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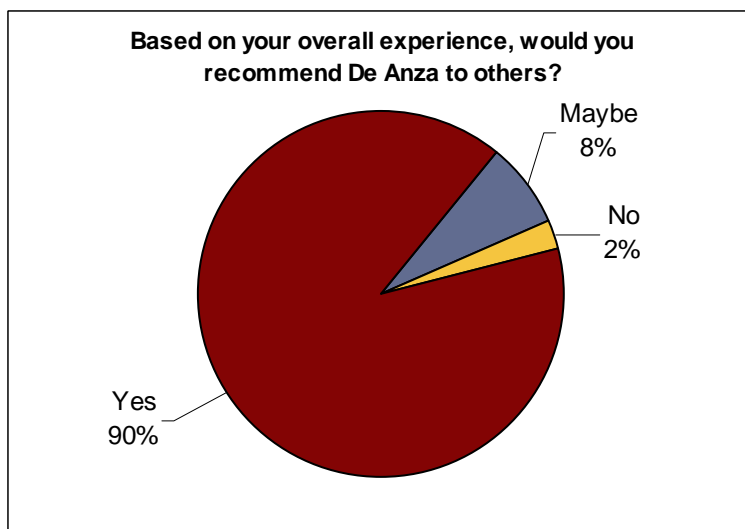
SUBJECT: Graduate Survey, Spring 2008

A survey of 2006-07 De Anza College degree and certificate graduates was conducted in late May through early June 2008 via e-mail. Graduates were asked questions about their experiences at De Anza College as well as their current employment status. Of the e-mails that were sent, 374 individuals responded; a 28% response rate. The survey questionnaires are attached below. The following data results are similar to the data results from the Spring 2007 Graduate survey.

Important highlights include:

- 53% (197 of 374) of the graduates responded that their primary goal when entering De Anza College was to prepare for transfer to UC/CSU/private or out-of-state university. 27% (103 of 374) of the other graduates selected, “to prepare for career change or advancement.”
- 49% of the graduates indicated that they continued their education at a 4-year college after graduating.
- 63% (224 of 356) of the graduates answered that De Anza College helped them prepare for their career goals.
- 90% (335 of 374) answered “yes” that they would recommend De Anza College to others (see Figure 1).
- The top two selected services graduates felt most helpful to De Anza students and recent graduates were professional development or continuing education workshops (27%, 97 of 365) and job search assistance (22%, 82 of 365).

Figure 1



2006-07 De Anza College Graduate Survey Responses (Questions 1-11)
June 20, 2008

1. What was your primary goal when you entered De Anza College?

Label	Number	Percent
To enter the workforce for the first time	23	6%
To improve skills or personal enrichment	51	14%
To prepare for career change or advancement	103	27%
To prepare for transfer to UC/CSU/private or out-of-state university	197	53%
Total Valid	374	100%
Total Missing	0	
Total	374	

2. Are you currently employed?

Label	Number	Percent
Not employed	110	29%
Yes 20 to 39.9 hrs/wk	82	22%
Yes full-time	125	34%
Yes less than 20 hrs/wk	56	15%
Total Valid	373	100%
Total Missing	1	
Total	374	

3. What is your approximate annual salary?

Label	Number	Percent
\$0-\$20,000 annually	104	28%
\$20,001-\$30,000 annually	44	12%
\$30,001-\$40,000 annually	28	8%
\$40,001-\$50,000 annually	29	8%
\$50,001-\$60,000 annually	17	5%
\$60,001-\$70,000 annually	14	4%
More than \$70,000 annually	41	11%
N/A - not employed	90	25%
Total Valid	367	100%
Total Missing	7	
Total	374	

4. Are you working in a field related to your studies at De Anza College?

Label	Number	Percent
No	114	31%
N/A - not employed	101	27%
Yes	158	42%
Total Valid	373	100%
Total Missing	1	
Total	374	

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5. Did your salary increase after you received your certificate/degree from De Anza?

Label	Number	Percent
No	164	44%
N/A - not employed	118	32%
Yes	92	25%
Total Valid	374	100%
Total Missing	0	
Total	374	

6. How long did it take you to find employment in your field or receive a raise and/or promotion after graduating from De Anza?

Label	Number	Percent
0-3 months	109	30%
3-6 months	29	8%
6-9 months	15	4%
9-12 months	18	5%
Not employed in my field of study	194	53%
Total Valid	365	100%
Total Missing	9	
Total	374	

7. If you are not currently employed, please indicate one of the following:

Label	Number	Percent
Actively seeking employment	31	28%
Full-time student at UC/CSU/private or out-of-state university	50	45%
Not actively seeking employment	22	20%
Waiting for certification/licensure to be granted	7	6%
Total Respondents	110	100%
Total Missing	0	
Total Not Currently Employed	110	

Note: Only individuals that selected "Not employed" in question 2 are included.

