FITCHBURG STATE UNIVERSITY

Fifth Year Alumni Feedback 2012 2013 Grads

Survey Title:

Fifth-Year Alumni Feedback

Responses By Question Analysis:

1. We would like to know about your short-term plans. Please mark each of the following as they relate to you currently:

	Yes	No	Not Applicable	Response Total	Points	Avg
I am currently employed or have a job offer in a field closely related to my degree	100% (6)0% (0)	0% (0)0% (0)	0% (0)0% (0)	6	0	0
I am currently employed or have a job offer in a field that is not related to my degree	0% (0)0% (0)	83.33% (5)0% (0)	16.67% (1)0% (0)	6	0	0
l am searching for employment in a field closely related to my degree	0% (0)0% (0)	66.67% (4)0% (0)	33.33% (2)0% (0)	6	0	0
l am searching for employment in a field not closely related to my degree	16.67% (1)0% (0)	66.67% (4)0% (0)	16.67% (1)0% (0)	6	0	0
I have been accepted into a graduate program to continue my education at Fitchburg State University	16.67% (1)0% (0)	33.33% (2)0% (0)	50% (3)0% (0)	6	0	0
I have been accepted into a graduate or doctoral program to continue my education at another institution	33.33% (2)0% (0)	33.33% (2)0% (0)	33.33% (2)0% (0)	6	0	0
I am not planning to continue my education at this time	16.67% (1)0% (0)	50% (3)0% (0)	33.33% (2)0% (0)	6	0	0
I am a member of the Armed Forces	0% (0)0% (0)	66.67% (4)0% (0)	33.33% (2)0% (0)	6	0	0
			Total Respondents	6		

2. How many times have you changed employers or been promoted since graduation five years ago?

1. Promoted once at my last job, changed employers once

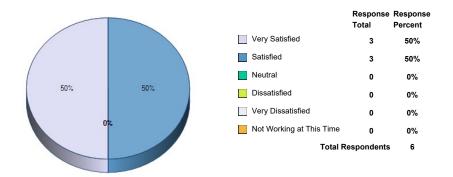
2. I received my first position out of my Masters Degree and styed there for one year. I then received a new position the next school year and have remained in that position ever since. So, twice!

- 3. None
- 4. 3
- 5. 6

6. Since completing my Master's Degree from FSU, I have changed employers three times within the same field of work.

Total Respondents 6

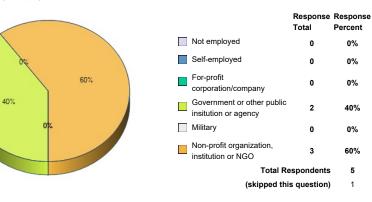
 $\textbf{3.} \ \ \text{Are you satisfied with the course of your career thus far?}$



- 4. Where are you currently employed and what is your job title?
- 1. UMass Amherst, PhD Candidate
- 2. Johnny Appleseed Elementary School (Leominster Public Schools), Guidance Counselor
- 3. Community Healthlink, Licensed Mental Health Counselor
- 4. Plymouth public schools- paraprofessional
- 5. Boston Vetterans Affairs Research Institutiion as a Resesrch Core Manager
- 6. I work as an Outpatient Clinician at Clinical & Support Options in Gardner, MA and am an Adjunct Instructor for Fitchburg State University.

Total Respondents 6

5. In what sector are you employed?



 $\textbf{6.} \ \ \mathsf{Please select the industry that best describes your employer.}$

		Response Total	Response Percent
	N/A - Not working	0	0%
17% 0%	Agriculture	0	0%
0%	Biotech/Pharmaceutical	0	0%
50%	Business Services	0	0%
33%	Communications/Marketing/PR	0	0%
0%	Computer Science/Technology	0	0%
	Education: Higher Education	0	0%
	Education: PreK - High School	2	33%
	Engineering	0	0%
	Environment	0	0%
	Financial Services	0	0%
	Fine/Performing Arts	0	0%
	Food Service	0	0%
	Healthcare	1	17%
	Hospitality/Tourism/Travel	0	0%
	Information Technology	0	0%
	Law/Legal Services	0	0%
	Manufacturing	0	0%
	Media/Journalism/Publishing	0	0%
	Medicine	0	0%
	Military/Defense	0	0%
	Politics/Public Policy/Advocacy	0	0%
	Retail	0	0%
	Social Services	0	0%
	Sports/Fitness	0	0%
	Technology	0	0%
	Other, please specify	3	50%
	Total Re	espondents	6
	Academia/Research		
	Research		

