University of the Pacific Career Resource Center
Graduate Success Survey
Class of 2010

Context

University of Pacific’s graduating class of 2010, as in 2009, faced a challenging job market. The unemployment rate in San Joaquin County in July 2010 was 17.4%. As the survey was being conducted in late February and early March 2011, the unemployment rate had reached 18.4%.

Methodology

An online survey was developed by the Career Resource Center in consultation with the Office of Institutional Research. The survey was launched via email in late February 2011 and continued until March. U.pacific.edu email addresses for 729 students who were awarded undergraduate degrees during 2010 were obtained through the Pacific Alumni Association. As an incentive to respond, those individuals supplying an email address were entered into a drawing for a Kindle. Two email reminders were sent. By the end of March when the survey closed, there were 132 completed surveys for an 18% response rate.

Summary of Key Findings

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<th>2010</th>
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<td>Employed</td>
<td>53.1%</td>
<td>55.4%</td>
<td>56.2%</td>
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<td>In Graduate School</td>
<td>33.4%</td>
<td>32.2%</td>
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<td>Unemployed, not seeking work</td>
<td>0%</td>
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<td>Unemployed, seeking work</td>
<td>13.6%</td>
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<td>Unemployment rate in San Joaquin County (July)</td>
<td>17.4%</td>
<td>16.0%</td>
<td>10.4%</td>
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As the chart indicates, the percentage of those reporting employment 9 months after graduation has been declining, a reflection of the difficult economy. Those students indicating graduate school attendance has risen slightly. The percentage of those who were unemployed and still seeking employment increased, while the unemployment rate in San Joaquin County rose as well over the same period.

The percentage of individuals who indicate they were employed includes those working part time. Respondents were allowed to make only one choice. Those students indicating they were in graduate school and working at the same time (12.9%) were included in the graduate school percentage, but not the percentage of those employed.
Employers

A partial list of employers with whom recent graduates are working currently:

Apple
BioMarin Pharmaceuticals
Catholic Charities
CBS
Children’s Home of Stockton
Clorox
Defense Logistics Agency
Disney
EnviroTech Chemical Services
First Investors Corporation
Gensler
Hawaiian Electric Company
ISP Minerals
Lincoln Unified School District
Los Angeles Angels
Morgan Stanley
National Council of La Raza
Sacramento River Cats
San Francisco State University
SGC Financial & Insurance Services
Sierra Research Laboratories
Sonoma Unified School District
Stockton Unified School District
Varengo Solar
World of Wonders Science Museum
Zappos.com

Employment Satisfaction

A high percentage of recent graduates who are employed report job satisfaction among those recent graduates who are employed as is indicated by the following table:

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<td>I enjoy my work.</td>
<td>83.5%</td>
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<td>My work is related to my major.</td>
<td>73.8%</td>
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<td>I believe the work I do is important.</td>
<td>88.1%</td>
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<td>I have a good relationship with my supervisor.</td>
<td>92.9%</td>
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<td>I am happy with the work environment.</td>
<td>76.2%</td>
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Graduate School

One-third of Pacific’s 2010 graduates (33.4%) are attending graduate or professional school. Of alumni currently enrolled in graduate school, most were in master’s programs, but some were in Dentistry School, Pharmacy School, Law School or doctoral programs.