

## Graduating Senior Survey 2010 Results

219 respondents out of 389 invites (56.3% response rate)

### Characteristics of respondents

Sex: Higher percentage of female respondents (127/204: 62.3%) vs. male respondents (92/185: 49.7%)

### Survey Questions and Results

*Q1 During your first year as an alum, what is most likely to be your PRINCIPAL activity?*

	Frequency	Percent
Employment, full-time	76	35.2
Employment, part-time	27	12.5
Graduate or professional school, full-time	56	25.9
Graduate or professional school, part-time	3	1.4
Additional undergraduate coursework	15	6.9
Volunteer activity (e.g., Teach for America or Peace Corps)	11	5.1
Start or raise a family	1	0.5
Travel	3	1.4
Take time off	15	6.9
Other	9	4.2
Total	216	100

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*Q2 Which, if any, degrees do you plan to pursue either this year or at any time in the future?*

	Frequency	
	This Year	In the Future
Second bachelor's degree	4	20
Professional degree (law/medicine)	9	54
Master's degree	30	105
Doctoral degree	13	68

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*Q3 About your employment plans:*

	Frequency	Percent
I'm continuing employment in my current job	25	11.6
I've accepted a job offer	12	5.6
I'm reviewing a job offer	15	6.9
I'm searching for full-time employment	93	43.1
I'm searching for part-time employment	39	18.1
I have no plans for work	32	14.8
Total	216	100

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*Q4 Have you been admitted to a post-graduate degree program?*

Yes = 20, No = 51

*Q5 Please indicate the school at which you will be continuing your education.*

Responses included:

Argosy University  
 Boston University  
 California Western School of Law  
 Fresno State  
 National University  
 San Diego State University  
 San Jose State University  
 UC Davis (4)  
 UC Irvine  
 UCLA  
 UC Merced (4)  
 UC Santa Cruz  
 University of Michigan

*Q6 Please indicate the name of your employer.*

AT&T  
 CampusRoo.com  
 City of San Jose  
 CJ Entertainment  
 Gallup  
 Gap Inc.  
 Gold Coast Partners  
 Ladera Oaks Country Club  
 McKinney Lawn & Gardening

MCOE  
 Nanosys Inc.  
 National Park Service  
 Northrop Grumman  
 PMP  
 Porsche Design  
 Sacred Heart Church  
 Sullivan and Slaven Learning Systems  
 Target  
 Teach for America  
 Tequila Café  
 The Bali Learning Center  
 UC Davis  
 UC Merced (6)  
 Yale University Psychology Department  
 Zephyr Whitewater Rafting

*Q7 What best describes the job you have or are seeking?*

	Frequency	Percent
Management	7	5.5
Business / Financial / Accounting	7	5.5
Marketing / Sales	7	5.5
Computer / Mathematical	8	6.3
Architecture	1	0.8
Engineering	7	5.5
Life, physical or social sciences	14	10.9
Legal	3	2.3
Education, training or library	13	10.2
Arts, design, entertainment, sports or media	4	3.1
Office or administrative support	7	5.5
Food preparation or serving	1	0.8
Healthcare / Medical	24	18.8
Personal care or service	2	1.6
Community or social services	7	5.5
Farming, fishing or forestry	2	1.6
Transportation	1	0.8
Other	13	10.2
Total	128	100

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*Q8 How closely related is this job to your undergraduate field of study/major?*

	Frequency	Percent
Highly related	14	37.8
Moderately related	9	24.3
Somewhat related	8	21.6
Not related at all	6	16.2
Total	37	100

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*Q9 What type of organization do you work for or expect to work for?*

	Frequency	Percent
Private Sector	10	27.0
Self-Employed	3	8.1
Government or Public Institution	16	43.2
Private Non-Profit	4	10.8
Other	4	10.8
Total	37	100

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*Q10 Where is your employer located?*

	Frequency	Percent
California	32	88.9
Western United States	1	2.8
Other United States area	2	5.6
International	1	2.8
Total	36	100

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*Q11 Was a bachelor's degree required to obtain this job?*

Yes = 54.1%, No = 45.9%

*Q12 Looking back, do you agree that the benefits you received from UC Merced are worth the financial costs to you and your family?*

	Frequency	Percent
Strongly agree	67	31.5
Somewhat agree	100	46.9
Neither agree nor disagree	18	8.5
Somewhat disagree	15	6.8
Strongly disagree	13	5.9
Total	213	100

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*Q13 Please rate your level of satisfaction with the value or your education for the price you paid.*

	Frequency	Percent
Very satisfied	37	17.3
Satisfied	104	48.6
Somewhat satisfied	47	22.0
Somewhat dissatisfied	12	5.6
Dissatisfied	9	4.2
Very dissatisfied	5	2.3
Total	214	100

