

Subject: May 2013, Graduation Survey Report

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The information contained in this report was obtained from the May, 2013 graduation ceremony held in the CFSB center on May 11<sup>th</sup>. Four hundred sixty-two surveys were collected from students participating in the graduation ceremony.

Academic College representation:

<b>Colleges</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Arthur J. Bauernfeind College of Business	101	21.9
College of Education	70	15.1
College of Health Sciences and Human Services	58	12.5
College of Humanities and Fine Arts	66	14.3
College of Science, Engineering and Technology	69	14.9
Hutson School of Agriculture	49	10.6
School of Nursing	22	4.7
Bachelors of Independent Studies	2	0.4
Did not respond	<u>25</u>	5.4
Total	462	

Degree distribution was as follows:

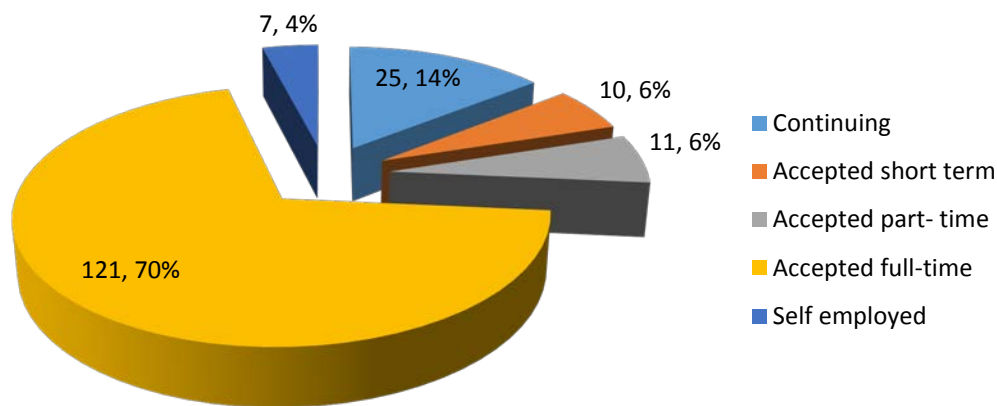
<b>Degree</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Associate	2	0.4
Baccalaureate	370	80
Masters	82	17.8
Specialist	1	0.2
Did not respond	<u>7</u>	1.5
Total	462	

The 2013 May graduates were asked several questions pertaining to their post-graduation plans. Those questions included part-time/full-time, short term, continuing current and self-

employment, seeking full-time employment, attending graduate school or seeking graduate school admission. Below are the graphed responses to those questions:

Graph 1 Employment: One hundred seventy-four respondents indicated that they had employment following graduation or 40.1% of the total number of respondents to this section of the survey (434). The following graph illustrates how that employment is distributed across several categories. The number of students indicating that they ‘accepted full-time employment’ 121 or 27.9% of the total number of responses falls in-line with previous data collected from graduation ceremony participants.

### Employment status following graduation



A list of companies, locations and job titles is provided in the appendix of this report

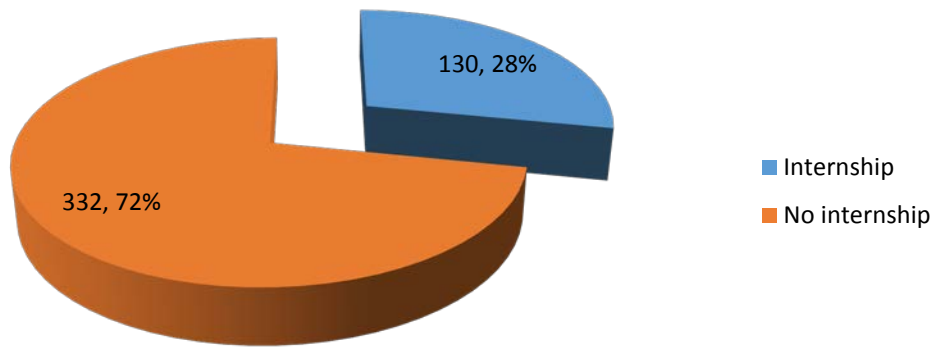
Average salary and signing bonus: The students were asked to provide their annual salary. In addition, the survey also asked if a signing bonus was offered and if so, the amount of that signing bonus. Fifty-six students reported their annual salary. Less than five students reported an hourly wage. For those reporting an annual salary the average was \$37,651.78. The range of reported salaries was \$6,000 to \$121,000. The May, 2012 graduation survey found that the average salary for that cohort was \$38,371.27.

Only one student responded that he received a signing bonus. That amount was not reported.

