Reported Post-Graduate Educational and Career Pursuits: Class of 2009 and 2010, Five-Years Out

Colorado College queried graduates of the classes of 2009 and 2010, regarding their activities since graduating from Colorado College. These areas included postgraduate education and career experience. Survey responses represent 34.1% of the Class of 2009 and 33.6% of the Class of 2010. This summary report includes abbreviated detail collected through the survey, highlighting significant findings.

Location

95% of the Class of 2009 and 94% of Class of 2010 survey respondents reported living in the U.S.

28% of the Class of 2009 and 24% of the Class of 2010 reported living in Colorado.

Post-Graduate Educational Activity

In order to create a profile which was as representative of the graduating class as possible, the college combined post-graduate educational data collected from the surveys with data gathered from the National Student Clearinghouse (NSC). Of alumni graduating in the classes of 2009 and 2010, for whom information on postgraduate educational pursuits was available through either the Colorado College Alumni Survey or the National Student Clearinghouse (as of August 2014 and August 2015):

Of those who were found to either be pursuing or have completed a degree at the time of the surveys:
Institutions within the University of Colorado system were the most frequently attended by alumni. Approximately 11% of 2009 and 12% of 2010 graduates were attending or had attended a University of Colorado system institution.

Employment, Industries, and Salaries

Eighty-seven percent of Class of 2009 graduates and 86% of Class of 2010 graduates who responded to survey questions regarding employment reported having been employed at the time of the survey. Only 3% of respondents in both years reported being unemployed and seeking employment at the time of the survey.

Of those who reported being employed full-time at the time of the survey, educational services was the most frequently reported employment industry in both years with 20% of Class of 2009 respondents and 17% of Class of 2010 respondents reporting working in this sector.

- For the Class of 2009, 6% of respondents reported working in legal services and 6% reported employment in positions in the federal government.

- For the Class of 2010, 12% of respondents report working in healthcare, 9% of respondents reported employment in information technology, and 6% of respondents reported working in environment, sustainability, or global food production as their employer industry.

- 12% of respondents in both years reported starting a company

Of all respondents indicating full-time employment (representing 16.4% of the entire 2009 and 20.6% of the entire 2010 graduating classes) 95% of the Class of 2009 and 90% of the Class of 2010 indicated the range of their salary.
The median reported salary range in both years was **$45,000-$59,000**

For the Class of 2009:
- **26.8%** (22) reported earnings above the median range
- **7.3%** (6) reported earnings above $75,000

For the Class of 2010:
- **37.3%** (38) reported earnings above the median range
- **23.6%** (24) reported earnings above $75,000

**Volunteer Service**

Seventy-two percent of the Class of 2009 and **78%** of the Class of 2010 survey respondents reported involvement in community-service or philanthropic endeavors. Of these:

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