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HYPOTHESIS

 We hypothesize that people who are more involved in activities each week have a higher sense of belonging.

PARTICIPANTS

- 78 students in the survey
- Average age 22
- Race
- 1. African Americans (91.7%)
- 2. Latino (2.8%)
- 3. White (1.4%)
- 4. Mixed Race (4.2%)

MEASURES

 College Belonging (Strongly disagree N=1; Stongly agree N-4)

RESULTS

Activity time & Total Belonging

- r (62) = .409, p<.001; Significant
- SSPS Biravate Correlation



DISCUSSION

The purpose of this study is to explore ways students can better adjust to the transition to college. This study examines how joining clubs and organizations can help a student feel more accepted, involved, and connected to the university or college of their choice. When one feels a sense of belonging at a college or university, they are more likely to complete their academic plans and feel more connected to their university. The results have shown that no matter what stage in life a human is in, connection always has a significant impact on overall success, especially in college