Research

Higher Education and Mental Health Agency

7. We are always interested in our Alumni's continued interest in their personal and professional development. Which, if any, professional organizations have you joined since completing your program of study?

- 1. American soil science society, crop science society of America, American society of agronomy
- 2. N/A
- 3. None

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question)

- 4. Harvard Extension School
- 5. None at this time.

Total Respondents 5

8. We believe that Fitchburg State Alumni are always expanding their body of knowledge and would like to know what types of professional development activities you have engaged in since completion of you program of study? (i.e. attended conferences or workshops, given presentation at conference or workshops, conducting scholarly research, licensures or certifications completed, etc.)

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1. Attended numerous conferences and professional development training, given many presentations,ongoing research.

- 2. Several conferences and workshops, enrolled in a CAGS program at FSU
- 3. Attained mental health licensure

4. Enterpreneurship edvevours

I've attended multiple trainings and workshops connected to the mental health field including but not limited
 to motivational interviewing, trauma informed care, insurance related services trainings, mindfulness

practices, stress reduction, cognitive behavioral therapy, etc.

Total Respondents 5

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9.	We like to know where our graduates are in the world.	Please provide us with the city and state or country in which you

currently reside. 1. Greenfield, MA

2. Auburn, Massachusetts

- 3. Harvard, MA
- 4. Plymouth, MA
- 5. Fitchburg MA
- 6. I currently reside in Webster, Massachusetts.

Total Respondents 6

10. Rate the quality of the following with respect to the degree you received five years ago:

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Response Total	Points	Avg
Quality of faculty instruction	66.67% (4)0% (0)	16.67% (1)0% (0)	16.67% (1)0% (0)	0% (0)0% (0)	6	0	0
Level of individual attention	66.67% (4)0% (0)	16.67% (1)0% (0)	16.67% (1)0% (0)	0% (0)0% (0)	6	0	0
Quality of academic advisement	50% (3)0% (0)	33.33% (2)0% (0)	0% (0)0% (0)	16.67% (1)0% (0)	6	0	0
Curriculum linked to job related skills and knowledge	33.33% (2)0% (0)	50% (3)0% (0)	0% (0)0% (0)	16.67% (1)0% (0)	6	0	0
Preparation to meet the demands of my job	33.33% (2)0% (0)	50% (3)0% (0)	16.67% (1)0% (0)	0% (0)0% (0)	6	0	0
Preparation to continue my education	33.33% (2)0% (0)	50% (3)0% (0)	16.67% (1)0% (0)	0% (0)0% (0)	6	0	0
			Tot	tal Respondents	6		

11. Please select your level of agreement with the following statements:

	Very High	High	Average	Low	Very Low	Response Total	Points	Avg
Overall satisfaction with my experience with Fitchburg State University	66.67% (4)0% (0)	16.67% (1)0% (0)	16.67% (1)0% (0)	0% (0)0% (0)	0% (0)0% (0)	6	0	0

Total Respondents 6

12. Looking back at your academic career at Fitchburg State University, please select your level of agreement with the following:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Response Total	Points	Avg
The social and interpersonal skills you developed have impacted your life	50% (3)0% (0)	0% (0)0% (0)	33.33% (2) 0% (0)	16.67% (1) 0% (0)	0% (0)0% (0)	6	0	0
You have benefitted from the personal connections you made	66.67% (4) 0% (0)	0% (0)0% (0)	33.33% (2) 0% (0)	0% (0)0% (0)	0% (0)0% (0)	6	0	0
You have benefitted from the social networks of which you were/are a part	50% (3)0% (0)	16.67% (1) 0% (0)	33.33% (2) 0% (0)	0% (0)0% (0)	0% (0)0% (0)	6	0	0
The benefits of attending were worth the financial cost	50% (3)0% (0)	50% (3)0% (0)	0% (0)0% (0)	0% (0)0% (0)	0% (0)0% (0)	6	0	0
				Total F	Respondents	6		

