

RESULTS OF THE SURVEY OF 2005-2006 ALUMNI EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Satisfaction

- Nearly 90% of the survey respondents indicated they would still choose WSU if they were going to college again.
- 72% of the respondents felt WSU was a very worthwhile educational investment.
- 98% of the respondents would recommend WSU to a qualified friend or family member.

Employment

- 86% of the respondents were employed, with a median annual salary of \$38,000.
- 56% of the respondents who were employed described their jobs as being very closely related to their degrees. Another 28% said their jobs were somewhat related to their degrees.
- The most common reason for respondents not to have a job was attendance in school. (51% of unemployed respondents cited this reason.)

Internships

- 53% of the respondents participated in an internship or professional practicum while at WSU.

Further Academic Study

- 21% of the respondents were actively enrolled in graduate school at the time of the survey or had already completed a graduate degree program.

Time to Degree

- 38% of the respondents completed their undergraduate degree programs in four years or fewer, counting time spent at community colleges or other universities, as well as WSU.
- The five most common reasons for survey respondents to have taken longer than four years to earn their undergraduate degrees were as follows:
 - Taking extra time deciding on a major or changing majors at least once (39%)
 - Credits not transferring from a previous institution (31%)
 - Taking fewer classes at a time to accommodate the need to work (27%)
 - Taking extra classes of interest outside the major program (26%)
 - Retaking one or more courses (24%)

Volunteer Service

- 71% of the respondents were engaged in volunteer work.
- 49% of the respondents donated \$100 or more to charity in the previous year.

Closing Remarks

- At the close of the survey, the respondents were given a chance to freely comment on what they have found to be the value of a WSU undergraduate education, areas where the university could improve this value, and what they would say to new WSU students. A summary of the respondents' comments is available in the survey's full report.