Graph 2A Internship: The survey asked two questions related to experiential learning opportunities. The first question asked students if they had participated in an internship, either

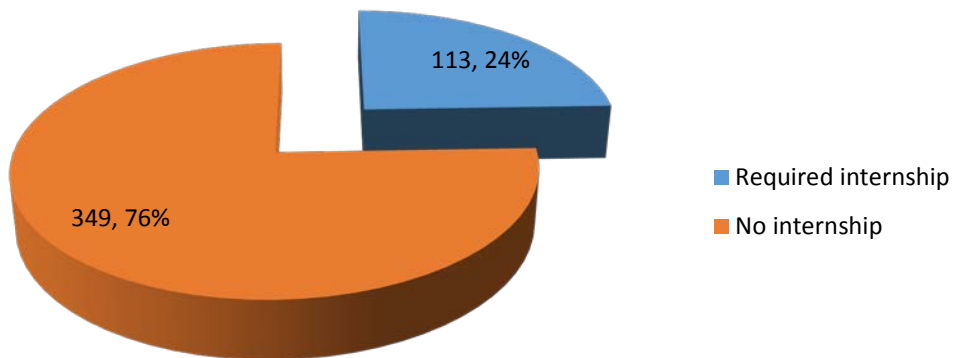
paid or unpaid while they attended Murray State. The second question asked if they participated in an academically required on/off-campus experiential education opportunity.

### Did you participate in an internship?



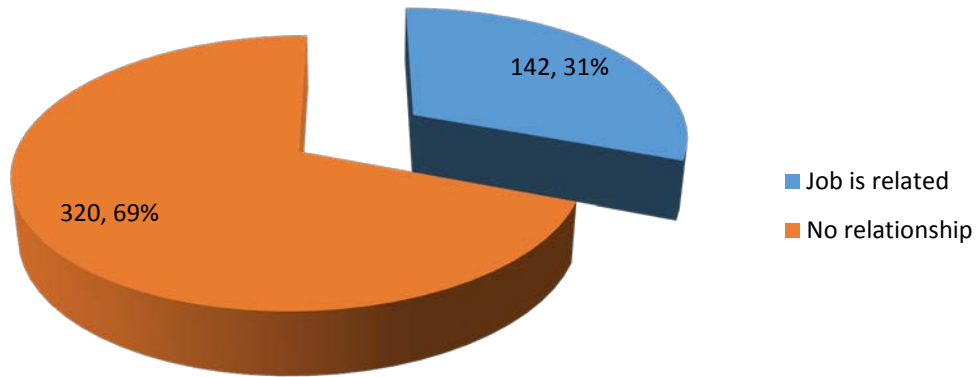
Graph 2B:

### Did you participate in a required internship?



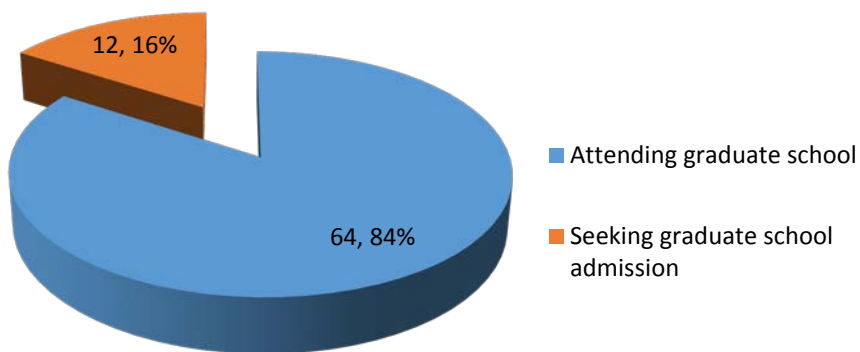
Graph 3: Job related to academic preparation:

## Is the job you accepted related to your academic preparation?



Graph 4: Graduate school: The following graph depicts the number of students who are planning to attend graduate school, those seeking graduate school admission and those students who are planning on taking additional coursework.

## Graduate school or pursuing additional coursework



A list of graduate schools and degrees pursued is provided in the appendix of this report.

This survey asked students if they were pursuing additional coursework, i.e., post-baccalaureate courses, certifications and language study were used as examples. Only eight students indicated that they were going to take additional coursework following graduation.

