

Class of 1990

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The summary material contained in this report reflects the responses of 62.2% of the graduating class of 1990. This includes students who graduated from December 1989 through August 1990. 369 graduates of a class of 593 have volunteered information concerning employment, salary and plans for further education.

The first of two mailings was sent to graduates in June 1990. A second mailing was sent in November to students who had not returned the first questionnaire or who had reported that they were still seeking employment at the time of the first mailing. Therefore, the information in this report is, essentially, a 6-month follow-up of the Class of 1990.

In addition to average and median salary information for graduates by academic major (pages ii and iii), other points of interest include the following:

16.8% of the graduates who completed the questionnaire are attending or plan to attend graduate school in the near future. This compares to 18.8% that reported similar intentions in 1989.

8.1% were unemployed and looking for work as of November 1990. 8.5% were recorded in this category one year ago. An additional 1.6% of the 1990 graduates are unemployed by choice.

Of those respondents in the job market (those actually employed plus those currently seeking positions) 81.6% are employed in positions related to their academic majors or career objectives. This number compares favorably to 73.4% in 1989 and 67.7% in 1988.

9.4% were underemployed (i.e. working in a field unrelated to their career goals.) This figure was 18.1% in 1989, having risen from 12.1% in 1988.

Of the graduates who are employed, 32.9% indicate that their initial employment was the result of direct application to the employer. 23.6% received their initial job lead from either the University Placement Office, a faculty member or as the result of a co-op assignment or internship. The rest received the key referral from family or friends (21.1%), by answering a classified ad (9.7%) or through an employment agency (2.5%).

Graduates who secured a new position as a result of completing their degree received an average starting salary of \$19,402, up from \$17,632 in 1989. Associate degree recipients (most of whom received the A.S.N.) averaged \$20,632; baccalaureate degree recipients averaged \$19,258. No master's degree candidates sought new positions upon graduation.

Graduates were asked to report which services offered by the Career Services & Placement Office they had utilized while undergraduates.

Part-time Placement	24.6%	Resume/Interview Asst.	41.5%
Graduate Placement	59.6%	Job / Career Counseling	31.5%
Co-op / Internships	10.8%	Career Resource Center	37.7%

23.5% report that they had used none of the above services.

