

Future Plans of Fall 2009 WCUPA Undergraduate Graduates

In December of 2009 the West Chester University of Pennsylvania (WCUPA) Office of Institutional Research conducted a survey of undergraduate students who were graduating in December 2009. The purpose of the survey was to assess their future plans. The survey consisted of the broad question: “What is most likely to be your principal activity upon graduation?”, followed by follow-up questions depending on the graduates response category. There were a total of 435 students who responded to the survey which was administered when students picked up their cap and gown for graduation. This represents approximately 56% of the 776 students graduating. The findings of the survey are displayed in the charts below.

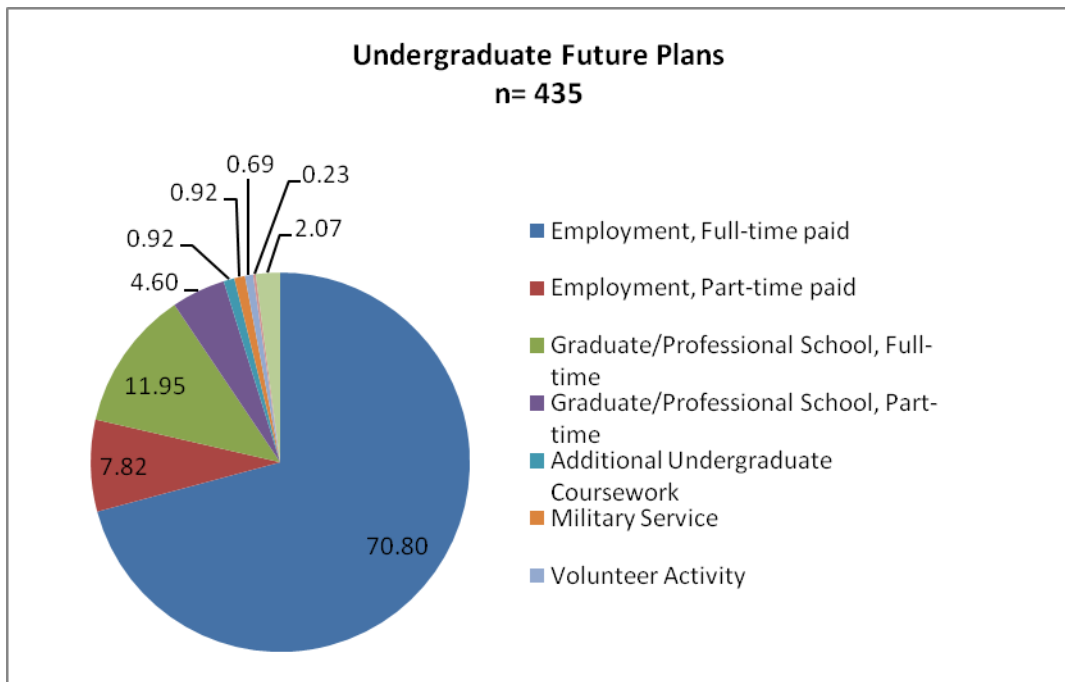


Table1: Future Plans

Response Category	Fall 2009		Spring 2009	
	#	%	#	%
Employment, Full-time paid	291	71.15	286	68.26
Employment, Part-time paid	34	8.31	30	7.16
Graduate/Professional School, Full-time	45	11.00	71	16.95
Graduate/Professional School, Part-time	18	4.40	5	1.19
Additional Undergraduate Coursework	4	0.98	5	1.19
Military Service	4	0.98	1	0.24
Volunteer Activity	3	0.73	2	0.48
Starting or Raising a Family	1	0.24	1	0.24
Other	9	2.20	18	4.30
TOTAL	409	100	419	100

For the 342 students who indicated employment (full-time or part-time) as their primary plan after graduation, 303 provided information as to if they have accepted a position. Furthermore, of those graduates who indicated they had accepted a position or were continuing on in their current position 88 provided further information on their salary range. The responses to follow-up questions are provided in the tables below.

