

*\*All percentages are rounded to the nearest full point; therefore, they may not add to 100%.*

## **Class of 2009 - School of Culture & Society**

A total of 455 Culture and Society graduates were awarded baccalaureate degrees in August 2008, December 2008, and May 2009. 212(47%) graduates responded to the survey. In an effort to increase the accuracy of our post-graduation activity data, Institutional Research provided additional graduate school attendance information secured through the Student Loan Clearinghouse, which resulted in our learning the post-graduation activities of an additional 54 (12%) graduates.

### **POST GRADUATION ACTIVITY**

#### **Further Study**

A total of 86 (41%) of those who *responded* indicated that they attended graduate school immediately after graduation. This reflects a 1 percentage point decrease in comparison to the Class of 2008. However, through the use of the Admissions Clearinghouse we know 140 (31 including respondents and non-respondents) of the entire class pursued further study since graduation.

#### **Employment**

193 (91%) respondents indicated they were either working *and/or* attending graduate school in the first year after graduation.

A total of 154 (71%) graduates indicated they are employed. Their employment status is as follows:

105 (50%) indicated they were employed full time

46 (20%) indicated they were employed part time

3 ( 1%) indicated they were employed but did not indicate if that employment was full or part time.

50 (24%) indicated they were employed and in graduate school.

36 (17%) indicated they were unemployed, but were attending graduate school.

19 ( 9%) indicated they were both unemployed and not attending graduate school.

### **Average Salaries**

66 (63%) respondents who were employed full time provided salary information.

All salary information is calculated using the actual salary the respondent provided or the median of the salary range selected by the respondent. Respondents that indicated their salaries fell below \$19,999 or above \$80,000 and did not include a precise amount were excluded from the calculations.

The mean reported salary for the respondents that met the above criteria is \$37,576. This reflects a 7% decrease in comparison to the Class of 2008. Salaries ranged from a low of \$22,500 to a high of \$62,500.

### **Fields of Employment**

Students pursue occupations in a variety of career fields. The 98 (64%) respondents that answered this item regarding employment fields are employed as follows:

1 ( 1%) in Arts

16 (16%) in Business

10 (10%) in Communication

25 (26%) in Education

1 (1%) in Engineering

9 (9%) in Government

2 (2%) in Allied Health

5 (5%) in Law

1 ( 1%) in Science

16 (16%) in Human/Social Service

12 (12%) in other fields

### **Time Span from Graduation to Employment**

22 (22%) Culture & Society graduates secured employment prior to graduation.

51 (52%) respondents secured employment within the first three months after graduation.

71 (72%) respondents secured employment within the first six months after graduation.

88 (90%) respondents secured employment within one year of graduation.

## Job Offers

Of the Culture & Society graduates employed who responded to this item, 30 (29%) of the 105 respondents employed full time received more than one job offer. The number of employment offers received ranged from 1 to 6, with respondents receiving a mean of 1.43 offers of employment per graduate.

## Satisfaction with Employment

Using a likert scale of 5 high to 1 low, Culture & Society graduates indicated the level of satisfaction they felt with their jobs. 66 (82.5%) of the 80 (76%) respondents employed indicated an above average or high level of job satisfaction. This reflects a 10.5 percentage point increase in comparison with the Class of 2008. The average satisfaction score for the respondents to this item was 4.23.

## Relationship between Academic Major and Position Obtained

Culture & Society graduates indicated the relationship between their academic major and the position they obtained since graduation.

- 89 (44%) respondents indicated a direct relationship between their academic major and the position they obtained.
- 61 (30%) respondents indicated an indirect relationship between their academic major and the position they obtained.
- 43 (21%) respondents indicated there was no relationship between their academic major and the position they obtained.

## Internship Participation

146 (69%) of Culture & Society majors who responded to the survey indicated they participated in an average of 2.09 internship experiences over an average of 2.34 semesters. This reflects a 5 percentage point decrease in comparison with the Class of 2008.

## Usage of Career Services

174 (82%) respondents indicated they had utilized Career Services during their academic careers. Using a likert scale of 5 high to 1 low, graduates who utilized Career Services were asked to rate the service provided. The average rating was 3.64.