8. How did De Anza College prepare you for your career goals?

Label	Number	Percent
Did not help me prepare for my career goals	132	37%
Helped me receive a raise and/or promotion	20	6%
Helped me improve my job performance	110	31%
Helped me obtain my current job	94	26%
Total Valid	356	100%
Total Missing	18	
Total	374	

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9. Did you continue your education after completing your program of study at De Anza? If yes, please indicate where.

Label	Number	Percent
California State University System	124	34%
De Anza or another community college	66	18%
Did not continue education	115	31%
Private or out-of-state college or university	24	6%
Private technical college	9	2%
University of California System	32	9%
Total Valid	370	100%
Total Missing	4	
Total	374	

10. Based on your overall experience, would you recommend De Anza to others?

Label	Number	Percent
Maybe	28	8%
No	9	2%
Yes	335	90%
Total Valid	372	100%
Total Missing	2	
Total	374	

11. Please indicate which of following services you feel would be most helpful to De Anza students and recent graduates.

Label	Number	Percent
Information about classes and events at De Anza	73	20%
Job search assistance	82	22%
Networking opportunities for current students with alumni	56	15%
On-campus interviews with employers	57	16%
Professional development or continuing education workshops	97	27%
Total Valid	365	100%
Total Missing	9	
Total	374	



Dear Andrew La Manque,

De Anza College values your opinion and invites you to participate in a survey about your experience since obtaining the degree(s)/certificate(s) listed here:

Associate Degree in AUTO TECHCN - ADV ENGINE PERFORM

Associate Degree in AUTO TECHNCN - ENGINE PERFORMANCE

Certificate in AUTO TECHCN - ADV ENGINE PERFORM

Certificate in AUTO TECHNCN - ENGINE PERFORMANCE

Certificate in AUTO TECHCN - ADV ENGINE PERFORM

Certificate in AUTO TECHNCN - ENGINE PERFORMANCE

<http://www.deanza.edu/em/ga.pl?su=2441La>

Use the link above to go to the survey.

All information on the survey is kept confidential. We will only be looking at the collective data and not the individual responses.

Thank you much for your time.
De Anza College

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Use the contact information provided above. For information about this message, check out:

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[De Anza Home](#)**1. What was your primary goal when you entered De Anza College?**

- To enter the workforce for the first time
- To prepare for a career change or advancement
- To prepare for transfer to UC/CSU/private or out-of-state university
- To improve skills or personal enrichment

2. Are you currently employed?

- Yes, full-time
- Yes, 20 to 39.9 hours per week
- Yes, less than 20 hours per week
- Not employed

3. What is your approximate annual salary?

- \$0-20,000 annually
- \$20,001-30,000 annually
- \$30,001-40,000 annually
- \$40,001-50,000 annually
- \$50,001-60,000 annually
- \$60,001-70,000 annually
- More than \$70,000 annually
- N/A - not employed

4. Are you working in a field related to your studies at De Anza?

- Yes
- No
- N/A - not employed

5. Did your salary increase after you received your certificate/degree from De Anza?

- Yes
- No
- N/A - not employed

6. How long did it take you to find employment in your field or receive a raise and/or promotion after graduating from De Anza?

- 0-3 months
- 3-6 months
- 6-9 months
- 9-12 months
- Not employed in my field of study

7. If you are not currently employed, please indicate one of the following:

- Actively seeking employment
- Waiting for certification or licensure to be granted
- Full-time student at UC/CSU/private or out-of-state university
- Not actively seeking employment

8. How did De Anza prepare you for your career goals? (Pick ONE)

- Helped me obtain my current job
- Helped me improve my job performance
- Helped me receive a raise and/or promotion
- Did not help me prepare for my career goals

**9. Did you continue your education after completing your program at De Anza?
If yes, please indicate where.**

- University of California System
- California State University System
- Private or out-of-state college or university
- De Anza or another community college
- Private technical college
- Did not continue education

10. Based on your overall experience, would you recommend De Anza to others?

- Yes
- Maybe
- No

11. Please indicate which of following services you feel would be most helpful to De Anza students and recent graduates. (Pick ONE)

- Job search assistance
- On-campus interviews with employers
- Networking opportunities for current students with alumni
- Information about classes and events at De Anza
- Professional development or continuing education workshops

12. How do you describe your ethnicity?

- African American
- Asian Indian
- Chinese
- European(White)
- Filipino
- Hispanic / Latino / Latina
- Middle Eastern
- Native American
- Pacific Islander
- Vietnamese
- Multi Ethnic

If not listed above, please enter:
