New Graduate Survey Summary Report, 2008-2009

The UWG survey revealed that within the first six months of graduation, 68.1% of the graduates had found jobs; within 12 months of graduation, 77.8% were employed.

Report Synopsis

1. Over 37% (30% from the earlier study) of the respondents earned under $25,000 a year to start their jobs upon graduation while almost 55% earned between $25-40,000.
2. 36% had jobs either at graduation or within the first month of graduation.
3. 56.4% had found employment within 3 months of graduation.
4. Within 6 months of graduation, 68% had found jobs.
5. Almost 56% perceived that their first job out of college did require a college degree.
6. Almost 73% of the respondents reported working while attending UWG.
7. 66% of the respondents reported that the jobs they worked while in college were related or somewhat related to their career interests, up from 54% in previous survey.
8. The top methods graduates used to find jobs included (in rank order):
   A. Through a friend or relative
   B. Directly applying to employers
   C. Prior work experience with the organization
   D. Other
   E. Internet
   F. Faculty contact or referral
   G. Through Career Services
9. 81% (up 15% from previous survey) used the Internet in their job search, 65% of the graduates using the Internet for their job search used it 50% or more of the time.
10. Over 56% of the respondents have had only one job since graduation.
11. Almost 47% indicated that their current position was related to their academic major.
12. 76% indicated that they are satisfied with their jobs.
13. 75% felt their current job is a step toward achieving their long range career goals.
14. Over 90% of the respondents indicated plans to pursue some level of additional education and/or training even though almost 31% indicated that their current job would require it. Over half of this group is planning to pursue their master’s degree.
15. Over 54% of respondents indicated that the amount of previous experience was valued more than the degree in obtaining their first job.
16. Almost 10% of the responders are actively pursuing other employment.
17. Of those responders utilizing Career Services in their job search, the following items were used the most (Rank order from most often reported starting at A):
   A. Career Days/Job Fairs
   B. Department Website (CareerWeb)
   C. Career/Job Search Guidance
   D. Appointments with staff
   E. On-campus interviews
18. Almost 31% of the responders were currently attending graduate school (up almost 37% from the last survey).