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| Florida Atlantic University |
| Career Destination Survey |
| Captured at December 2011 Commencement |
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***Overview***

The FAU Career Development Center in the Division of Student Affairs is pleased to provide the results of the December 2011 graduating class Career Destination Survey. The purpose of the Career Destination Survey is to promote an accurate understanding of the post-graduation plans of graduating FAU students and to provide data for related career issues, accreditation needs, recruitment, and retention of students.

Despite a slow economic recovery, our office continued to educate FAU graduates about their options in the job market. FAU candidates had access to over 2,300 jobs listed in Owl CareerLink, our on-line jobs portal. These opportunities included 1,280 full-time and 1,047 Co-op, internships, and part-time positions listed during the 2011 calendar year. This represents a 19% increase from the 2010 job postings. There was also a 22% increase in the number of employers recruiting at the Fall 2011 Career Day & Technical Fair as compared to the Fall of 2010. These opportunities, combined with FAU’s strong commitment to internships and other practice‐based experiential learning, gives our students a strong advantage in a competitive job market.

The survey was administered to the December 2011 graduates during commencement as part of their graduation requirements in an effort to capture as much of the graduating student population as possible. Altogether, 1,111 Bachelor’s, 173 Master’s, and 31 Doctoral graduates participated in the survey. This represents a 94% capture rate for those students attending commencement.

The following data is anonymous and self-reported by the students at graduation. The Career Development Center and Institutional Effectiveness & Analysis analyzed and compiled the data in aggregate form. Below are the reported post-graduation outcomes for the FAU students that attended the December 2011 commencement ceremonies.

***Employment Statistics (reported at the time of graduation)***

* 42% of respondents reported securing post-graduation employment upon graduation.
* Of the respondents that indicated they had secured post-graduation employment, 46% reported that their FAU degree was required for their post-graduation position.

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| **Resources FAU Students Used to Find Their Jobs** | | |
| *Students may select all that apply* | | |
|  | **Bachelor's Degree** | **Graduate Degree** |
| **FAU Career Day/Job Fair** | 4.9% | 2.9% |
| **OWL CareerLink job postings online** | 2.4% | 2.9% |
| **On-Campus Recruiting Program** | 1.3% | 0.5% |
| **Co-op/Internship led to job offer** | 3.8% | 4.3% |
| **Applied directly to the employer** | 14.7% | 14.5% |
| **Networking/Family/Friend/Faculty Referral** | 17.0% | 22.7% |
| **Other** | 22.2% | 30.0% |

***Salary Statistics (reported at the time of graduation)***

The following three tables detail the reported annual salaries of the respondents that indicated they had secured post-graduation employment by the December 2011 commencement. The data is sub-divided by degree earned.

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| **Annual Salary of Bachelor's Degree Recipients** | |
| **n=378** | |
| **Salary Range** | **Percent** |
| **Below $30,000** | **34.7%** |
| **$30,000-$44,999** | **38.9%** |
| **$45,000-$59,999** | **16.9%** |
| **$60,000-$74,999** | **6.9%** |
| **$75,000-$100,000** | **1.6%** |
| **Over $100,000** | **1.1%** |

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| **Annual Salary of Master's Degree Recipients** | |
| **n=101** | |
| **Salary Range** | **Percent** |
| **Below $30,000** | **7.9%** |
| **$30,000-$44,999** | **30.7%** |
| **$45,000-$59,999** | **16.8%** |
| **$60,000-$74,999** | **17.8%** |
| **$75,000-$100,000** | **15.8%** |
| **Over $100,000** | **10.9%** |

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| **Annual Salary of Doctoral Degree Recipients** | |
| **n=23** | |
| **Salary Range** | **Percent** |
| **Below $30,000** | **4.3%** |
| **$30,000-$44,999** | **8.7%** |
| **$45,000-$59,999** | **17.4%** |
| **$60,000-$74,999** | **21.7%** |
| **$75,000-$100,000** | **26.1%** |
| **Over $100,000** | **21.7%** |

***Experiential Learning Statistics (reported at the time of graduation)***

Students were asked if they participated in specific experiential learning activities through the Career Development Center, their respective Colleges, and through specific FAU offices. Their participation statistics are as follows:

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|  | **Bachelor's** | **Master's** |
| **Participated in a Co-op or Internship through their College or the Career Development Center** | 23.1% | 18.4% |
| **Participated in a study abroad experience with their College or the Office of International Programs** | 4.5% | 12.4% |
| **Participated in Service Learning in any of their courses or through the Center for Civic Engagement** | 10.6% | 6.0% |

***Graduate/Professional School Statistics (reported at the time of graduation)***

* 74% of Bachelor’s graduates and 35% of Master’s graduates reported that they plan to attend graduate/professional school **at some point** in the future.
* The types of programs the aforementioned students plan on pursuing **at some point** are:

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| **The Type of Degree Program FAU Graduates Plan to Pursue** | |
|  | **Percentage of Students** |
| **Master's:** | 11.9% |
| **Doctoral:** | 2.7% |
| **Law:** | 3.3% |
| **MBA:** | 5.0% |
| **Medical:** | 5.1% |
| **Did Not Specify Level of Graduate Degree:** | 24.5% |
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| **Total:** | 52.6% |

* The following chart details the application status of the students that **had applied to graduate/professional school by the December 2011 graduation ceremony**:

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| **Degree Earned** | **Applied & Accepted** | **Applied & Waiting Response** | **Total** |
| **Bachelor's** | 9% | 10% | 19% |
| **Master's** | 14% | 7% | 21% |

**Graduate/Professional schools to which FAU students were admitted**

***(reported at the time of graduation)***

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| American University | Mercer University |
| American University of Antigua | New York University (NYU) |
| Auburn University | Northwood University |
| Barry University | Nova Southeastern University (NSU) |
| Baylor College of Medicine | Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad Law Center |
| Boston College | Palm Beach Atlantic University |
| Boston University | Portland State University |
| Columbia University | Southern Illinois University (SIU) |
| Emory University | Stetson University |
| Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU) | The Florida State University (FSU) |
| Florida Atlantic University (FAU) | The George Washington University |
| Florida Atlantic University Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine | The University of Arizona |
| Florida International University (FIU) | The University of North Carolina |
| George Mason University | The University of North Carolina Greensboro |
| Georgetown University | The University of Texas at Arlington (UTA) |
| Georgia Institute of Technology (Georgia Tech) | Tulane University School of Medicine |
| Hofstra University | University of Central Florida (UCF) |
| Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences | University of Florida (UF) |
| Keller Graduate School of Management | University of Miami |
| Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine | University of Michigan |
| Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine & Pharmacy | University of Ottawa |
| Life University | University of Phoenix |
| Loyola University Maryland | University of South Florida (USF) |
| Lynn University | University of Virginia School of Medicine |
| Memorial University of Newfoundland | Wake Forest School of Medicine (WFSM) |