



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	64.29% (9)0% (0)	35.71% (5)0% (0)	0% (0)0% (0)	14	0	0
I am currently employed or have a job offer in a field that is not related to my degree	38.46% (5)0% (0)	46.15% (6)0% (0)	15.38% (2)0% (0)	13	0	0
I am searching for employment in a field closely related to my degree	46.15% (6)0% (0)	30.77% (4)0% (0)	23.08% (3)0% (0)	13	0	0
I am searching for employment in a field not closely related to my degree	23.08% (3)0% (0)	53.85% (7)0% (0)	23.08% (3)0% (0)	13	0	0
I have been accepted into a graduate program to continue my education at Fitchburg State University	7.69% (1)0% (0)	53.85% (7)0% (0)	38.46% (5)0% (0)	13	0	0
I have been accepted into a graduate or doctoral program to continue my education at another institution	38.46% (5)0% (0)	38.46% (5)0% (0)	23.08% (3)0% (0)	13	0	0
I am not planning to continue my education at this time	30.77% (4)0% (0)	38.46% (5)0% (0)	30.77% (4)0% (0)	13	0	0
I am a member of the Armed Forces	0% (0)0% (0)	84.62% (11)0% (0)	15.38% (2)0% (0)	13	0	0
				Total Respondents	14	

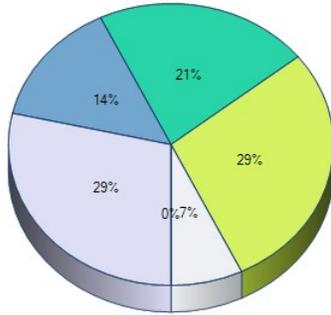
2. How many times have you changed employers or been promoted since graduation five years ago?

1. none
2. 2
3. I have been self employed since graduation (freelancing is common in film/media), I have "promoted" myself once since then.
4. After finishing graduate school at another state institution, I have been employed by one employer.
5. 0
6. 3 changes in employment one promotion within an employer.
7. None
8. I've had 2 promotions since I started working for the Fitchburg Public Schools, once to move from a paraprofessional position to the district website coordinator and then was promoted to the district data manger which I currently maintain
9. 4-5
10. 5+
11. I have changed employers three times since graduation.
12. Changed employers 4 times, been promoted twice

- 13. Several times.
- 14. I was with the same company for 4 years in which I was promoted once. I am now with a new employer and have been for just under a year.

Total Respondents 14

3. Are you satisfied with the course of your career thus far?



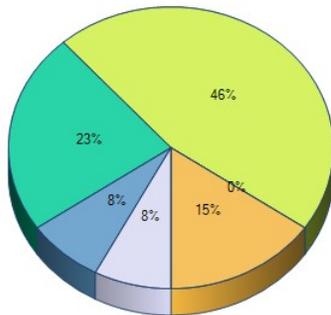
	Response Total	Response Percent
Very Satisfied	4	29%
Satisfied	2	14%
Neutral	3	21%
Dissatisfied	4	29%
Very Dissatisfied	1	7%
Not Working at This Time	0	0%
Total Respondents	14	

4. Where are you currently employed and what is your job title?

- 1. University of Massachusetts Lowell - Librarian
- 2. Mary Finn elementary and I am a preschool aide
- 3. Freelancing as a Production Coordinator/Production Manager
- 4. Bristol Community College-Learning Specialist
- 5. Templeton Community Services Direct Care Worker
- 6. Department of Children and Families- on going social worker
- 7. Retail worker
- 8. Fitchburg Public Schools, District Data Manager
- 9. N/A
- 10. Ulta Beauty - Retail Operations Manager
- 11. I am a Teaching Assistant in the College of Education at UMass, Lowell. I also teach classes and am enrolled as a PhD student in the Leadership program.
- 12. Communications & Events Manager for a nonprofit
- 13. KEH Camera and I am a Camera Technician
- 14. Currently employed by a family as their nanny.

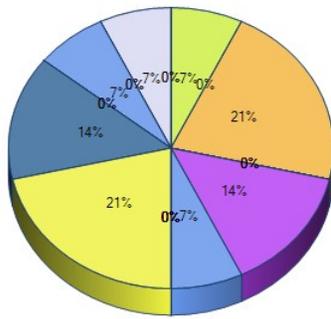
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5. In what sector are you employed?



	Response Total	Response Percent
Not employed	1	8%
Self-employed	1	8%
For-profit corporation/company	3	23%
Government or other public institution or agency	6	46%
Military	0	0%
Non-profit organization, institution or NGO	2	15%
Total Respondents (skipped this question)	13	
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6. Please select the industry that best describes your employer.