**Appendix A: Company names, locations, department and job title**

<b><u>Employment Organization</u></b>	<b><u>Location City</u></b>	<b><u>State</u></b>	<b><u>Department</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>
4kicksfurkids	Louisville	KY		
Abercrombie & Fitch	Washington	DC		Manager
Almost Family	Louisville	KY	Finance	Analyst
Amazon	Coppell	TX	Health Safety	Safety Manual
Anne's Bridals	Paducah	KY		PR
APM	Decatur	IL		
Ballard County Schools	Barlow	KY		Assist. Principal
Baptist Health ER	Paducah	KY		RN
Barber Cabinet Co.	Versailles	KY		Kitchen Designer
Barber Cabinet Co.	Louisville	KY		
Bluegrass Animal Health Care	Mayfield	KY		Receptionist
Bolster-Jeffries	Elkton	KY	Nursing	Charge RN
Bowling Green High School	Bowling Green	KY		Teacher
Briggs & Stratton	Murray	KY		Tool manger
Burger King	Paducah	KY		General Manager
Calloway County High School	Murray	KY		Teacher
Carroll Co. Board of Ed	Carrollton	KY	Maintenance	Painter
Centennial Hospital			Imaging	Sero mapping
CFSB	Benton	KY		Teller
Chevron	Houston	TX	HES Specialist	
Children Youth Services	Decatur	GA		Counselor
Christian Co. High School	Hopkinsville	KY		Teacher
College Book Renter	Murray	KY		Financial Analyst
Community Financial Services Bank	Benton	KY		Teller
DECA	Ft. Campbell	KY	Produce	Lead Store Assoc.
Disney College Program	Orlando	FL		
Edmiston Marketing	Murray	KY		
Engineering Co	Rio de Janeiro	Brazil		

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Ernest & Young	Riyadh	Saudi Arabia	Tax	Accountant
Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis	St. Louis	MO		Bank Examiner
Ferrero	Frankfurt	Germany	Environmental	
Fleishman-Hillard	New York	NY		
Foster Farms	Wickliffe	KY		Partner
Four Rivers Behavioral Health	Murray	KY		
Franklin Co. Animal Hospital	West Frankfort	IL		
Gannett Desc	Indianapolis	IN		Inside Sales Rep
Growing Minds				ABA Therapist
GSK	St. Louis	MO	EHS	EHS Temp
Hancock Bank	Madisonville	KY	Marketing	Director
Hands of Hope	Hopkinsville	KY	Case manager	
Harrah's	Metropolis	IL	Table Games	Casino dealer
Haws Memorial	Fulton	KY	Nursing	Director
Hawthorne Animal Clinic	Mt. Vernon	IN		
Heartland	Paducah	KY		Nurse
Henderson Co. Public Library	Henderson	KY		Children Service Manager
Henderson Co. Schools	Henderson	KY		Health Science Teacher
Heritage Bank	Hopkinsville	KY	Accounting	Accountant
Heuring crop Insurance	Boonville	IN		
Holiday World	Santa Claus	IN		Director
Hopkins Co. Board of Ed	Madisonville	KY		Autism Resource Teacher
Hopkins Co. Board of Ed	Madisonville	KY		
Hopkinsville CC	Hopkinsville	KY		
Hutson, Inc	Mayfield	KY	Sales	Used Equipment Coordinator
Inertia	Louisville	KY	Sales Assoc.	40000
Institutional Casework Inc	Paris	TN		Drafter
Jackson Madison Co.	Jackson	TN		RN
JBS Five Rivers	Dalhart	TX	X IT Feeders	Feed Manager Trainee
JCP	Union City	TN	Leadership	Manager

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Jogerso Camping		Sweden		Host
Kayola Inc Childcare	Memphis	TN		Teacher
KenLake Foods	Murray	KY		
KFB	Madisonville	KY		
Lakeway Animal Clinic	Paris	TN		Vet Tech
LATA KY	Kevil	KY	Property	Property Specialist
Legend Acres	Stewart	TN		Owner
Lourdes Hospital	Paducah	KY		Nurse
Mama Bear Baby Wear	Murray	KY		
Mayfield Vet Clinic	Mayfield	KY	Temp	
Methodist Hospital	Henderson	KY		
Metropolitan Veterinary	Louisville	KY		Vet Tech
Montgomery Co. Schools	Clarksville	TN		
Morningstar Foods	Murray	KY		
Mountjoy Chilton Medley	Louisville	KY	Tax	
Murray Calloway Co. Hospital	Murray	KY	Radiology	Director
Murray Electric Systems	Murray	KY		
Murray State University	Murray	KY	International Admissions	
Murray State University	Murray	KY	Football	
Murray State University	Murray	KY	HDL	Admin Asst.
Murray State University	Murray	KY	COE	Grad Assist
Murray State University	Murray	KY		
Murray State University	Murray	KY	Chemistry	
Natural Resource Conservation Services	Mayfield	KY		Nutrient Management Specialist
NBA				
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NBA				
Newcare of Louisville	Louisville	KY		Residential Support Specialist
News Channel 5	Nashville	TN	News	Intern



