De Anza College Health Survey

Dear student,

You have been randomly selected to participate in the National College Health Assessment Web survey (NCHA-Web) sponsored by the American College Health Association (ACHA). The NCHA-Web is a survey designed to assess student health behaviors in order to provide better services and support for DeAnza College students. You may benefit by knowing that you have assisted in providing accurate information regarding health behaviors on your campus. The information will be used to develop health education and promotion programs.

The NCHA-Web is completed online via the Internet. You may scroll through the survey as you fill this out. We encourage you to complete the survey in one sitting, which typically takes about 20-30 minutes.

At the completion of the survey you will receive a thank you message which will then qualify you for a drawing to win the following items.

- Grand Prize – iTouch 8g
- 16 - $25 DeAnza Book Store gift cards
- 35 – DeAnza Sweatshirts

The American College Health Association will randomly select the winning email addresses after March 23 and forward them to the DeAnza Student Health Center. The Student Health Center will then notify the winners by email. Prizes will be available for pick up at the Health Center, located in the lower level of the Campus Center and must be picked up by Thursday April 28, 2011. The Health Center will not have access to any survey information provided by the students, just the email address for which to award the prizes.

There may be some personal discomfort with the content of certain questions. For example, there are questions regarding illegal behaviors such as illegal substance use and sexual behavior. Your participation is completely voluntary and confidential. Your name or email addresses will never be associated with your responses. You may answer only some questions, or you may choose not to participate in the survey at all.

Even though you may think that you do not meet the standard demographic student population we are particularly interested in getting information which represents our diversity.

You have been assigned an ID number in order for the secure Internet server to manage your online survey input. This number is imbedded in your URL address. To ensure confidentiality, ID numbers and e-mail addresses are destroyed before data are compiled and shared with your college or university.

Data transmission is encrypted and firewall securities are in place. Once again, after you submit the survey to the secure server, you will receive a message thanking you for taking the NCHA-Web. The final survey responses will be housed at ACHA. The version of the data set that is forwarded to your institution will not include personal identification such as e-mail addresses or ID numbers.

More directions follow as you link to the web site. By linking to the survey web site you are acknowledging that you are 18 years of age or older, and you are agreeing to participate in the NCHA-Web.
If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact DeAnza Student Health Center at 408 864-8732, or stop by the office. We are open Monday through Thursday from 8am-8:30pm and Friday 8am-4:30pm. Or email Mary Sullivan, Health Service Coordinator at <sullivanmary@DeAnza.edu>.

The survey will be available February 27, 2011 through March 19, 2011. However, it would be helpful for participants to complete it as soon as possible. For those who do not complete it within the first week reminders will be sent out March 3, March 9 and March 15. So, if you accidentally delete the survey you will receive a reminder and another chance to complete it.

Thank you for your participation. This will be very valuable information that hopefully will benefit your health care needs in the future.

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