	Response Total	Response Percent
N/A - Not working	0	0%
Agriculture	0	0%
Biotech/Pharmaceutical	0	0%
Business Services	0	0%
Communications/Marketing/PR	0	0%
Computer Science/Technology	0	0%
Education: Higher Education	3	21%
Education: PreK - High School	2	14%
Engineering	0	0%
Environment	0	0%
Financial Services	1	7%
Fine/Performing Arts	0	0%
Food Service	0	0%
Healthcare	1	7%
Hospitality/Tourism/Travel	0	0%
Information Technology	0	0%
Law/Legal Services	1	7%
Manufacturing	0	0%
Media/Journalism/Publishing	3	21%
Medicine	0	0%
Military/Defense	0	0%
Politics/Public Policy/Advocacy	0	0%
Retail	2	14%
Social Services	1	7%
Sports/Fitness	0	0%
Technology	0	0%
Other, please specify	0	0%
Total Respondents	14	

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. none - I was a member of the appropriate organizations before I started the program of study
2. Mta
Central Booking, it's a commonly used booking "agency" used by freelancers in Massachusetts.
3. Also, Massachusetts Production Coalition (MPC)
4. N/A
5. None
6. I am up for a position on the FSU Alumni Board and am thrilled to be able to promote FSU.
7. None.

Total Respondents 7

(skipped this question)

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 your program of study? (i.e. attended conferences or workshops, given presentation at conference or workshops, conducting scholarly research, licensures or certifications completed, etc.)

1. I'm nearly done with a program to be a certified project manager.
2. Grad classes
3. Working steadily is how one learns, other than that I have no done organized "professional development." I do have a local Producer as a mentor though.
Conducted scholarly research pertinent to higher education/student affairs counseling, obtained M.Ed. in
4. Counseling-Student Affairs concentration, presented at multiple conferences and workshops regarding higher education and disability services in college settings.
5. I'm taking courses at the Harvard Extension School
6. I went on to get my masters in social work at Westfield state and am now a LCSW.
7. Will be eligible for ASCP certification
I've been able to attend a number of conferences during my time with the Fitchburg Public Schools IT Department, specifically I've participated in annual MassCue and MassBuy conferences, various Google training camps, as well as attending annual conferences hosted by our student information system
8. database vendor. I have also had the opportunity to provide professional development to our staff around the areas of using our student information system database, Google apps for Education, virtual reality, augmented reality, and many other areas to supply our teachers and students with the best opportunities possible.
9. Public Speaking to at risk teens, Acting, Hosting
10. Psychological First Aid certification
11. I have been attending education symposiums, am going to a Voices of Hunger conference at Worcester State and am working on publishing an article about community college students.
12. Graphic design and web development courses
13. None.
14. Attended a few BAEYC conferences

Total Respondents 14

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. Lowell, Massachusetts
2. Ma
3. Waltham, MA
4. Fall River, MA
5. Templeton, Massachusetts
6. Fitchburg MA
7. Peabody
8. Leominster, MA
9. Los Angeles, California
10. Everett, MA
11. Bolton, MA
12. Boston, MA
13. Atlanta, GA
14. Atlanta, GA

Total Respondents 14

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	50% (7)0% (0)	50% (7)0% (0)	0% (0)0% (0)	0% (0)0% (0)	14	0	0
Level of individual attention	57.14% (8)0% (0)	42.86% (6)0% (0)	0% (0)0% (0)	0% (0)0% (0)	14	0	0
Quality of academic advisement	21.43% (3)0% (0)	50% (7)0% (0)	28.57% (4)0% (0)	0% (0)0% (0)	14	0	0
Curriculum linked to job related skills and knowledge	28.57% (4)0% (0)	57.14% (8)0% (0)	14.29% (2)0% (0)	0% (0)0% (0)	14	0	0
Preparation to meet the demands of my job	21.43% (3)0% (0)	57.14% (8)0% (0)	14.29% (2)0% (0)	7.14% (1)0% (0)	14	0	0
Preparation to continue my education	21.43% (3)0% (0)	64.29% (9)0% (0)	14.29% (2)0% (0)	0% (0)0% (0)	14	0	0
Total Respondents					14		

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	50% (7) (0)	28.57% (4) (0)	21.43% (3) (0)	0% (0) (0)	0% (0) (0)	14	0	0
Total Respondents						14		

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	42.86% (6) (0)	35.71% (5) (0)	21.43% (3) (0)	0% (0) (0)	0% (0) (0)	14	0	0
You have benefitted from the personal connections you made	57.14% (8) (0)	14.29% (2) (0)	21.43% (3) (0)	7.14% (1) (0)	0% (0) (0)	14	0	0
You have benefitted from the social networks of which you were/are a part	50% (7) (0)	14.29% (2) (0)	28.57% (4) (0)	7.14% (1) (0)	0% (0) (0)	14	0	0
The benefits of attending were worth the financial cost	42.86% (6) (0)	21.43% (3) (0)	35.71% (5) (0)	0% (0) (0)	0% (0) (0)	14	0	0
Total Respondents						14		