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*Q14 Upon graduation, approximately what will be the total amount borrowed to finance your undergraduate education that you are personally responsible for repaying?*

	Frequency	Percent
None	62	29.1
Less than \$10,000	39	18.3
Between \$10,001 and \$20,000	58	27.2
Between \$20,001 and \$30,000	18	8.5
Between \$30,001 and \$40,000	14	6.6
Between \$40,001 and \$50,000	5	2.3
Over \$50,001	8	3.8
Unable to estimate	9	4.2
Total	213	100

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*Q15 Please indicate your athletic affiliations with UC Merced: (check all those that apply)*

	Frequency
Archery	3
Badminton	3
Baseball	3
Cheer	4
Cricket	1
Lacrosse	1
Soccer	16
Softball	4
Tennis	7
Volleyball	6

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*Q16 Please respond to the following statement: The UC Merced Library has supported my academic progress.*

	Frequency	Percent
Strongly Agree	69	32.9
Agree	84	40.0
Neutral	46	21.9
Disagree	9	4.3
Strongly Disagree	2	1.0
Total	210	100

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*Q19 Did you have one or more internships (paid or unpaid) while studying at UC Merced?*

Yes = 36.2%, No = 63.8%

*Q20 Did you have one or more jobs while studying at UC Merced?*

Yes = 71.4%, No = 28.6%

*Q21 Please complete the following information about your internships (organization):*

APTARA Inc.
AT&T
BACS
Banning Residence Museum
Becton Healthcare Resources
Captain John McMillen
Christine Coussens
City of Merced Fire Department
COINS at UC Berkeley (7)
Corsair
David Hogge - Smithsonian Institution
Daymon Worldwide
DCS Corp.
Dr. Nisperos
East Bay Regional Park District
Forte Frozen Yogurt
Golden State Warriors
Gregg Herkenn
Health Career Connections
Institute of Collaborative Biotechnologies (UCSB) (2)
Insurance Consultants
Kaiser
Lam Research

Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory
Los Alamos Medical Center
Making Waves Education Program
Maria Pallavicini
Mark Kotch - Realtor
Masa Watanabe and Mike Colvin
Matlock Lab
Merced County Counsel
Merced County Farm Bureau
Merced County Historical Society & Courthouse Museum (2)
Merced County of Education- Head Start
Merced County Public Defender's Office
National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
National Park Service (4)
Northrop Grumman
On Target Marketing
Pfizer Inc.
Sarah Lim
Sidmap
Target
Turning Point Care Merced
U.S. Department of State/Office Of International Religious Freedom
UC Berkeley
UC Merced (24)
University of Maryland, College Park
Wolfgang Rogge
Yosemite Leadership Program (3)

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*Q23 Please complete the following information about your jobs (employer name):*

Applebees
Active Construction
AT&T
Avon
Barlow Lab
Barnes and Noble
Bath and Body Works
Big Bubba's BBQ
Black Angus Steakhouse
Bretton Woods Rec Center
Country Villa Merced

CVS Pharmacy (2)
Diana Odom-Gunn
Dole Frozen Foods
Dr. Peggy O'Day
ERA Program (2)
Gamestop (3)
Gap Inc.
H&R Block
Hampton Inn
Health Promotion Dept
Heritage Management
Home Depot
Jim McDiarmid
Kelly Patterson (2)
Kristin Hublik
Ladera Oaks Country Club
Lakeside Catering
Le Grand Union High School (3)
Macy's West
McDonald's
McNamara Sports
Me N Eds Pizzeria
Merced College
Merced Union High School District (2)
Mitchell Senior
MJC
Moccasin Point Marina
Modesto Nuts
Nannying
National Park Service (2)
Nikki Sarnsen
Nordstrom
Port of Subs
Princeton Review
RadioShack
Ranita Ram
Sacred Heart Church
Sears
Sprint PCS
Synovate
TA Travel Centers of America



Target (2)
Teaching Fellows (ASSETS)
Tequila Cafe
The Home Depot
The Merced Flea Market
Tire World
Uday Bali
University of California Merced (148)
Walgreens
Wet Seal
Wingstop
Yosemite Physical Therapy

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Q27 As a future alum, I am interested in helping to: (check all that apply)

	Frequency
Launch alumni association chapters specific to my major or a special interest group	50
Participate in future planning for the UC Merced Alumni Association	57
Assist with student recruitment	63
Provide information on my career to those students interested in my career path/major	92
Participate in alumni mentorship program	51
Engage in career networking	93
Plan future class reunions	38

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