Map Your Social Network
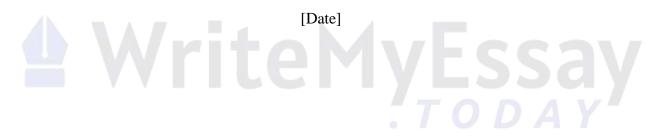
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Figure 13.15

	Name	Barely Connected	Loosely Connected	Somewhat Connected	Tightly Connected
1	Jake Parks		✓		
2	Patricia Knight				✓
3	April Neal	✓			
4	Leslie Watkins	✓			
5	Juana Hopkins			✓	
6	Annie Phelps		✓		
7	Audrey Mason			✓	
8	Debbie Hart				✓
9	Bridget Owens	✓			
10	Garrett Campbell	✓			
11	Rebecca Garner		✓		

12	Charlie Barber				✓	
13	Wilson Perry		✓		
14	Denise Murray					✓
15	Lynn Benson		✓		

Figure 13.16

	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
1	✓						✓			✓				
2				✓					✓			✓		
3						✓								✓
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In calculating my network size, I first must count the number of people that I have listed in my network. The total number of people that I have in my network is 15.

Having identified the number of people in my network enables me to calculate my network density. This requires me to use the values of my network size (N), the maximum density (M), and the number of checkmarks (C). To figure out the maximum density of my network, I need to utilize the following formula: $(N*(N-1)/2) = M$. With my values, the equation will look like this: $(15*(15-1)/2) = M$ or $105 = M$. Then, I will obtain the number of checkmarks found in figure 13.16, which equals 2. Finally, the density of my network can be found via the following formula: $C/M = D$. With my values, this changes the equation to $10/105 = D$ or $D = 0.10$.

The next evaluation that I can complete on my network is the percentage of tightly connected, somewhat connected, loosely connected, and barely connected relationships that I have. To do this, I will count the total of each type of relationship and divide it by the total amount of people in my network. This would result in me having 27% barely connected relationships, 33% loosely connected relationships, 20% somewhat connected relationships, and 20% tightly connected relationships. During the identification of my types of relationships, I was also able to identify those individuals that have helped connect me to other people. The amount of people that have connected me to others is 5.

In assessing the findings from this assignment, I have found that my network is somewhat connected. However, it is not tightly connected. I attribute this to being involved in many different activities instead of sticking to one singular path. I feel this diversification has helped me with building my network, even though many of my connections do not overlap. I can also attribute social media to my growing network through the use of a professional networking

site, such as LinkedIn (Rashid, 2018). The pros in having diversification is that I have connections in many different places. However, the diversification has caused a discrepancy in my ability to have more than one or two connections in each of my involvements (Donelan, 2016). This could affect my future development in those areas without knowing more people to add to my network. Therefore, I can work on strengthening my network by narrowing my scope of participation to begin fostering those connections that I have already procured. Then, I can work on growing relationships within those connections by allowing those people to introduce me to others in that same activity. Although this may limit my diversification, I will be able to benefit from the growing number of strongly connected relationships that I will have.

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