## THE ALUMNI/ALUMNAE SURVEY

## MARKING INSTRUCTIONS

- Use a No. 2 pencil, blue or black ink.
- Fill in the circle completely.
- Erase cleanly any marks you wish to change.
- Do not make any stray marks on this form.

CORRECT MARK
$\bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc$

INCORRECT MARKS
$\checkmark \otimes$

Throughout, "your undergraduate institution" refers to the liberal arts college or university that sent you this questionnaire.

## EDUCATION SINCE COLLEGE

1. Have you enrolled in a graduate or professional degree program since graduating from your undergraduate institution?YesNo $\longrightarrow$ SKIP TO NEXT PAGE (QUESTION 8)
2. Are you enrolled in a graduate or professional degree program now?
Yes, I am a full-time student
Yes, I am a part-time student
Ono
3. How many years after you finished college did you start your graduate or professional education? Mark one answer.
Immediately (the following fall or spring)
1 year later
2 to 3 years later
O to 6 years later
7 to 10 years later
11 or more years later
O Not applicable
4. Altogether, for how many years have you attended graduate or professional school. Mark the best answer.
O None
1 to 2 years
3 to 4 years
5 to 6 years
7 to 10 years
11 or more years
5. How well did your undergraduate institution prepare you for graduate or professional school?
Very well
More than adequately
Adequately
Less than adequately
Very poorly
Not applicable
6. Please tell us about the graduate and professional degrees you have either already received or for which your are currently enrolled. Mark all that apply.

| I <br> Degrees <br> Received | II <br> Currently Enrolled | Professional (Law and Medicine) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | Law degree (LLB or JD) |
| $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | Medical degree (MD) |
| $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | Other medical (DDS, DMD, DC, DCM, OD, Pharm.D., DPM, DP, Pod.D., DVM, etc.) <br> Master's Degree |
| $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | Master of Arts or Science (MA, MS, MFA, etc.) |
| $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | Business |
| $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | Engineering |
| $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | Other Professional Master's |
| $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | Other Master's degree |
|  |  | Doctoral Degree (Ph.D., Ed.D., etc.) |
| $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | Biological sciences |
| $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | Engineering, other applied sciences |
| $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | Humanities or arts |
| $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | Physical sciences |
| $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | Social sciences |
| $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | Education |
| $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | Other doctorate, please specify: |

7. What was the total amount you borrowed to finance your graduate or professional education? If you have not yet completed your degree, please estimate the total amount you expect to borrow. Do not include undergraduate borrowing.
O Did not pursue a post-baccalaureate education
No loans
\$1-\$9,999
(\$10,000-\$19,999
(\$20,000-\$29,999
(\$30,000-\$39,999
(\$40,000-\$49,999
(\$50,000-\$74,999
© $\$ 75,000-\$ 99,999$
© $\$ 100,000-\$ 149,999$
$\$ 150,000$ or more
More than $\$ 0$, but unable to estimate amount

## JOBS AND CAREERS

8. Are you working for pay right now? If not, why not? Mark all that apply.
YES

| Yes, work full-time |
| :--- |
| Yes, work part-time |
| Looking for work |
| Student |
| Raising a family |
| Volunteer |
| Retired |
| Not working for other reasons |

9. In what type of organization is your principal employment? Mark the one best answer.Self-employed in own business or professional non-group practice
Private for-profit corporation/company/group-practiceHigher education (public or private)Elementary or secondary education (public or private)
International organization in the U.S.
International organization outside of the U.S.
U.S. military

