Annual graduation survey at a glance

Last year, the university’s Career Center surveyed May 2013 baccalaureate graduates about their post-graduation employment and education. Graduates were surveyed three to four weeks before graduation and again three months after.

- 2,983 graduates
- 1,958 respondents
- 66% response rate
- 56% female
- 81% white

Most May 2013 graduates employed or in graduate or professional school

Within three months of their graduation, 75% of May 2013 graduates were employed or admitted to graduate or professional school. Only about 20% reported that they were actively searching for employment.

Top employers

The following companies hired the most USC graduates in 2012-13:

- Palmetto Health
- University of South Carolina
- The Vanguard Group
- U.S. Navy
- PricewaterhouseCoopers
- Bank of America
- Blue Cross Blue Shield of South Carolina
- Lexington Medical Center
- Richland County School District 2

While full-times salaries ranged from $15,000 to $75,000, the average full-time salary for May 2013 graduates was $41,002. The average salary for non-whites was slightly higher than for whites.
Refer students to university resources
To help students develop lifelong career-management skills, the Career Center provides service in three areas:

**Decide it**
Career counseling/advising to help students make informed decisions.

**Experience it**
Experiential education opportunities, including job shadowing, internships and co-ops.

**Live it**
Employment assistance to enhance students’ job search skills and to connect them with potential employers.

The Career Center, which will relocate to the Thomas Cooper Library this summer, hosts drop-in hours 1-4 p.m. weekdays. To learn more, visit sc.edu/career.

Many University of South Carolina students hold part-time jobs. Student Leadership in the Workplace helps those students see their employment as more than just a paycheck. The initiative, which launched last academic year, teaches students to recognize the transferrable skills they’re gaining and to articulate them to potential employers.

The initiative offers workshops, etiquette dinners, individual consultations and the semester-long Professional Development Certification Program, which ensures that students have skills and tools to be effective employees now and in the future.

To learn more about Student Leadership in the Workplace or to recommend a student employee for recognition, check out www.sa.sc.edu/leaders/slw.

MORE

Faculty can do

Help students see how your course helps them develop the attributes employers are looking for, including teamwork, problem-solving skills, leadership and communication skills.

Refer students to the Career Center early. Multiple job shadowing, internship and co-op experiences are the best avenue to full-time employment.

Require your student employees to take part in Student Leadership in the Workplace offerings.

Tell the Career Center if you know employers that might be interested in recruiting USC graduates.