NIU Alumni Survey of Baccalaureate Students (Academic Year 2014-2015)

Employment, Additional Education, Satisfaction and Internships

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Background

• Sample
  – Baccalaureate alumni
    • Graduated fall 2014/spring 2015/summer 2015

• Method
  – Alumni completed survey either online or via telephone
  – Students surveyed post-graduation, in 2017

• Survey Highlights
  – I. Alumni Employment and Additional Education
  – II. Alumni Satisfaction with NIU Services and Degree
  – III. Internship Experiences at NIU
Response Rates

Overall

Number of Students Surveyed: 3380
Respondents: 1023
Response Rate: 30%

By College

- CLAS: Number of Students Surveyed: 1465
  Respondents: 462
  Response Rate: 32%
- CHHS: Number of Students Surveyed: 811
  Respondents: 224
  Response Rate: 28%
- COB: Number of Students Surveyed: 496
  Respondents: 160
  Response Rate: 32%
- CEET: Number of Students Surveyed: 275
  Respondents: 76
  Response Rate: 34%
- COE: Number of Students Surveyed: 275
  Respondents: 74
  Response Rate: 27%
- CVPA: Number of Students Surveyed: 173
  Respondents: 58
  Response Rate: 34%
- Undecided: Number of Students Surveyed: 8
  Respondents: 2
  Response Rate: 25%

Number of Students Surveyed vs. Respondents
I. Alumni Employment and Additional Education
Additional Education: Type of Degree(s) Pursued

... By Respondents Who Pursued Additional Degree(s)

- Undergraduate Degree: 7%
- Master's: 67%
- Doctorate: 3%
- Law: 28%
- Health Professional: 6%
- Theology/Divinity: 5%
- Medicine: 4%
- Education Specialist: 2%
- Other*: 1%

*Participants identified their degree as “Other” if it did not match any of the categories above.
Sector of Employment

... Of Respondents Employed Full Time or Part Time

- Business: 40%
- Health Agency: 13%
- Elementary/Secondary School: 10%
- Professional Firm: 7%
- Non-Profit: 6%
- College/University: 5%
- Government: 4%
- Self-Employed: 3%
- Military: <1%
- Other*: 9%
- Unreported: 3%

*Participants identified their job as “Other” if it did not match any of the categories above.
Location of Employment

... Of Respondents Employed Full Time or Part Time

- Illinois: 65%
- Other State: 13%
- Unreported: 22%

Number of Respondents
Time to Employment

... For Respondents Employed (Full Time or Part Time) After Graduation

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<th>Category</th>
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<td>Less Than 6 Months</td>
<td>70%</td>
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<td>&gt; 6 Months; &lt; 1 Year</td>
<td>18%</td>
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<td>One Year or More</td>
<td>12%</td>
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My degree program at NIU prepared me well for my current job.

I am satisfied with my current job.
Relatedness of NIU Degree to Current Job

... Of Respondents Employed Full Time or Part Time

40% Job Closely Related to Degree
34% Job Related to Degree
13% Job Unrelated to Degree (by Choice)
10% Job Unrelated to Degree (Not by Choice)

Note. Due to missing data, percentages do not sum to 100%.
II. Alumni Satisfaction with NIU Services and Degree
I would recommend NIU to a prospective student.

I am satisfied with my overall experience as a student at NIU.
Satisfaction with NIU’s Services

- While on campus at NIU I felt safe. (n = 979) 4.68
- I am satisfied with the financial aid made available to me during my time at NIU. (n = 891) 4.36
- I am satisfied with the career services available to me at NIU. (n = 883) 4.22
- I am satisfied with the career advising I received at NIU. (n = 958) 3.99

Note: The survey responses are measured on a scale from 1 (Strongly Disagree) to 6 (Strongly Agree), with higher numbers indicating greater satisfaction.
I am satisfied with the academic advising I received within my major.  

Considering my circumstances, I am satisfied with the amount of time it took me to complete my degree.  

I am satisfied with my educational experiences in my major.  

I believe my degree from NIU represents a good value for the investment I made.  

I am satisfied with my baccalaureate degree.  

Strongly Disagree  
Strongly Agree
III. Internship Experiences at NIU
Number of Internships While Attending NIU

- None: 61%
- One: 28%
- Two: 8%
- Three or More: 3%
Types of Internships

Of those alumni who had internships, at least one internship was...

- **Paid:** 66%
- **For Credit:** 60%
- **Within Discipline:** 90%
For more information...

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