



The 2019-2020 Forum 40404

Alumni Voices

What is Forum 40404?

The Forum 40404 project is coordinated by Clara Labus Chapman, '93 (Assistant Director in the Office of Institutional Research and Assessment). The name, Forum 40404, was chosen to represent a Berea College alumni panel and reflects the unique zip code of the College. The members volunteered to share their opinions, experiences, thoughts, and ideas by answering four to five surveys over the course of a year. We sent invitations to a randomly selected group of 6,000 alumni (graduates and non-graduates) and 341 alumni agreed to serve on the Forum 40404.

The topics of the surveys are approved by the Administrative Committee (President and Vice Presidents) in collaboration with various departments and individuals across campus. The surveys are constructed, analyzed, and the results summarized by the staff of the Office of Institutional Research and Assessment (Clara, the office Labor students, and the Director, Judith Weckman).

What are the goals/mission of Forum 40404?

The goal of the Forum 40404 is to obtain feedback from a dedicated group of alumni who have agreed to be surveyed. This allows us to provide an "alumni voice" to inform decision-making.

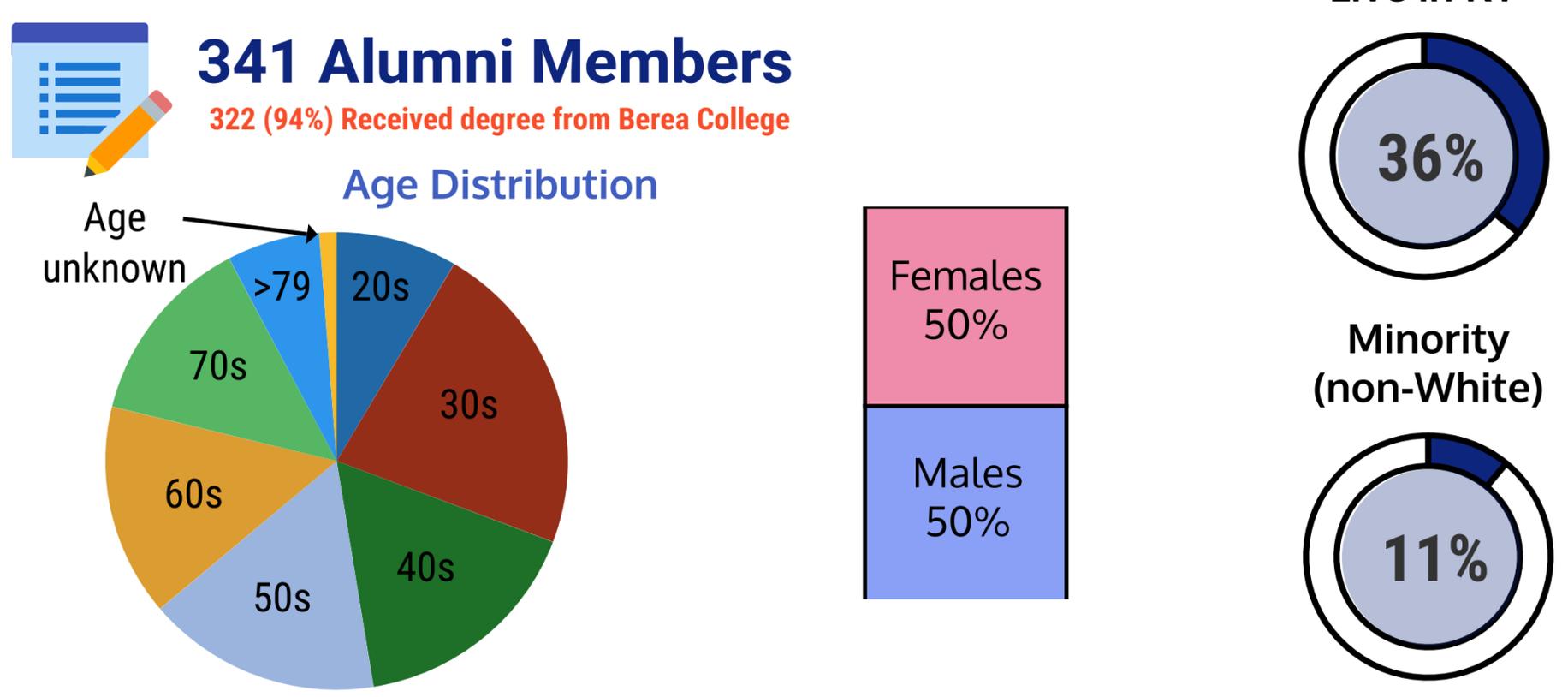
What is the time commitment?

Forum 40404 members will be asked to respond to four or five short web-based interviews (surveys).

How is confidentiality protected? How and with whom will the reports be shared?

Individual responses/ratings of members will not be shared. We will use comments from Forum 40404 members, but will ask permission if to quote a member and use his/her name. Executive summaries are shared with the Forum 40404 members, administrators (including the Board of Trustees), faculty/staff, and students. Reports are shared electronically through e-mail and also posted on the Institutional Research website: www.berea.edu/ira/forum-40404.

What are the demographics of the Forum 40404 membership?



The current Forum 40404 members gave these reasons for volunteering.

- To give back/stay connected.**

Berea had the biggest influence on my professional life. I want to continue to support the mission and work of Berea College.
- To help current and future students.**

I would like to be part of on-going dialogue to help Berea College challenge the next generation of students and to help in preparing those students for the real life ahead.
- To be an alumni voice.**

I appreciate the knowledge and values I gained at Berea. I believe it takes many kinds of thinking, viewpoints, values, etc. to make things better in this world.