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	35.71% (5) 0% (0)	57.14% (8) 0% (0)	7.14% (1) 0% (0)	0% (0) (0)	0% (0) (0)	14	0	0
Ability to acquire new skills and knowledge on your own	42.86% (6) 0% (0)	42.86% (6) 0% (0)	14.29% (2) 0% (0)	0% (0) (0)	0% (0) (0)	14	0	0
Ability to use the knowledge, ideas, or perspectives gained from your major field	42.86% (6) 0% (0)	42.86% (6) 0% (0)	14.29% (2) 0% (0)	0% (0) (0)	0% (0) (0)	14	0	0
Ability to orally communicate well	28.57% (4) 0% (0)	57.14% (8) 0% (0)	14.29% (2) 0% (0)	0% (0) (0)	0% (0) (0)	14	0	0
Ability to judge information/ideas/actions/conclusions based on sources/methods/reasoning	50% (7) (0)	42.86% (6) 0% (0)	7.14% (1) 0% (0)	0% (0) (0)	0% (0) (0)	14	0	0
Ability to write effectively	35.71% (5) 0% (0)	50% (7) (0)	7.14% (1) 0% (0)	7.14% (1) 0% (0)	0% (0) (0)	14	0	0
Ability to use information technology in intellectual and/or professional pursuits	33.33% (5) 0% (0)	46.67% (7) 0% (0)	13.33% (2) 0% (0)	0% (0) (0)	6.67% (1) 0% (0)	15	0	0
Ability to understand and appreciate cultural and ethnic differences between people	28.57% (4) 0% (0)	50% (7) (0)	21.43% (3) 0% (0)	0% (0) (0)	0% (0) (0)	14	0	0
Ability to understand international perspectives on economic, political, social, and cultural issues	33.33% (5) 0% (0)	26.67% (4) 0% (0)	33.33% (5) 0% (0)	6.67% (1) 0% (0)	0% (0) (0)	15	0	0
Ability to gain an understanding of or appreciation for the arts	21.43% (3) 0% (0)	42.86% (6) 0% (0)	35.71% (5) 0% (0)	0% (0) (0)	0% (0) (0)	14	0	0
Ability to understand and apply quantitative principles and methods	13.33% (2) 0% (0)	53.33% (8) 0% (0)	26.67% (4) 0% (0)	0% (0) (0)	6.67% (1) 0% (0)	15	0	0
Ability to understand scientific method	0% (0) (0)	64.29% (9) 0% (0)	28.57% (4) 0% (0)	7.14% (1) 0% (0)	0% (0) (0)	14	0	0
Total Respondents						14		

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% (7) (0)	42.86% (6) (0)	7.14% (1) (0)	0% (0) (0)	0% (0) (0)	14	0	0
Your ability to get along with people of diverse backgrounds and perspectives	50% (7) (0)	35.71% (5) (0)	14.29% (2) (0)	0% (0) (0)	0% (0) (0)	14	0	0
Your ability to lead others effectively	46.67% (7) (0)	40% (6) (0)	13.33% (2) (0)	0% (0) (0)	0% (0) (0)	15	0	0

Your ability to evaluate and choose between alternative courses of action	60% (9)0% (0)	13.33% (2)0% (0)	26.67% (4)0% (0)	0% (0)0% (0)	0% (0)0% (0)	15	0	0
Your awareness of contemporary issues and their cause and consequences	21.43% (3)0% (0)	50% (7)0% (0)	28.57% (4)0% (0)	0% (0)0% (0)	0% (0)0% (0)	14	0	0
Total Respondents						14		

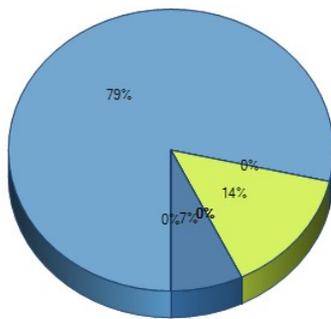
15. What did we not ask you about but you feel we should know?

