

Subject: December 2013, Graduation Survey Report

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The information contained in this report was obtained from the December, 2013 graduation ceremony held in the CFSB center on December 7th, 2013. Three hundred twenty-six surveys were collected from students participating in the graduation ceremony.

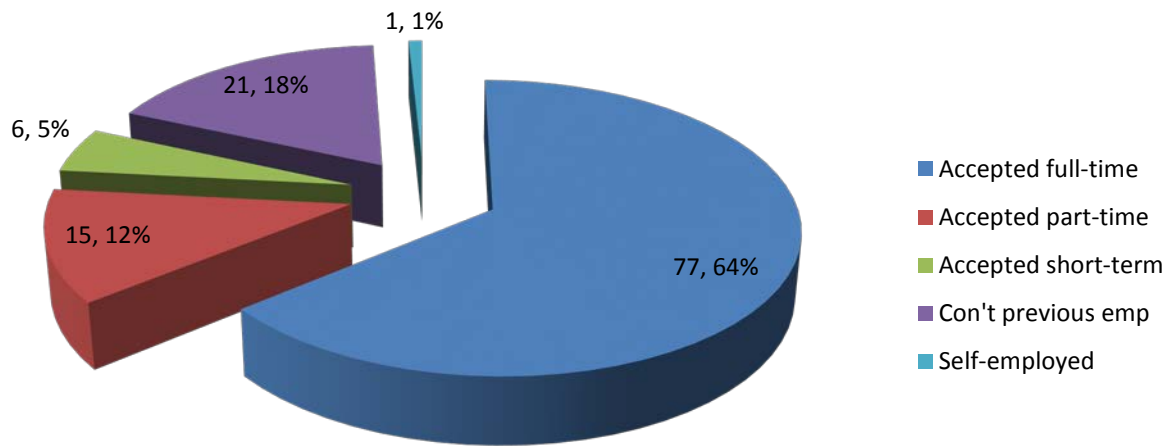
Degree distribution was as follows:

<u>Degree</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Associate	2	6
Baccalaureate	258	81
Masters	59	18.5
Did not respond	7	2.1
Total	326	

The 2013 December 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 twenty respondents indicated that they had employment following graduation or 42.5% of the total number of respondents to this section of the survey (282). The following graph illustrates how that employment is distributed across several categories. The number of students indicating that they ‘accepted full-time employment’ 77 or 27.3% of the total number of responses falls in-line with previous data collected from graduation ceremony participants.

Employment status following graduation

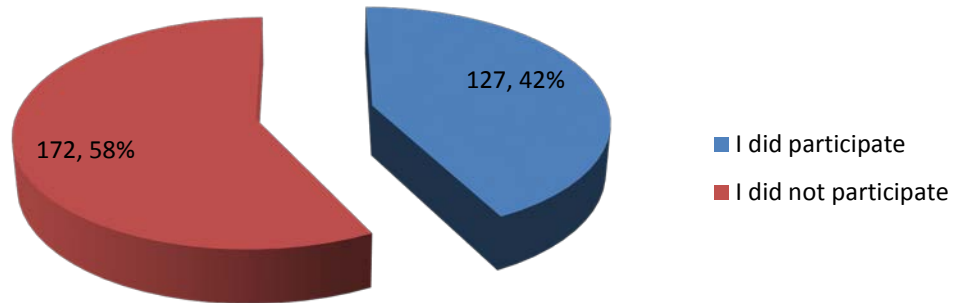


A list of companies, locations and job titles is provided in the appendix of this report.

Average salary and signing bonus: The students were asked to provide their annual salary. Eighty-five students reported their annual salary. Less than eight students indicated an hourly wage. That hourly wage was calculated into an annual salary. For those reporting an annual salary the average was \$37,688.23. The range of reported salaries was \$6,000 to well over \$100,000. The May, 2013 graduation survey found that the average salary for that cohort was \$37,651.78.

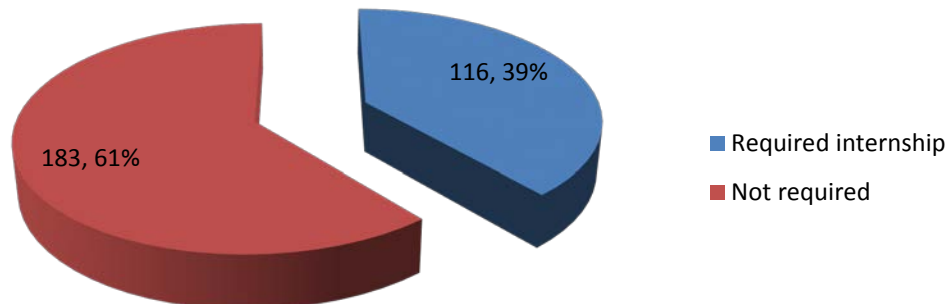
Graph 2A Internship: The survey asked two questions related to experiential learning opportunities. The first question asked students if they had participated in an internship, either paid or unpaid while they attended Murray State. The second question asked if they participated in an academically required on/off-campus experiential education opportunity.