Table2: Employment As Primary Plan By Position Acceptance

	Full-Time Employment		Part-Time Employment		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Accepted a Position	47	16.21	4	13.33	51	15.94
Not Yet Accepted a Position	204	70.34	17	56.67	221	69.06
Continuing in Current Position	39	13.45	9	30.00	48	15.00
Total	290	100.00	30	100.00	320	100.00

Table3: Employment¹ As Primary Plan By Salary Range

	Full-Time Employment		Part-Time Employment		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
<\$20,000	19	25.00	6	50.00	25	28.41
\$20,000-\$29,999	16	21.05	2	16.67	18	20.45
\$30,000- \$39,999	18	23.68	2	16.67	20	22.73
\$40,000- \$49,999	13	17.11	1	8.33	14	15.91
\$50,000- \$59,999	8	10.53	1	8.33	9	10.23
\$60,000- \$69,999	2	2.63	0	0.00	2	2.27
\$70,000+	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
TOTAL	76	100.00	12	100.00	88	100.00

Responses pertaining to hiring organization and position can be found in Appendices A and B.

There were 72 students who indicated that their primary plan after graduation was to attend graduate school; of those, 66 provided detail as to if they were accepted into a Graduate program.

Table4: Graduate School As Primary Plan By Position Acceptance

	Full-Time Grad School		Part-Time Grad School		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Accepted into a Program	14	29.79	5	26.32	19	28.79
Not Yet Accepted into a Program	33	70.21	14	73.68	47	71.21
Total	47	100.00	19	100.00	66	100.00

Responses pertaining to Graduate School name can be found in Appendices C, D and E.

¹ Those who indicate they have accepted a position or are continuing on in their current position

APPENDIX A - Graduates indicating their primary activity is Employment and have accepted a position or will be continuing in their current position

Hiring Organization	Primary Activity			
	Employment, full-time		Employment, part-time	
	#	%	#	%
MISSING	13	15.12	5	38.46
TARGET	2	2.33	0	0.00
ACAC	1	1.16	0	0.00
ADP	1	1.16	0	0.00
ALLIED BARTON SECURITY SERVICES	1	1.16	0	0.00
AMKOR KARATE INSTITUTES	1	1.16	0	0.00
BARELY BALANCED ACROBATS	1	1.16	0	0.00
BAYADA NURSES	1	1.16	0	0.00
BOEING	1	1.16	0	0.00
BONEFISH GRILL	1	1.16	0	0.00
BRANDYWINE HOSPITAL	1	1.16	0	0.00
BRISTOL TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT	1	1.16	0	0.00
CDI HEAD START	1	1.16	0	0.00
CHESTER COUNTY YOUTH CENTER	1	1.16	0	0.00
CHILDSPACE TOO	1	1.16	0	0.00
CHRISTIAN CARE HEALTH SYSTEM	1	1.16	0	0.00
CHUBB INSURANCE CO	1	1.16	0	0.00
CITIZENS BANK	1	1.16	0	0.00
CREATIVE FINANCIAL GROUP	1	1.16	0	0.00
CVS	1	1.16	0	0.00
DCCC	1	1.16	0	0.00
DOVETAIL CONTRACTING	1	1.16	0	0.00
DYNAMIC PHYSICAL THERAPY	1	1.16	0	0.00
EDUCATOR'S INSURANCE SERVICES	1	1.16	0	0.00
ELWYN DAVIDSON SCHOOL	1	1.16	0	0.00
ENTERPRISE RENT A CAR	1	1.16	0	0.00
FRIENDLY'S	1	1.16	0	0.00
GJA CONSTRUCTION INC	1	1.16	0	0.00
GODDARD SCHOOL	1	1.16	0	0.00
HOMENET INC	1	1.16	0	0.00
ING	1	1.16	0	0.00
INSIGHT INVESTIGATIONS	1	1.16	0	0.00
ISLAND SCHOOL, CAPE ELEUTHRA, BAHAMAS	1	1.16	0	0.00
KENNET CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT	1	1.16	0	0.00
KREISHER MILLER	1	1.16	0	0.00
LEGACY PLANNING PARTNERS	1	1.16	0	0.00
LK MILLER CONTRACTING	1	1.16	0	0.00
MAIN LINE EXPO	1	1.16	0	0.00
MAIN LINE HEALTH	1	1.16	0	0.00
MOUNTAIN CREEK	1	1.16	0	0.00
NORTH PENN COMMUNITY NETWORK	1	1.16	0	0.00
OTTOS IMPORTED CARS	1	1.16	0	0.00
OUTBACK STEAKHOUSE	1	1.16	0	0.00
OXFORD AREA HIGH SCHOOL	1	1.16	0	0.00