1. I was an employee at Fitchburg State, in the library, when I started a graduate program to get a second masters degree. I wasn't a traditional student, but selected a program on campus because I didn't have to pay for it. I got a new job before I finished which required I have the second masters, so finishing the program was more of a formality than professional growth.
2. The video concentration does a good job of preparing you for where you are going after the first step but doesn't really prepare you for the first step. Maybe a one day "Production Assistant 101" type deal would be worth it to Freshman, and would give them a place to start, especially as Freelancing during the summer would be a good way to make money and get a headstart on their career.
3. Dr. Laura Baker (history) was condisending and dismissive. She went out of her way to discourage me from continuing in my field of study. She should be removed from her position at the school
4. Which activities I engaged in outside of academics while in school and if I still engage with those communities. I was a member of Greek life and I learned a significant amount of leadership skills while engaging in this, I also gained a ton of confidence which helped me succeed in my classes and take appropriate risk in advancing my career. I thank Fitchburg state for being one of few schools in mass that allow Greek life on thier campus and support it because I think it's what helps many young people become leaders and teaches a whole extra set of valuable life skills outside the classroom.
5. I furthered my education at a 2 year school to gain skills to find employment in a different field. I don't regret my degree, but I had felt stuck once I graduated.
6. Open to revisiting the campus to speak or hold a workshop
7. Offer a course which involves negotiating an employment agreement. My first job relating to my field of studies was a minimum wage internship because I did not know my market value and was ill-prepared to effectively negotiate compensation.

Total Respondents 7

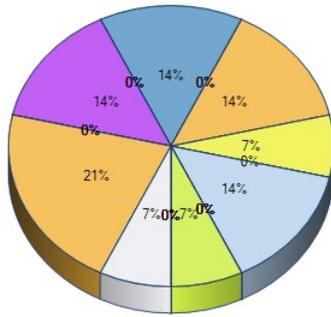
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16. Please select the Degree you completed at Fitchburg State University from the list below.



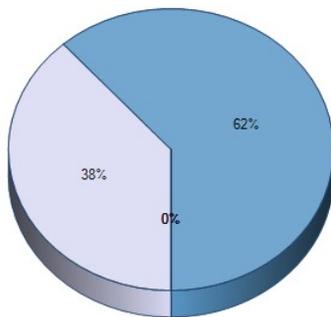
	Response Total	Response Percent
<input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor of Arts (BA)	0	0%
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bachelor of Science (BS)	11	79%
<input type="checkbox"/> Cerfitcage of Graduate Study (CAGS)	0	0%
<input type="checkbox"/> Master of Arts (MA)	2	14%
<input type="checkbox"/> Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT)	0	0%
<input type="checkbox"/> Master of Busienss Administration (MBA)	0	0%
<input type="checkbox"/> Master of Education (MEd)	0	0%
<input type="checkbox"/> Master of Science (MS)	1	7%
Total Respondents		14

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



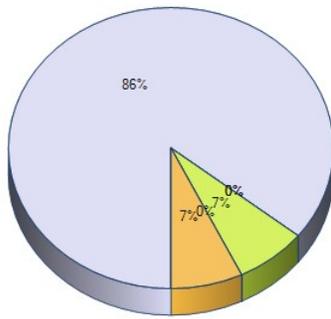
	Response Total	Response Percent
Arts (MA or MEd only)	0	0%
Biology	0	0%
Business Administration	0	0%
Chemistry	0	0%
Communication (MS only)	1	7%
Communications Media	3	21%
Computer Information Systems	0	0%
Computer Science	0	0%
Counseling (MS only)	0	0%
Criminal Justice	2	14%
Early Childhood Education	0	0%
Educational Leadership (CAGS only)	0	0%
Economics	0	0%
Elementary Education	0	0%
English Studies	2	14%
Environmental and Earth Science	0	0%
Game Design	0	0%
Geographic Science and Technology	0	0%
History	2	14%
Human Services	1	7%
Industrial Technology	0	0%
Interdisciplinary Studies	2	14%
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	0	0%
Sociology	1	7%
Special Education	0	0%
Technology Education (Grades 5-12)	0	0%
Total Respondents	14	

18. To which gender identity do you most identify?



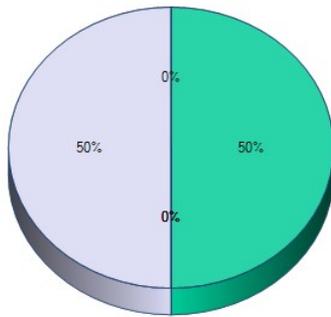
	Response Total	Response Percent
Male	5	38%
Female	8	62%
Transgender Male	0	0%
Transgender Female	0	0%
Do not identify as female, male or transgender	0	0%
Total Respondents	13	
(skipped this question)	1	

19. To which racial heritage do you predominantly identify?



	Response Total	Response Percent
White/Caucasian	12	86%
Asian	0	0%
Hispanic/Latino	0	0%
Black/African American	1	7%
American Indian	0	0%
Other	1	7%
Total Respondents	14	

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



	Response Total	Response Percent
1	1	50%
2	0	0%
3	1	50%
4	0	0%
5	0	0%
5+	0	0%
Total Respondents	2	
(skipped this question)	12	