

**College Growth Pilot
INFORMED CONSENT**

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PURPOSE

This is a research study. The purpose of this research study is to better understand how one's personality, cognition and spirituality grow during the college years. We are inviting you to participate in this research study because you are a first year or final year student at North Park University. Approximately 400 people are expected to take part in this study.

PROCEDURES

If you agree to take part in this study, your involvement will last for approximately 30 minutes.

You will be asked to complete a group of measures including demographic information and your understanding of your thoughts, feelings and behaviors. You will rate your agreement or disagreement with these statements. The measurement will take place via online survey software.

You will receive a unique participant number in order to participate in this study. This participant number will identify you as a first year or final year student and, for first year students, allow possible re-testing in later year of study. Data will only be viewed by the researchers and will be reported in group-form only.

RISKS & BENEFITS

There are minimum foreseeable risks to participating in this study.

Your responses on the assessment devices will be confidential and protected to the full extent of the law. Data from this study will be analyzed and reported in group-form only.

In this study, you will be asked about your personal characteristics and beliefs. Because these items are personal in nature, you may experience some positive and negative emotion while completing the questionnaire. You are free to skip any item that makes you feel uncomfortable.

You may not benefit personally from being in this study. However, we hope that future students will benefit from the findings gained in this study.

COSTS and COMPENSATION

You will not have any costs for being in this research study. Upon completion of the study you may submit your name to receive a \$5 gift card in appreciation of your participation.

VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION

Taking part in this research study is completely voluntary. You may choose not to take part at all. If you decide to be in this study, you may stop participating at any time. If you decide not to be in this study, or if you stop participating at any time, you won't be penalized or lose any benefits for which you otherwise qualify.

CONFIDENTIALITY

Records of participation in this research study will be kept confidential to the extent required by law. All data and consent forms will be stored in a secure area. In the event of any report or publication about this study, results will be reported in a summarized manner so that you cannot be identified.

QUESTIONS

We encourage you to ask questions. If you have any questions about the research study itself, please contact Dr. Elizabeth Gray at (773) 244-4844 or egray@northpark.edu, or the North Park University Institutional Review Board chair, Dr. Kezia Shirkey at (773-244-5249 or kcshirkey@northpark.edu.

By clicking the box below, "I Agree", you indicate that this research study has been explained to you and that your questions have been answered.

Continuing to the next page of this study indicates your agreement to take part in this study.

☐ ***I Agree***