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PCV (ROSEMONT, PA)	1	1.16	0	0.00
PELLINI GOLD CORDES CPA LLC	1	1.16	0	0.00
READING EAGLE	1	1.16	0	0.00
REI	1	1.16	0	0.00
RICK'S HERITAGE SADDLERY	1	1.16	0	0.00
ROTHMAN & BOYLSTON, LLC	1	1.16	0	0.00
SALAD WORKS	1	1.16	0	0.00
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA	1	1.16	0	0.00
SCOPOS HG	1	1.16	0	0.00
SCS, INC	1	1.16	0	0.00
SHERATON GREAT VALLEY HOTEL	1	1.16	0	0.00
SMART BUSINESS CONSULTING & ADVISORY	1	1.16	0	0.00
SONSHINE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY	1	1.16	0	0.00
SPORTING CLUB AT THE BELLEVUE	1	1.16	0	0.00
SPRINGSIDE SCHOOL PHILADELPHIA, PA	1	1.16	0	0.00
STEPTOE SEIDZKOWSKI CUSTOM DOCK BUILDERS	1	1.16	0	0.00
T.W. PONESSA & ASSOCIATES	1	1.16	0	0.00
THE BRYN MAWR TRUST COMPLANY	1	1.16	0	0.00
THE LEARNING EXPERIENCE	1	1.16	0	0.00
TOM CORBETT FOR GOVERNOR	1	1.16	0	0.00
TRADERS JOES	1	1.16	0	0.00
UNB	1	1.16	0	0.00
UNO'S CHICAGO BAR & GRILL	1	1.16	0	0.00
WCU	1	1.16	0	0.00
WEGMAN'S FOOD MARKET	1	1.16	0	0.00
WEISER, LLP	1	1.16	0	0.00
WHIPPLE ASSOCIATES (MASS MUTUAL)	1	1.16	0	0.00
WINDLES CONSTRUCTION	1	1.16	0	0.00
YEAGER'S FARM-	1	1.16	0	0.00
BOOTHWYN ELEMENTARY	0	0.00	1	7.69
BRYN MAWR HOSPITAL	0	0.00	1	7.69
CACTUS GRILL	0	0.00	1	7.69
CHESTER COUNTY HOSPITAL	0	0.00	1	7.69
DELAWARE COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	0	0.00	1	7.69
MEDPARK CORPORATION	0	0.00	1	7.69
NORDSTROM	0	0.00	1	7.69
UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE	0	0.00	1	7.69
TOTAL	86	100.00	13	100.00

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Job Title	Primary Activity			
	Employment, full-time		Employment, part-time	
	#	%	#	%
MISSING	12	13.95	5	38.46
TEACHER	7	8.14	0	0.00
SALES	5	5.81	1	7.69
RN	3	3.49	2	15.38
PERSONAL TRAINER	3	3.49	0	0.00
CREW MEMBER	2	2.33	1	7.69
SERVER/ BARTENDER	2	2.33	1	7.69
FINANCIAL ADVISOR	2	2.33	0	0.00
MANAGER	2	2.33	0	0.00
SECRETARY	2	2.33	0	0.00
STAFF ACCOUNTANT	2	2.33	0	0.00
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	1	1.16	1	7.69
SUBSTITUTE TEACHER	1	1.16	1	7.69
ACCOUNTANT	1	1.16	0	0.00
ACROBATIC COMEDIAN	1	1.16	0	0.00
ACTUARIAL ANALYST	1	1.16	0	0.00
ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	1	1.16	0	0.00
ASSISTANT MANAGER	1	1.16	0	0.00
BOOK KEEPER	1	1.16	0	0.00
CAMPUS LIFE SUPPORT	1	1.16	0	0.00
COOK III, PREPARED FOODS	1	1.16	0	0.00
CORROSION TECHNICIAN	1	1.16	0	0.00
DEPUTY POLICY DIRECTOR	1	1.16	0	0.00
DIGITAL PRESSMAN	1	1.16	0	0.00
DRAFTING DESIGN	1	1.16	0	0.00
EDUCATIONAL TREATMENT COUNSELOR	1	1.16	0	0.00
ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNICIAN	1	1.16	0	0.00
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	1	1.16	0	0.00
FINANCE TRAINEE	1	1.16	0	0.00
FOOTWEAR SPECIALIST/ CUSTOMER SERVICE	1	1.16	0	0.00
GUEST SERVICE AGENT	1	1.16	0	0.00
INSTALLER, CARPENTER	1	1.16	0	0.00
INSTRUCTOR	1	1.16	0	0.00
INVESTOR ADVISOR	1	1.16	0	0.00
JUNIOR AUDITOR	1	1.16	0	0.00
JUNIOR STAFF ACCOUNTANT	1	1.16	0	0.00
LEAD GENERATION REP	1	1.16	0	0.00
MANAGEMENT TRAINEE	1	1.16	0	0.00
MARKETING COORDINATOR/ EVENT PLANNER	1	1.16	0	0.00
MARKETING REP	1	1.16	0	0.00
MIGRANT EDUCATION EMPLOYEE	1	1.16	0	0.00
OPERATIONS MANAGER	1	1.16	0	0.00
OWNER	1	1.16	0	0.00
PERSONNEL CLERK	1	1.16	0	0.00

