93% Were first time attendees

Majority were freshmen

Early exposure gives students more time to explore their options and plan for their future.

THE MISSION

HELPING STUDENTS PREPARE FOR:



**FINANCIAL
LITERACY**



**COLLEGE &
POST-SECONDARY
EDUCATION**



**WORKFORCE
READINESS**



**CAREER
EXPLORATION**

THE OUTCOME

STUDENTS LEFT WITH GREATER
CONFIDENCE & KNOWLEDGE.

94% Left feeling more prepared to
manage their finances.

31% Identified as first-generation
college students.

89% Left feeling confident about their
future career pathway.

69% Spoke directly with a professional
about a career of interest.

87% OF STUDENTS

ATTENDED A FINANCIAL
LITERACY WORKSHOP.

FINANCIAL CONCEPTS LEARNED:

Credit Unions vs. Banks



VS



45%

30%

15%

0%

CREATING
A BUDGET

UNDERSTANDING
CREDIT

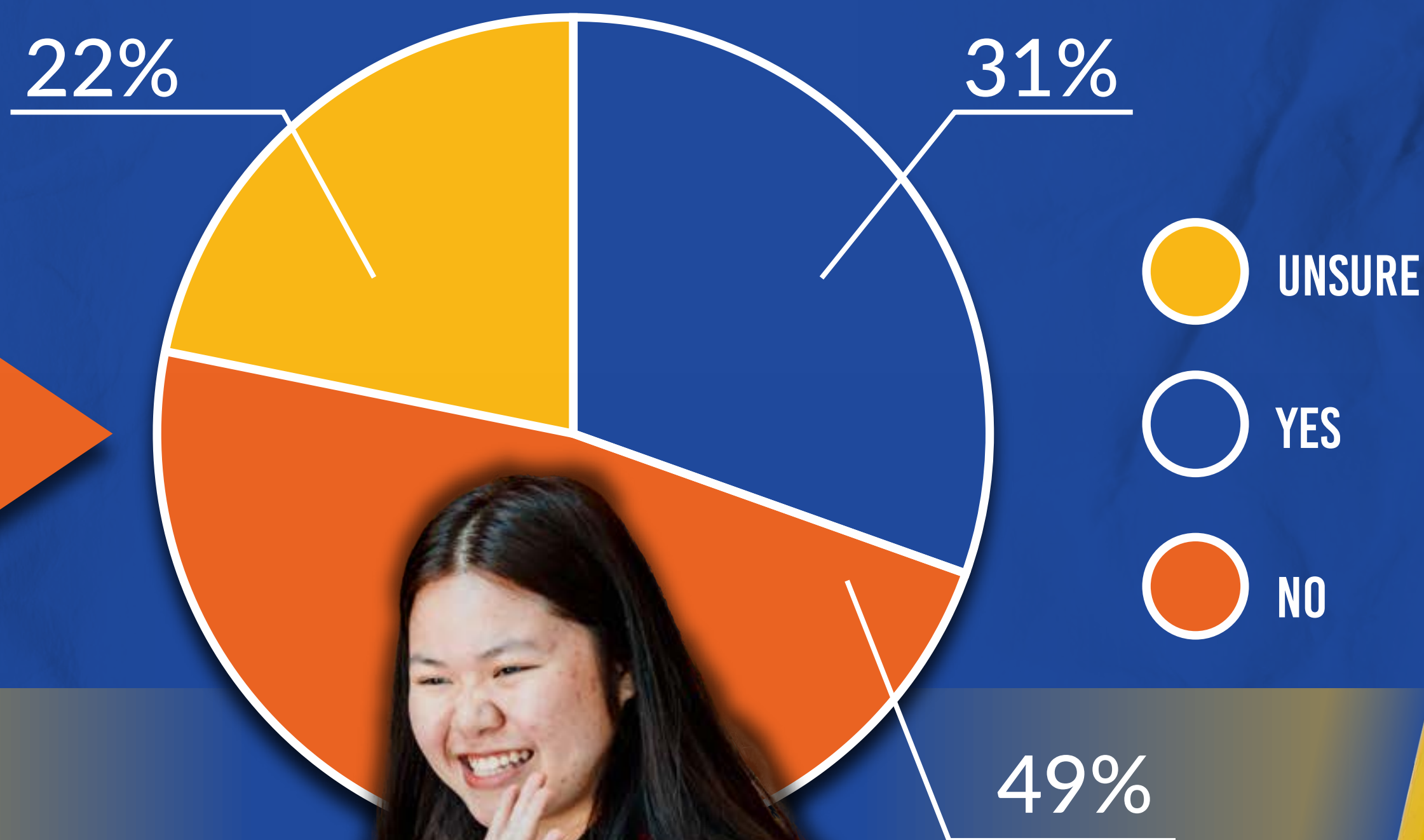
SAVING
MONEY

AVOIDING
DEBT

1 IN 3 STUDENTS

WILL BE THE FIRST PERSON IN THEIR FAMILY TO PURSUE COLLEGE OR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION.

This highlights the importance of providing accessible college and career guidance



EXPLORING WHAT COMES NEXT

STUDENTS INCREASED THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF:

69%

College Options

27%

STEM Pathways

24%

Trade Programs

18%

Workforce Opportunities

13%

Military Pathways



TURNING KNOWLEDGE INTO ACTION

FOLLOWING THE EVENT, STUDENTS
REPORTED BEING MORE LIKELY TO:

33%

Work on a College or Scholarship Essay

27%

Apply to College

13%

Complete a Financial Aid Form

11%

Explore a Trade or Technical Program

9%

Research Careers or Employers

4%

Speak With a Counselor or Advisor



97% OF STUDENTS

WERE SATISFIED WITH THE EVENT.



STUDENT TESTIMONIALS

Students shared meaningful reflections on what they gained from the experience:

“How to prepare for college and what colleges look for in a candidate.”

“How to buy your first car.”

“Stepping out of my comfort zone.”

“Dining etiquette.”

“How to better manage my money while balancing school, work, and life.”

“Budgeting skills.”



TOGETHER, WE'RE BUILDING PATHWAYS TO OPPORTUNITY.

The 2026 Youth Summit & Future's Fair connected students with the *knowledge, resources, and real-world experiences* to help them prepare for what comes next.

From financial literacy and career exploration to college and workforce pathways, *students left with greater confidence, awareness, and tools for their future.*



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