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Northwestern Mutual	Louisville	KY	Recruiting	Campus Recruiter
Norton Hospital	Louisville	KY		Nurse
Oak Spring Golf Course	St. Anne	FL		Pro Shop
Peach Hospital	Evansville	IN	ICU	RN
Pennyroyal Center	Hopkinsville	KY		Housing Asst.
PSSD	Paris	TN		Teacher
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Rare Auction Group	Paducah	KY		Auctioneer
Reliable Asphalt Productions	Louisville	KY		
RPB Business Services	New York	NY		VP Operations
Self Employed	Hanson	KY		
Special Metals	Princeton	KY	Lab Coordinator	Quality Dept.
Spring Hill Camps	Seymour	IN	Asst. Activities Director	
St. Elizabeth Healthcare	Edgewood	KY	ICU	Nurse
Stages	Kirkwood	MO		Deck Carpenter
Stevens Farms	Lawrenceburg	KY		
Trane Co.	Clarksville	TN		Sr. Drafter
U.S. Army	Fort Benning	GA		2nd Lt
Ulrich Medical Concepts	Paducah	KY		Software Application Developer
United Systems & Software	Benton	KY	Networking	Network Engineer
Univ.. Louisville Hospital	Louisville	KY		RN
Univ.. N. Florida	Jacksonville	FL	Housing	Residential Coordinator
Univ.. Wisconsin	Whitewater	WI	Housing	Complex Director
UPS	Madisonville	KY		
Upstate Veterinary Specialists	Greenville	SC		Vet Tech
US Bank	Paducah	KY		Banker
US Forest Service	LBL	KY		
VCA Referral	Scottsdale	AZ	Internal Medicine	Vet Tech
Veterinary Hospital	Evansville	IN	Vet tech	
Wagner Construction	Camden	TN	Safety	Safety Specialist

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Wood Forest Bank	Murray	KY		In Store Retail Banker
Wyoming Game and Fisheries	Casper	WY	Fresh Water Mussels	Field Tech
YMCA		SC	Camp Thunderbird	

**Appendix B: Graduate schools and degrees**

<b>Graduate School</b>	<b>Degree/Field</b>
Auburn	Vet
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Belmont Univ.	Pharmacy
Bowling Green State Univ.	Spanish/History
Colorado School of Mines	Geological Engineering
Golden Gate Univ.	Tax
Missouri State Univ.	Human Factors
MSU	
Murray State	
Murray State	HDL
Murray State	MBA
Murray State	Org com
Murray State	Nursing
Murray State	Animal Science
Murray State	HDL
Murray State	MBA
Murray State	School Counseling
Murray State	HDL
Murray State	Organizational Comm.
Murray State	Mass Communications
Murray State	MBA
Murray State	English

Murray State	OSH
Murray State	Nursing BSN
Murray State	
Murray State	HDL
Murray State	Journalism
Murray State	OSH
Murray State	College Student Personnel
Murray State	TESOL
Murray State	Speech Language
Murray State	
Murray State	Public Admin
Murray State	OSH
Murray State	Studio Art
Murray State	HDL
Murray State	Science
Murray State	Biology
Murray State	Biology
Murray State	Counseling
Murray State	OSH
Murray State	HDL
Murray State	Mass Communications
Murray State	OSH
Murray State	History
Murray State	Agronomy
Murray State	YNL
Murray State	OSH
Murray State	Speech Language
Murray State	HDL
Murray State	MBA
Murray State	Business Administration
Murray State	Economics

Murray State	Comm. disorders
Murray State	MBA
Murray State	English
Murray State	Reading Writing
Parker Univ.	Chiropractor
Purdue Univ.	English Philosophy
Purdue Univ.	Agriculture Economics
Regensburg Univ.	Business Administration
Regensburg Univ.	Business Administration
Regensburg Univ.	Business Administration
SIU-C	Law
SIU-C	Speech Language
SIU-C	MMusic
SIU-C	Law
Sullivan Univ.	MBA
Texas A&M	Ag development
Texas A&M	Agriculture
UK	Historic Preservation
UK	Law
UK	Art
UK	Chemistry
Union Univ.	Pharmacy
Union Univ.	Pharmacy
Univ. KY	Medical school
Univ. Louisville	Medical school
Univ. New Mexico	Language Literacy
Univ. North Texas	MMusic
Univ. of Alabama	Political Science
Univ. of Colorado	
Univ. of Louisville	Medical school
Univ. of Memphis	Chemistry

Univ. of North Alabama	Exercise Science
Univ. Tennessee	Vet
Univ. TN at Martin	Psychology
Vanderbilt Univ.	Biomedical Engineering
Virginia Commonwealth	Sports Leadership
Western KY Univ.	MSW
Western KY Univ.	MSW
Western KY Univ.	MSW
Western KY Univ.	MSW
Western KY Univ.	Social Work
Western Michigan Univ.	Athletic Training