Job Placement and Satisfaction of Graduates

Results from the Future Destination Survey administered at commencement has yielded a higher response to more accurately indicate the future plans of our graduates:

2015: 372 responses
Most likely activity after graduation:

- 75%-full-time employment
- 14%-part-time employment
- 18%-full-time graduate studies
- 8%-part-time graduate studies

2014: 314 responses
Most likely activity after graduation:

- 75%-full-time employment
- 16%-part-time employment
- 18%-full-time graduate studies
- 10%-part-time graduate studies

GRADUATION SURVEY 2013

Utilized Career Services = 52%
Engaged in experiential education = 61%

Types of experiential education these students participated in (Note: some students participated in more than one type of experiential education):

- Job shadowing - 37%
- Externship - 6%
- Internship - 66%
- Co-op - 21%

In major related position = 51%
In a career-entry position = 41%

Type of employment after graduation: Full-time - 50%
Part-time - 28%
Unemployed - 19%
Volunteer - 1%

Satisfaction with current position:
very dissatisfied - 17%
Dissatisfied - 25%
Satisfied - 34%
Very Satisfied - 24%

Intending to attend grad school:
Yes, accepted - 13%
Applied and awaiting response - 4%
Applied, but not accepted - 12%
Plan to in future - 50%

Believe degree / major prepared them for their current job = 64%
Involved in clubs = 32%

**GRADUATION SURVEY 2014**

Utilized Career Services = 41%
Engaged in experiential education = 83%

Type of experiential education these students participated in:
Job shadowing - 28%
Internship - 51%
Externship - 8%
Co-op - 13%

In major related position = 64%
In a career-entry position = 52%

Type of employment after graduation: Full-time - 53%
Part-Time-25%
Unemployed-19%
Volunteer Service-1%

Satisfaction with current position:
Very dissatisfied- 19%
Dissatisfied- 27%
Satisfied-19%
Very satisfied- 34%

Intending to attend graduate school = 31%
Yes, accepted= 13%
Applied and awaiting response= 9%
Applied, but accepted= 9%
Plan in the future= 45%

Feel their degree prepared for employment = 64%
Involved in clubs and organizations at Shepherd = 67%

SURVEY CONTENT

Beyond the basic personal information, the survey covers the following the questions:

• Degree information; date of graduation;
• Major and minor if applicable;
• What will your employment status be immediately after graduation? • Do you plan to attend Graduate/Professional School? • If yes, where and in what field? • What is your annual salary range? • While at Shepherd, did you have a realistic expectation of your salary for your first year(s) after graduation? • While at Shepherd, did you take out student loans to pay for your education? Amount? • Did you consider your ability to repay those loans after graduation when determining how much to
borrow?

• What is your monthly repayment plan?
• Are you familiar with the Office of Career Services at Shepherd?
• Are you aware that the Office of Career Services provides services to Shepherd alumni?
• Did you utilize any services offered by Shepherd's Office of Career Services?
• What method(s) did you use/are you using to secure your first job after graduation?
• Are you in a career-entry position?
• Are you in a non-career entry position?

• On a scale of 1 through 4, with 1 being very dissatisfied and 4 being very satisfied, how satisfied are you with your current career status?
• Do you feel your degree/major prepared you for your current job?
• Position require/prefer a college degree?

• Is your current position related to your major field of study?
• While at Shepherd, were you involved in any clubs/orgs/Greek Life/athletics?
• Are you familiar with the Office of Alumni Affairs at Shepherd?
• Would you be interested in getting involved with the Office of Alumni Affairs?
• Do you believe that having work experience is an important asset when it comes to searching for employment opportunities?
• On a scale of 1 through 4, with 1 being not important and 4 being very important, how essential is having work experience when searching for employment opportunities?

Did you engage in any type of experiential education (internship, co-op, externship or job shadowing) during the course of your academic career?

*Due to the confidentiality of information provided by graduates, a summary of the results are provided here.