California University of Pennsylvania: 2016-17 Graduate Alumni Survey

The 2016-17 Graduate Alumni Survey was administered to 1,095 graduate degree recipients during the spring of 2019 with the goal of capturing overall satisfaction, employment-search experience, post-graduation employment and/or continuing education, and the importance of various skills acquired while a graduate student.

A total of 129 graduate alumni responded to the survey for an overall response rate of 12% and 10 were recipients of a $10 Amazon.com gift card offered by the State System as an incentive for participation. Of those 129 graduate alumni, 85% were employed full-time, while an additional 2% were enrolled in a program of continuing or graduate education. Less than 4% were seeking employment and 1% were serving in the military.

Of those graduate alumni who were employed and provided employment information, 60% were employed in Pennsylvania.

11.8% Response Rate
A total of 129 alumni responded to the 2016-17 Graduate Alumni Survey

59.8% employed in PA
Of those graduate alumni who provided a location of employment, most are employed in PA
The education industry and health and/or medical services industry employed over 69% of graduate alumni. The science and/or related fields; and the agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting industry did not employ any responding graduate alumni.

Less than 12% of employed graduate alumni said their occupation is unrelated to their program/area of study, while almost 63% said their job is directly related to their area of study.

2016-17 Graduate Alumni Industry of Employment

- Education: 39.7%
- Health and/or medical services: 30.2%
- Social and/or community services: 5.2%
- Government: 4.3%
- Business and/or hospitality: 3.4%
- Law, law enforcement, and/or criminal justice: 2.6%
- Arts, entertainment, and/or recreation: 2.6%
- Energy, utilities, construction, manufacturing, trade, and/or transportation: 2.6%
- Communication and/or media: 0.9%
- Military: 0.9%
- Other: 7.8%

N = 116

2016-17 Graduate Alumni Relationship between Occupation and Program

- Directly related: 62.9%
- Mostly related: 16.4%
- Somewhat related: 9.5%
- Not at all related: 11.2%

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The top five sources for graduate alumni to cover their college expenses excluding Federal and/or State financial aid were from personal savings (43%), off-campus jobs (30%), private loans (26%), parental/family/friends contributions (19%), and employer-provided funds (19%).

Overall, 81% of graduate alumni said they would choose the same university again if they had to do it over, and 75% also stated they would choose the same major(s).

80.6% would choose same University
If they had to do it over again, while 75.2% would choose the same major