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PHOTO LAB SUPERVISOR	1	1.16	0	0.00
PT TECH	1	1.16	0	0.00
REALTOR	1	1.16	0	0.00
RECEPTIONIST	1	1.16	0	0.00
RESEARCH ANALYST	1	1.16	0	0.00
SHEET METAL	1	1.16	0	0.00
SHOW MANAGER	1	1.16	0	0.00
SUPPORT STAFF	1	1.16	0	0.00
TECHNICAL BUSINESS ANALYST/DEVELOPER	1	1.16	0	0.00
TELLER	1	1.16	0	0.00
YOUTH OFFICER	1	1.16	0	0.00
TECH II	0	0.00	1	7.69
TOTAL	86	100.00	13	100.00

APPENDIX C - Graduates indicating their primary activity is Graduate School and have been accepted into a program

School Name	Primary Activity			
	Graduate School, full-time		Graduate School, part-time	
	#	%	#	%
WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY	8	57.14	2	40.00
MISSING	1	7.14	1	20.00
ARGOSY	1	7.14	0	0.00
IMMACULATA UNIVERSITY	1	7.14	0	0.00
THE SOMA INSTITUTE	1	7.14	0	0.00
UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH	1	7.14	0	0.00
VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY	1	7.14	0	0.00
CHESTNUT HILL COLLEGE	0	0.00	1	20.00
LASALLE UNIVERSITY OF PA	0	0.00	1	20.00
TOTAL	14	100.00	5	100.00

APPENDIX D - Graduates indicating their primary activity is attending Graduate School and have been accepted in a program

Area of Study	Primary Activity			
	Graduate School, full-time		Graduate School, part-time	
	#	%	#	%
CRIMINAL JUSTICE	3	21.43	0	0.00
MISSING	2	14.29	2	40.00
ART	1	7.14	0	0.00
CLINICAL MASSAGE THERAPY	1	7.14	0	0.00
COMPUTER SCIENCE	1	7.14	0	0.00
EDUCATIONAL COUNSELING	1	7.14	0	0.00
MARKETING	1	7.14	0	0.00
MASTERS OF LIBRARY SCIENCE	1	7.14	0	0.00
NURSING	1	7.14	0	0.00
PUBLIC HEALTH	1	7.14	0	0.00
SECONDARY ED. CERT. SOCIAL STUDIES	1	7.14	0	0.00
LITERACY/ EDUCATION	0	0.00	1	20.00
NURSING/COUNSELING	0	0.00	1	20.00
PSYCHOLOGY	0	0.00	1	20.00
TOTAL	14	100.00	5	100.00

APPENDIX E - Graduates indicating their primary activity is attending Graduate School and have been accepted in a program

Degree Sought	Primary Activity			
	Graduate School, full-time		Graduate School, part-time	
	#	%	#	%
MISSING	4	28.57	3	60.00
MASTERS	2	14.29	1	20.00
BSN	1	7.14	0	0.00
COMPUTER SCIENCE	1	7.14	0	0.00
GRADUATE DEGREE	1	7.14	0	0.00
MASTER OF SCIENCE	1	7.14	0	0.00
MASTERS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE	1	7.14	0	0.00
MASTERS IN EDUCATIONAL COUNSELING	1	7.14	0	0.00
MLIS	1	7.14	0	0.00
SECONDARY ED. CERT. SOCIAL STUDIES	1	7.14	0	0.00
DOCTORATE	0	0.00	1	20.00
TOTAL	14	100.00	5	100.00