

Group 1

**Why  
COA  
Theme:**

**Theme:  
Unknown  
Pressure**

**Closer  
to  
home**

**COA was  
affordable**

**Couldn't  
navigate  
online  
resources**

**Only enrolled  
in AFRAM ( no  
other interest,  
had  
enrollment  
issues)**

**Need Financial  
understanding**

**Wanted to be  
in certain  
faculty  
(easiest,best)**

**Joined to  
be with  
friends**

**Challenges  
were personal  
goals**

**Needed  
ob/work  
skills**

**Lack self-confidence**

**Students need  
communication  
skills**

**Need to  
readjust  
to offline  
schedule**

**Uncertainty  
+ lack of  
information  
=**

# Group 2

**Theme: Navigating systems**

College systems are tricky to navigate

**Things that are working!**

Convenience of CoA makes it easier to enter higher education.

**Theme: Barriers**

There is a heaviness in just showing up as a student and sustaining oneself

**Theme: Personal Responsibility/ Questions for Self**

The future is daunting and I'm here without all the answers.

Access to disability services? Are they accessing?

Courses offered at other campuses, potential loss of promise grant (students not clear)

CoA as a gradual move into college

\$500 on us - loved that

Concerned about getting more food (own cultural food).

Money as a barrier to college/ saving money

**Wanting to transfer**

Future is up to me (common theme), personal responsibility.

Wanting work experience, but not having as much access (Career Center).

Asynchronous courses are harder to manage.

Convenience of CoA

**Concerns about mental health**

Seems like there is more time, but procrastination is an issue

Similar to transition course in summer through ACCESO (themes of stress, how am I going to figure it out).

Many resources, but higher expectations

All first generation students

Balancing work/school

Concerns about making it/ transferring

Making good decisions/ can do this/ is college for them?

# Out of Synch

Tech saavy

Classes

jobs

Campus Vibe makes students want to show up

The future is daunting and I'm here without all the answers.

Unknown Pressure

Lost in the college wilderness

College systems are tricky to navigate

There is a heaviness in just showing up as a student and sustaining oneself.

