

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

## **Class of 2007-School of Art, Media & Music**

A total of 101 Art, Media & Music graduates were awarded baccalaureate degrees in August 2006, December 2006, and May 2007. 57(56%) 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 5 (5%) graduates.

### **POST GRADUATION ACTIVITY**

#### **Graduate School Attendance**

A total of 6 (11%) of those who *responded* indicated that they attended graduate school immediately after graduation.

#### **Employment**

51 (89%) respondents indicated they were either working *and/or* attending graduate school in the first year after graduation.

A total of 51 (89%) graduates indicated they are employed. Their employment status is as follows:

42 (74%) indicated they were employed full time

10 (18%) indicated they were employed part time

3 (5%) indicated they were unemployed, but were attending graduate school.

3 (5%) indicated they were both unemployed and not attending graduate school.

### **Average Salaries**

40 (98%) 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 \$69,999 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 \$39,143. This marks a 2% decrease in comparison with the average salary earned by Art, Media & Music graduates of the Class of 2006. Salaries ranged from a low of \$20,000 to a high of \$52,500.

### **Fields of Employment**

Students pursue occupations in a variety of career fields. 100% of the respondents answered the item regarding employment fields. They are employed as follows: (Respondents were permitted to select multiple fields.)

33 (65%) in Arts	1 (2%) in Government	0 (0%) in Law or Law Related fields
1 (2%) in Business	0 (0%) in Health (non-med or nursing)	0 (0%) in Nursing
0 (0%) in Communications	0 (0%) in Medicine	0 (0%) in Science
19 (37%) in Education	0 (0%) in Human/Social Service	1 (2%) in other fields
0 (0%) in Engineering	4 (8%) in Computers	

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

8 (20%) Art, Media & Music graduates secured employment prior to graduation.

28 (70%) respondents secured employment within the first three months after graduation.

36 (90%) respondents secured employment within the first six months after graduation.

38 (95%) respondents secured employment within one year of graduation.

### **Number of Offers**

Of the Art, Media & Music graduates who are employed full time, 12 (29%) received more than one job offer. The number of employment offers received ranged from 1 to 15, with respondents receiving a mean of 1.75 offers of employment per respondent.

## Job Satisfaction

Using a likert scale of 5 high to 1 low, Art, Media & Music graduates indicated the level of satisfaction they felt with their jobs. 50 (88%) of the respondents employed indicated an above average or high level of job satisfaction. The average satisfaction score for the respondents to this item was 3.62.

## Job Search Resources

Art, Media & Music graduates utilized a variety of resources to find their employment. 100% of those employed responded to this item. The most popular job search resources utilized by respondents continue to be direct contact, MonsterTRAK/Career Services (MonsterTRAK is the vendor TCNJ uses to operate its recruitment systems), networking and direct contact.

18 (35%) applied directly to the company.	7 (14%) continued in the same job/internship.
20 (39%) used Career Services and Monster.	21 (41%) used networking.
1 (2%) used an employment agency.	13 (25%) used the internet (other than Monster).
7 (14%) used the newspaper.	10 (20%) used other resources.

## Relationship between Academic Major and Position Obtained

Art, Media & Music graduates indicated the relationship between their academic major and the position they obtained since graduation. Of the 56 (98%) respondents:

- 42 (75%) respondents indicated a direct relationship between their academic major and the position they obtained.
- 12 (21%) respondents indicated an indirect relationship between their academic major and the position they obtained.
- 2 (4%) respondents indicated there was no relationship between their academic major and the position they obtained.

## Internship Participation

40 (70%) of Art, Media & Music majors who responded to the survey indicated participation in internships for an average of 2.26 semesters. This reflects a 28 percentage point increase in comparison with the Class of 2006, regaining the decreases experienced by the Class of 2006, and an 8 percentage point increase in comparison to the Class of 2005.

## Usage of Career Services

48 (86%) respondents indicated they had utilized Career Services during their academic careers. This reflects a 20 percentage point increase in comparison to the Class of 2006. 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 3.88.

43 (75%) respondents reported utilizing TCNJ recruitment programs (i.e., internship programs and resources, job listings/binders, on-campus recruitment and Career Days).

## Receipt of Career Advice

When asked if they had received career advice from faculty in their department or program, 30 (53%) respondents indicated they had. 53 (93%) of the respondents indicated they had either received career advice from their faculty or had used Career Services.

## TCNJ's Preparation of Graduates for Their Careers

Art, Media & Music graduates rated how TCNJ prepared them for their current position utilizing a five-point scale\* (i.e., excellent to poor). Of the 56 (98%) respondents, 37 (66%) rated their preparation as excellent or above average. This reflects a 3 percentage point increase in comparison with the Class of 2006.

12 (21%) excellent	17 (30%) average	1 (2%) poor
25 (45%) above average	1 ( 2%) below average	

## Quality of Academic Experience

Art, Media & Music graduates assessed the overall quality of their academic experience. Of the 56 (98%) respondents, 49 (87%) assessed their academic experience as excellent or above average. This marks a 15 percentage point increase in comparison for the Class of 2006.

22 (39%) excellent	7 (13%) average	0 (0%) poor
27 (48%) above average	0 (0%) below average	

## GRADUATE/PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL

### Current Graduate/Professional School Attendance

Of the survey respondents direct reporting of graduate school attendance, 6 (11%) 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 11 (11%) attended graduate/professional school after graduation. 6 (11%) of respondents indicated that they applied for graduate/professional school in the first year after graduation. All those that applied were admitted and enrolled. 2 (33%) of those that applied had a contingency plan for if they were not admitted to graduate school.

### Areas of Current & Intended Study

5 (83%) of Art, Media & Music graduates who indicated they are currently attending graduate or professional school and 30 (91%) of those who plan to attend graduate or professional school indicated their field of study.

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	3	50%	22	73%	Health Related	0	0%	0	0%
Business	0	0%	0	0%	Medicine	0	0%	0	0%
Communications	1	17%	2	7%	Human/ Social Svcs	0	0%	0	0%
Education	2	33%	6	20%	Law/Law Related	0	0%	1	3%
Engineering	0	0%	0	0%	Nursing	0	0%	0	0%
Computers	0	0%	0	0%	Science	0	0%	0	0%
Government	0	0%	0	0%	Other	0	0%	3	10%

### Future Plans for Graduate Study

33 (57%) Art, Media & Music graduates plan to attend graduate/professional school in the future. If all of those who are currently attending or plan to attend do, 39 (68%) of the respondents will pursue graduate or professional school. 32 (97%) of the respondents who plan to attend indicated the timing of their future attendance in graduate school:

- 5 (15%) respondents plan to attend within the first 2 years after graduation.
- 15 (45%) respondents plan to attend within 2-4 years after graduation.
- 10 (30%) respondents plan to attend within 4-6 years after graduation.
- 1 ( 3%) respondents plan to attend in more than 6 years after graduation.

### Current Degrees and Highest Degree Level Sought

5 (83%) of those currently attending responded to the degree level they are pursuing. In addition, 41 (72%) of all respondents provided information on the highest degree level they intended to pursue. 38 (93%) of those who indicated they highest degree they intend to pursue indicated that they will pursue a higher degree. Of those intending to pursue advanced degrees:

Degree Level	Currently Pursuing		Highest Degree Planned	
Masters	5	100%	32	84%
Specialist	0	0%	1	3%
Doctorate	0	0%	5	13%
Professional	0	0%	0	0%