Total Respondents

13. How well did Fitchburg State University prepare you in terms of the following skill sets:

	Very Well	Well	Neutral	Poorly	Very Poorly	Response Total	Points	Avg
Ability to think analytically and logically	66.67% (4) 0% (0)	16.67% (1) 0% (0)	16.67% (1) 0% (0)	0% (0)0% (0)	0% (0)0% (0)	6	0	0
Ability to acquire new skills and knowledge on your own	66.67% (4) 0% (0)	33.33% (2) 0% (0)	0% (0)0% (0)	0% (0)0% (0)	0% (0)0% (0)	6	0	0
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Ability to use the knowledge, ideas, or perspectives gained from your major field	66.67% (4) 0% (0)	33.33% (2) 0% (0)	0% (0)0% (0)	0% (0)0% (0)	0% (0)0% (0)			
Ability to orally communicate well	50% (3)0% (0)	50% (3)0% (0)	0% (0)0% (0)	0% (0)0% (0)	0% (0)0% (0)	6	0	0
Ability to judge information/ideas/actions/conclusions based on sources/methods/reasoning	66.67% (4) 0% (0)	16.67% (1) 0% (0)	16.67% (1) 0% (0)	0% (0)0% (0)	0% (0)0% (0)	6	0	0
Ability to write effectively	66.67% (4) 0% (0)	0% (0)0% (0)	33.33% (2) 0% (0)	0% (0)0% (0)	0% (0)0% (0)	6	0	0
Ability to use information technology in intellectual and/or professional pursuits	66.67% (4) 0% (0)	16.67% (1) 0% (0)	16.67% (1) 0% (0)	0% (0)0% (0)	0% (0)0% (0)	6	0	0
Ability to understand and appreciate cultural and ethnic differences between people	50% (3)0% (0)	0% (0)0% (0)	50% (3)0% (0)	0% (0)0% (0)	0% (0)0% (0)	6	0	0
Ability to understand international perspectives on economic, political, social, and cultural issues	50% (3)0% (0)	0% (0)0% (0)	33.33% (2) 0% (0)	16.67% (1) 0% (0)	0% (0)0% (0)	6	0	0
Ability to gain an understanding of or appreciation for the arts	33.33% (2) 0% (0)	0% (0)0% (0)	50% (3)0% (0)	16.67% (1) 0% (0)	0% (0)0% (0)	6	0	0
Ability to understand and apply quantitative principles and methods	66.67% (4) 0% (0)	0% (0)0% (0)	16.67% (1) 0% (0)	16.67% (1) 0% (0)	0% (0)0% (0)	6	0	0
Ability to understand scientific method	66.67% (4) 0% (0)	0% (0)0% (0)	16.67% (1) 0% (0)	16.67% (1) 0% (0)	0% (0)0% (0)	6	0	0
				Total Res	pondents	6		

14. How well did Fitchburg State University prepare you for the following personal and professional situational skill sets:

	Very Well	Well	Neutral	Poorly	Very Poorly	Response Total	Points	Avg
Your ability to work as a member of a team or group	50% (3)0% (0)	33.33% (2)0% (0)	16.67% (1)0% (0)	0% (0)0% (0)	0% (0)0% (0)	6	0	0
Your ability to get along with people of diverse backgrounds and perspectives	50% (3)0% (0)	33.33% (2)0% (0)	16.67% (1)0% (0)	0% (0)0% (0)	0% (0)0% (0)	6	0	0
Your ability to lead others effectively	50% (3)0% (0)	16.67% (1)0% (0)	33.33% (2)0% (0)	0% (0)0% (0)	0% (0)0% (0)	6	0	0
Your ability to evaluate and choose between alternative courses of action	33.33% (2)0% (0)	33.33% (2)0% (0)	33.33% (2)0% (0)	0% (0)0% (0)	0% (0)0% (0)	6	0	0
Your awareness of contemporary issues and their cause and consequences	33.33% (2)0% (0)	0% (0)0% (0)	66.67% (4)0% (0)	0% (0)0% (0)	0% (0)0% (0)	6	0	0

Total Respondents

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15. What did we not ask you about but you feel we should know?