137 (65%) respondents reported utilizing TCNJ recruitment programs (i.e., internship programs and resources, job listings/binders, on-campus recruitment and Career Days).

## Receipt of Advice from Faculty

When asked if they had received advice from faculty in their department or program, 166 (78%) respondents indicated they had.

- 117 (55%) indicated they had received advice regarding post graduation career plans.
- 97 (46%) indicated they had received advice regarding internships.
- 110 (52%) indicated they had received advice regarding graduate and professional school.
- 201 (95%) of the respondents indicated they had either received career advice from their faculty or had used Career Services.

## TCNJ's Preparation for Students' Career Goals

Culture & Society graduates rated how TCNJ prepared them for their current position utilizing a five-point scale (i.e., excellent to poor). Of the 205 (97%) respondents, 142 (69%) rated their preparation as excellent or above average. The average rating was 3.87.

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| 57 (28%) excellent     | 48 (23%) average       | 5 (2%) poor |
| 85 (41%) above average | 10 ( 5%) below average |             |

## Quality of Academic Experience

Culture & Society graduates assessed the overall quality of their academic experience. Of the 207 (98%) respondents, 195 (94%) assessed their academic experience as excellent or above average.

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| 104 (50%) excellent    | 9 ( 9%) average       | 2 (<1%) poor |
| 91 (44%) above average | 1 (<1%) below average |              |

# GRADUATE/PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL

## **Current Graduate/Professional School Attendance**

112 (53%) of respondents indicated that they applied for graduate/professional school in the first year after graduation. 47 (42%) of those that applied had a contingency plan for if they were not admitted to graduate school. This reflects a 25 percentage point increase in comparison with the Class of 2008. Of these who applied 77% enrolled in further study.

Of the survey respondents direct reporting of graduate school attendance, 86 (41%) of survey respondents are currently enrolled in graduate/professional school. Through the combination of the clearinghouse and self reporting, we identified that a total of 140 (31%) attended graduate/professional school after graduation.

## **Areas of Current & Intended Study**

Culture & Society graduates who indicated they are attending (86 individuals or 100%) or plan to attend (126 individuals or 59% of all respondents) further study indicated they will pursue the following fields (number and percent of total respondents to item).

Field of Study	Those who currently attend		Those who plan to attend		Field of Study	Those who currently attend		Those who plan to attend	
Arts	0	0%	1	<1%	Humanities	7	7%	10	8%
Business	4	4%	9	7%	Human/Social Services	12	13%	13	10%
Communications	2	2%	6	5%	Law/Law Related	25	26%	15	12%
Computers	1	1%	2	2%	Medicine	1	1%	3	2%
Education	18	19%	23	18%	Nursing	1	1%	2	2%
Engineering	1	1%	0	0%	Scientific	1	1%	3	2%
Government	5	5%	11	9%	Social Sciences	9	9%	24	19%
Health Related	5	5%	4	3%	Other	3	3%	9	7%

*\*Some respondents indicated multiple fields.*

## **Future Plans for Graduate Study**

126 (59%) Culture & Society graduates plan to attend graduate/professional school in the future. 125 (59%) of graduates indicated the timing of their future attendance in graduate school:

- 73 (58%) respondents plan to attend within the first 2 years after graduation.
- 109 (87%) respondents plan to attend within 4 years after graduation.
- 123 (98%) respondents plan to attend within 6 years after graduation.

## **Current Degrees and Highest Degree Level Sought**

83 (97%) of those currently attending responded to the degree level they are pursuing. In addition, 197 (93%) graduates provided information on the highest degree level they intended to pursue. Of those intending to pursue advanced degrees:

Degree Level	Currently Pursuing		Highest Degree Planned	
Bachelors	0	0%	72	37%
Certificate	3	4%	0	0%
Masters	56	67%	27	14%
Specialist	1	1%	49	25%
Doctorate	6	7%	33	17%
Professional	17	20%	16	8%

*\* Percentage reflects percent of those who responded to this item.*

