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SUBJECT: Graduate Survey, Spring 2006

A survey of 2004-05 De Anza College degree and certificate graduates was conducted via email in early May 2006. Graduates were asked questions about their experiences at De Anza College as well their current employment status (see attached survey questions). There were 1,642 individuals that received at least one degree or certificate during 2004-05. Of the 1,642 students 1,591 had valid emails on file and of the valid emails sent, 166 were bounced back. Of the final sample of 1,425, 316 students responded (22%). The survey questions are attached below.

The demographics of the survey respondents were similar to the 1,642 students receiving an award, with the exception that the respondent group was slightly more female and white than the award population (see Figure 2-4). Overall though, the responses appear to be representative of the population of students receiving an award in 2004-05.

Important highlights include:

- 55% of the respondents indicated that they continued their education at a 4 year college after graduating (see Figure 5).
- 28% of respondents indicated that job placement assistance would be a helpful service for students and recent graduates (see question 12 on attached tables).
- Only 2% of respondents indicated that they would NOT recommend De Anza College to others (see Figure 1).

Figure 1

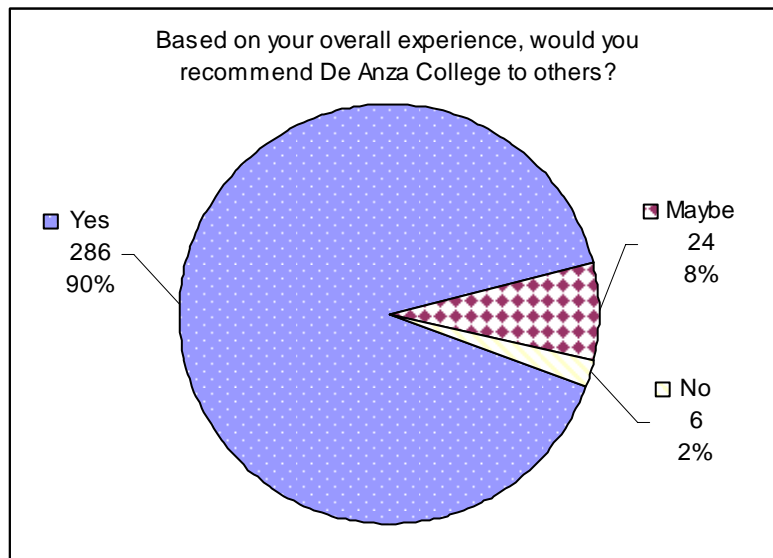


Figure 2

De Anza College 2004-05 Graduate Survey
Ethnicity of Respondents and Recipients

Ethnicity	Respondents		Award Recipients 2004-05	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Asian	108	34%	610	37%
Black	6	2%	60	4%
Decline to State	45	14%	218	13%
Filipino	16	5%	80	5%
Hispanic	35	11%	205	12%
Native American			8	0%
Other	8	3%	34	2%
Pacific Islander	2	1%	6	0%
White	96	30%	421	26%
Total	316	100%	1,642	100%

Figure 3

De Anza College 2004-05 Graduate Survey
Gender of Respondents and Recipients

Gender	Respondents		Award Recipients	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Female	200	63%	970	59%
Male	116	37%	672	41%
Total	316	100%	1,642	100%

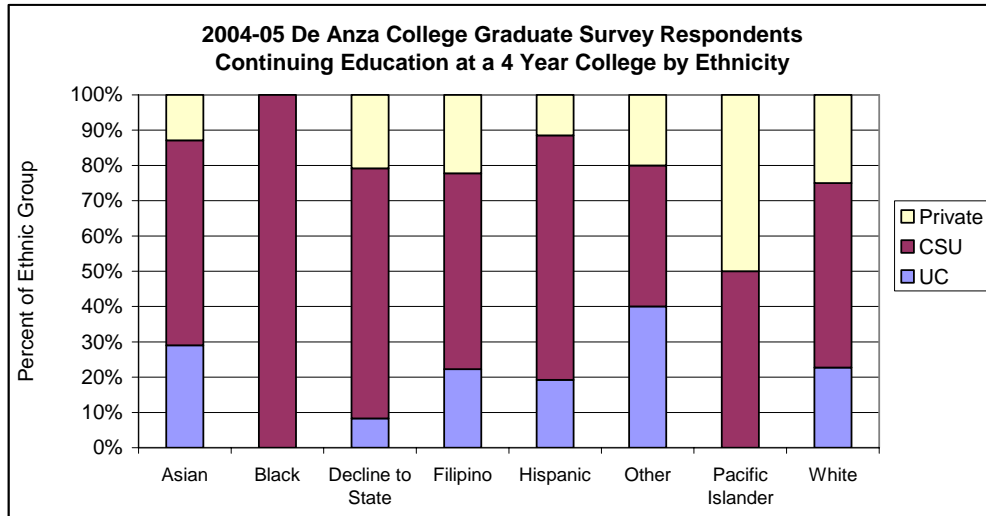
Figure 4

De Anza College 2004-05 Graduate Survey
Local Address of Respondents and Recipients

Location	Respondents		Award Recipients	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
San Jose East of 880 (1)	105	33%	632	38%
San Jose Other (2)	113	36%	509	31%
Cupertino, Sunnyvale (3)	71	22%	344	21%
All Other Areas	27	9%	157	10%
Total	316	100%	1,642	100%

- (1) San Jose East of 880, Alviso, Milpitas, Fremont, Union City, Newark, Hayward, East Palo Alto
- (2) San Jose Other, Santa Clara, Morgan Hill, Gilroy, Campbell, Sunnyvale (94086, 94089)
- (3) Cupertino, Sunnyvale (94087), Los Altos, Mountain View, Palo Alto, Los Gatos, Saratoga

Figure 5



2004-05 De Anza College Graduate Survey Respondents Continuing Education at a 4 Year College by Ethnicity

Ethnicity	UC		CSU		Private		Total		% Transferring to Total Respondents	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Number
Asian	18	29%	36	58%	8	13%	62	100%	57%	108
Black			3	100%			3	100%	50%	6
Decline to State	2	8%	17	71%	5	21%	24	100%	53%	45
Filipino	2	22%	5	56%	2	22%	9	100%	56%	16
Hispanic	5	19%	18	69%	3	12%	26	100%	74%	35
Other	2	40%	2	40%	1	20%	5	100%	63%	8
Pacific Islander			1	50%	1	50%	2	100%	100%	2
White	10	23%	23	52%	11	25%	44	100%	46%	96
Total	39	22%	105	60%	31	18%	175	100%	55%	316

2004-05 De Anza College Graduate Survey Responses (Questions 1-12)

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

Answer	Number	Percent
To enter the workforce for the first time	15	5%
To prepare for job change or advancement with current employer	47	15%
To improve job skills for future long-term employment goals	46	15%
To prepare for transfer to UC/CSU/private or out-of-state university	174	55%
To improve skills or personal enrichment	33	10%
Total Valid	315	100%
Total Missing	1	
Total	316	

2. Were you employed **before** you began your program of study at De Anza College?

Answer	Number	Percent
Yes, full-time	101	32%
Yes, 20 to 39.9 hrs/wk	61	19%
Yes, less than 20 hrs/wk	36	11%
Not employed	118	37%
Total Valid	316	100%
Total Missing	0	
Total	316	

3. If you answered 'yes' to question 2, what was your approximate annual salary? (before De Anza)

Answer	Number	Percent
\$0-\$20,000 annually	88	45%
\$20,001-\$30,000 annually	37	19%
\$30,001-\$40,000 annually	25	13%
\$40,001-\$50,000 annually	21	11%
\$50,001- or more annually	25	13%
Total Salary Estimate	196	100%
Total Missing	2	
Total Employed before De Anza	198	
Total Graduates	316	

Note: only students responding Yes (employed before De Anza) on question 2 are included.

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4. Are you currently employed?

Answer	Number	Percent
Yes, full-time	109	35%
Yes, 20 to 39.9 hrs/wk	65	21%
Yes, less than 20 hrs/wk	25	8%
Not currently employed	113	36%
Total Valid	312	100%
Total Missing	4	
Total	316	

5. If currently employed, are you working in a field related to your studies at De Anza College?

Answer	Number	Percent
Yes	106	54%
No	91	46%
Total Valid	197	100%
Total Missing	1	
Total Currently Employed	198	
Total Graduates	316	

Note: only students responding Yes (currently employed) on question 4 are included.

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

Answer	Number	Percent
0-3 months	78	40%
3-6 months	15	8%
6-9 months	11	6%
9-12 months	14	7%
Not currently employed in my field of study	78	40%
Total Valid	196	100%
Total Missing	3	
Total Currently Employed	199	
Total Graduates	316	

Note: only students responding Yes (currently employed) on question 4 are included.

2004-05 De Anza College Graduate Survey Responses (Questions 1-12)

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7. If employed, please indicate your approximate annual salary since completing your studies at De Anza College?

Answer	Number	Percent
\$0-\$20,000 annually	55	32%
\$20,001-\$30,000 annually	27	16%
\$30,001-\$40,000 annually	32	18%
\$40,001-\$50,000 annually	23	13%
\$50,001-\$60,000 annually	12	7%
\$60,001-\$70,000 annually	7	4%
More than \$70,000 annually	18	10%
Total Valid	174	100%
Total Missing	25	
Total Currently Employed	199	
Total Graduates	316	

Note: only students responding Yes (currently employed) on question 4 are included.

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

Answer	Number	Percent
Actively seeking employment	20	18%
Waiting for certification/licensure to be granted	3	3%
Full-time student at UC/CSU/private or out-of-state university	69	62%
Not actively seeking employment	20	18%
Total Valid	112	100%
Total Missing	1	
Total Not Currently Employed	113	
Total Graduates	316	

Note: only students responding 'not currently employed' on question 4 are included.

9. How did De Anza College prepare you for employment in your field of study?

Answer	Number	Percent
Helped me obtain my current job	69	26%
Helped me improve my job performance	78	30%
Helped me advance with current employer	28	11%
Did not help me prepare for my employment goals	89	34%
Total Valid	264	100%
Total Missing	52	
Total	316	

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

Answer	Number	Percent
University of California System	39	13%
California State University System	105	35%
Private or out-of-state college or university	31	10%
De Anza or another community college	44	15%
Private technical college	2	1%
Did not continue education	78	26%
Total Valid	299	100%
Total Missing	17	
Total	316	

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

Answer	Number	Percent
Yes	286	91%
Maybe	24	8%
No	6	2%
Total Valid	316	100%
Total Missing	0	
Total	316	

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

Answer	Number	Percent
Job placement assistance	83	28%
On-campus interviews with employers	40	14%
Networking opportunities for current students with alumni	39	13%
Alumni association and related activities	12	4%
Information about classes and events at De Anza College	58	20%
Professional development or continuing education workshops	64	22%
Total Valid	296	100%
Total Missing	20	
Total	316	

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

- To enter the workforce for the first time
- To prepare for job change or advancement with current employer
- To improve job skills for future, long-term employment goals
- To prepare for transfer to UC/CSU/private or out-of-state university
- To improve skills or personal enrichment

2. Were you employed before you began your program of study at De Anza College?

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

3. If you answered "yes" to question 2, what was 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

4. Are you currently employed?

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

5. If currently employed, are you working in a field related to your studies at De Anza College?

- Yes
- No
- Not currently employed

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

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

7. If employed, please indicate your approximate annual salary since completing your studies at De Anza College?

- \$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

8. 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

9. How did De Anza College prepare you for employment in your field of study? (Pick ONE)

- Helped me obtain my current job
- Helped me improve my job performance
- Helped me advance with current employer
- Did not help me prepare for my employment goals

10. Did you continue your education after your program of study at De Anza College? 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

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

- Yes
- Maybe
- No

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

- Job placement assistance
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