I am confident that one of the best skills I received at FSU was the lab experience with my professors in chemistry and biology. The work was hands on and the techniques were relevant and applicable to my graduate research. Even though I did not come from a research institution like many of my current peers, I

 have felt competitive and prepared because of what my professors taught me and the equipment and resources they had available to teach me with. I have also kept in touch with several professors, and they have been remarkably supportive both as mentors and professional collaborators. I can't stress enough the quality of the scientific training I received.
 In terms of the School Counseling program, I think it needs a review/update. There are a few great professors who truly challenge their students with real world situations, while there are some who have not

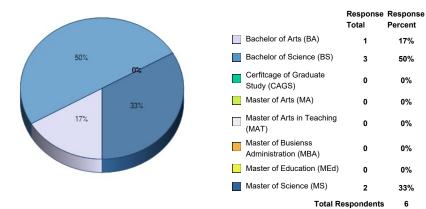
been in the field in 20 years and don't realize what the job is truly like now. For example, they put a large
 amount of emphasis on lesson planning; as a guidance counselor in an inner city school, who does complete lessons and small lunch groups, I do not develop lesson plans the way they teach at FSU. Future counselors need to be more familiar with 504's, child find teams, 51A's, how to deal with difficult parents, and understanding the role more realistically.

3. How would you give back to FSU?

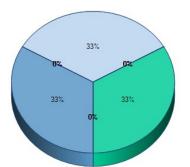
4. N/A

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16. Please select the Degree you completed at Fitchburg State University from the list below.



17. Please select the major field your studied for your degree:



	Response	Response
	Total	Percent
Arts (MA or MEd only)	0	0%
Biology	2	33%
Business Administration	0	0%
Chemistry	0	0%
Communication (MS only)	0	0%
Communications Media	0	0%
Computer Information Systems	0	0%
Computer Science	0	0%
Counseling (MS only)	2	33%
Criminal Justice	0	0%
Early Childhood Education	0	0%
Educational Leadership (CAGS only)	0	0%
Economics	0	0%
Elementary Education	0	0%
English Studies	0	0%
Environmental and Earth Science	0	0%
Game Design	0	0%
Geographic Science and Technology	0	0%
History	0	0%
Human Services	0	0%
Industrial Technology	0	0%
Interdisciplinary Studies	0	0%
LECOM Early Acceptance Programs	0	0%
Mathematics	0	0%
Middle School Education	0	0%
Nursing	0	0%
Occupational/Vocation Education	0	0%
Political Science	0	0%
Psychological Science	2	33%
Sociology	0	0%
Special Education	0	0%
(Grades 5-12)	0	0%
Total R	espondents	6

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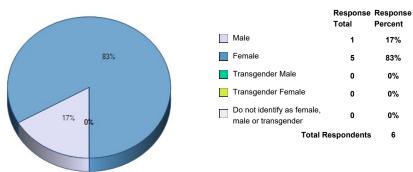
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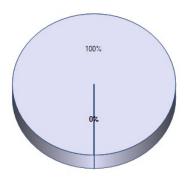
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18. To which gender identity do you most identify?



 $\textbf{19.} \ \ \text{To which racial heritage do you predominantly identify}?$



	Response Total	Response Percent
White/Caucasian	6	100%
Asian	0	0%
Hispanic/Latino	0	0%
Black/African American	0	0%
American Indian	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Re	espondents	6

20. How many dependents do you have (not including yourself)?