Did you participate in an internship?



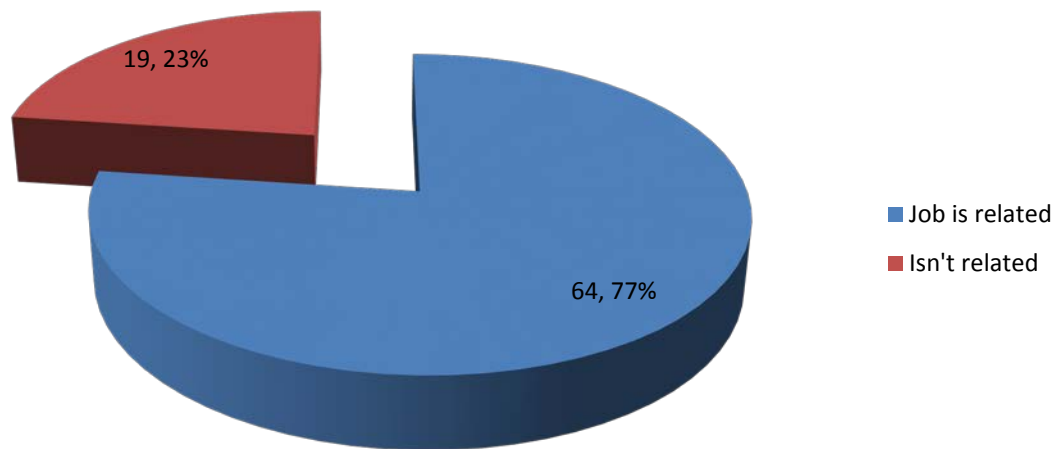
Graph 2B:

Did you participate in a required internship?



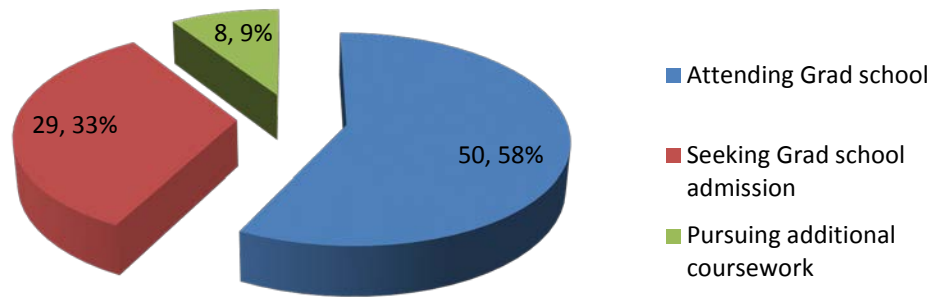
Graph 3: Is the Job you accepted related to your academic preparation?

Is the job you have accepted academically related to your 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. The percentages represent the actual number attending graduate school, seeking graduate school admission and those pursuing additional coursework against the total number of respondents to this question. Collectively these three categories represent approximately thirty percent of the total responses to this question (289).

Graduate school or pursuing additional coursework



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

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

Business/Organization	City	State	Department	Job Title
McCracken County Public Schools	Paducah	KY		Teacher
Freescall	Austin	TX	Safety	EHS Specialist
Hopkins County Schools	Madisonville	KY		
Baptist Health	Paducah	KY		Nurse
K & Q Home	Pittsburgh	PA		Sales Associate
Vanderbilt University Medical Center	Nashville	TN		Nurse
Christian County Board of Education	Hopkinsville	KY		Teacher
Jackson Purchase Medical Center	Mayfield	KY		
Livingston Central High School	Smithland	KY		Teacher
URS	Wever	IA		ESH&Q
Meade County Public Schools		KY		Substitute
Big Rivers Electric Corp.	Henderson	KY		Accounting Manager
Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity	Carmel	IN		Coor. Of Chapter/Colony Dev.
BHP Billiton	Houston	TX		HSEC Graduate
Love is Blind	St. Louis	MO		Salesman/Installer
Monmouth Park Racetrack	Monmouth	NJ		Groom
Whitcor Masonry	Murray	KY		Estimator
MON	Denver	CO	Safety	OSHA Supervisor
USGS	Murray	KY		Hydrologic Technician
MCCH	Murray	KY		Nurse
Mid America Hotels Corporation	Cape Girardeau	MO		Regional IT Technician
Baptist Health	Paducah	KY		Nurse
Jackson Purchase Medical Center	Mayfield	KY		Nurse
Total Quality Logistics	Louisville	KY		Account Executive
Western Kentucky University	Bowling Green	KY		Health & Safety Specialist
Jefferson Community College	Louisville	KY		Financial Aid office
ADM	Clinton	IA		Safety Manager
MCCH	Murray	KY		
WKCTC	Paducah	KY		Campus Assistant

Metropolitan Veterinary Specialists	Louisville	KY		Vet Tech
Baptist Health	Paducah	KY		Nurse
Christian County Middle School	Hopkinsville	KY		Teacher
Chevron	Midland	TX		HES Specialist
PLS 3 rd Learning	Buffalo	NY		Software Developer
ABM Government Services	Hopkinsville	KY		Recruiting Manager
Blyth White & Associates	Paducah	KY		Staff Accountant
CSI	Paducah	KY		Software Engineer
Murray State University	Murray	KY		Videographer
KCTCS	Versailles	KY		System Director
Wal Mart Pharmacy				
Murray State University	Murray	KY		Adjunct in Math
Air force				
Forest Service	Cadiz	KY		Apprentice
Hopkins County Jail	Madisonville	KY		Corporal
Hagyard Equine Medical Institute	Lexington	KY		Intern
Calloway County Schools	Murray	KY		Teacher
Raptor Petroleum	Murray	KY		Corporate researcher
Fox & Company CPA	Mayfield	KY		Staff Accountant
Safeco Insurance	Cincinnati	OH		Inside Auto Claims Specialist
BCBST	Chattanooga	TN		Internal Audit
Jacobs Ladder	Woodstock	CA		Neuro development teacher
Migrant Educational Program	Madisonville	KY		Regional Recruiter
Rivers Edge Veterinary Hospital	Metropolis	IL		Veterinary technician
CFSB	Benton	KY		Online Banking Specialist
Henry County Medical Center	Paris	TN		Nurse
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Calvert City Country Club	Calvert City	KY		Greens keeper
Kiewit Power	Lenexa	KS		Field Engineer
Covenant Security Service	Owensboro	KY		Security officer
P&L Railroad	Paducah	KY		Office Clerk
Amazon	Seattle	WA		

Food Giant	Henderson	KY		Office Manager
Perf & Co.	Nashville	TN		Web Developer
Liberty Mutual	Warrenville	IL		Risk Management
United Systems	Benton	KY		Software developer
Journalism & Mass Communications	Murray	KY	Journalism/Mass Comm	Videographer
Commercial Bank and Trust	Paris	TN		Customer Service Representative
State Farm Insurance	Madisonville	KY		Sales Representative
Livingston Hospital & Healthcare	Salem	KY		Nurse
Crop Production Services	Poseyville	IN		Crop Consultant
PTL	Murray	KY		Dispatcher
Graves County Schools	Mayfield	KY		Teacher
River Bend agronomics, LLC	Mt. Vernon	IN		Owner
Archer Daniels Midland	Lincoln	NE		Environmental Health & Safety
Breathitt Veterinary Center	Hopkinsville	KY		LAN Administrator
Graceland Management Services	Cunningham	KY		Staff Accountant
Security Seed and Chemical	Elizabethtown	KY		Sales Consultant
Baptist Health	Paducah	KY		
Christian County Board of Education	Hopkinsville	KY		Teacher
Wal-Mart	Murray	KY		Service Manager
PEBCO	Paducah	KY		Project Manager
Raptor Petroleum, LLC	Murray	KY		Financial Analyst
YMCA	Ferdinand	IN		Student Mentor
Briggs & Stratton	Murray	KY		Operator
Cordova Station Animal Hospital	Memphis	TN		Vet tech
Murray High School	Murray	KY		Teacher

Appendix B: Graduate Schools and degrees

Graduate School	Degree Field
Murray State University	MPA
	Mathematics

Murray State University (cont)	MBA
	Agricultural Science
	CTE
	OSH
	MPA
	OSH
	MBA
	EDS Mental Health
	Music Education
	Mass Communication
	Mass Communication
	MBA
	Agronomy
	Teacher/ Leadership
	MAED
	Mass Communication
	Elementary Education
	OSHA
	MBA
	English
	History
	MBA
Auburn University	Counseling
Vanderbilt University	Deaf Education
North Carolina State University	MAT TESOL
SIU	Law school
WU	Astro-physics
University of Maryland	
Tuskegee University	DVM
University of Texas	Sports management, Education
SBTS	Church Ministries
WKU	Social Work

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Southern Baptist Theological	Masters of Divinty