Federal government (except military)
State and local government, institution or agency (except education)
Private non-profit organization (except education and international organizations)
Other, please specify in the box below:
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10. Which of the following best describes your current position?
Ontry level
O Mid-level
Senior level
Oxecutive level (except chief executive)
Chief executive (CEO, COO, CFO, GM, or principal in a business or other organization)
11. Is your current position related to your undergraduate field(s) of study?
Yes, same field as major(s)
Yes, related to major(s)No , not related
12. How would you characterize the course of your career so far?
Staying in the same field (consistently a biology teacher or mechanical engineer)
Moving around within one general fieldChanging fields once or twiceChanging fields three or more timesNot applicable
13. What is your principal occupation right now? If you are not working for pay, what kind of work do you usually do or expect to do in the future? Mark the one best answer.

| Educator | College/university faculty member Other educator (pre-school, K-12, adult education) |
| :---: | :---: |
| Health or Helping Professional | Physician or surgeon Clinical psychologist, therapist, or other mental health professional Other health services profession Social worker or other counselor, including school-based counselors |
| Legal | Lawyer or judge Other legal professional |
| Scientist, Social Scientist, or Mathematician | Life scientist Physical scientist Economist Other social scientist or psychologist (except counselor and clinician) Statistician, mathematician, or related analyst |
| Engineer, Computer Scientist, or Architect | Engineer Programmer, computer scientist, or systems analyst Architect or planner |
| Writer or Creative Professional | Journalist Writer or editor Visual artist or designer Performing artist, entertainer, or professional athlete Other creative profession |
| Business, Finance, or Sales Professional | Financial manager or analyst Human resources or labor relations professional Sales, marketing, advertising, or public relations manager Salesperson, broker, or agent Other manager, administrator, or management consultant |
| Other <br> Occupation | Clergy or other religious ministry worker Administrative support, clerical worker, secretary All other occupations |

14. How well did your undergraduate institution prepare you for your current career?
Very well
More than adequately
$\bigcirc$ Adequately
Less than adequately
Very poorly
O Not applicable
15. Overall, how satisfied are you with the course of your career thus far?
Very satisfied
Generally satisfied
OAmbivalent
Generally dissatisfied
$\bigcirc$ Very dissatisfied
Not applicable

## YOUR UNDERGRADUATE EXPERIENCE

Give us a sense of the kinds of activities you engaged in as an undergraduate.
16. For how many of your undergraduate years, if any, were you an active participant in the following: (Mark one answer in each row)

| Student or campus government |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Intercollegiate athletics (including club sports) |  |
| Intramural sports |  |
| Student publications |  |
| Performing arts/music |  |
| Political organization or club |  |
| Ethnic or cultural club or organization |  |
| Academic club, honor society, or professional association |  |
| Community service |  |
| Fraternity/sorority |  |
| Religious group/organized religious activities |  |
| On-campus employment during academic year |  |
| Off-campus employment during academic year | O |

17. While you were an undergraduate, did you ...

|  | Work with a faculty member on his or her research? |
| :--- | :--- |
| Interact with faculty on activities other than |  |
| $\quad$ coursework or research? |  |
| Study abroad? |  |
| Study at another college in the U.S.? |  |
| Engage in independent study for credit? | 0 |
| Have an internship during a school term? |  |
| Have a summer (non-term) internship? |  |

18. While an undergraduate, about how often did you have conversations with faculty outside of class?
O Never
Rarely
Occasionally
Often
$\bigcirc$ Very Often
19. For how many of your undergraduate years did you live on campus? (Including a residence hall or dorm, a fraternity or sorority, or any other campus housing.) Mark the best answer.
O Never
One year
Two years
Three years
$\bigcirc$ Four years
20. What was your undergraduate major? Mark more than one field ONLY if you had a double major across two fields listed in the next column.
21. (cont'd)


 and Mathematics


Interdisciplinary and Other Majors


## EVALUATING YOUR SCHOOL

21. Overall, how satisfied are you with your undergraduate education?Very satisfiedGenerally satisfiedAmbivalentGenerally dissatisfiedVery dissatisfied
22. Would you encourage a current high school senior who resembles you when you were a high school senior (similar background, ability, interests, and temperament) to attend your undergraduate institution?Definitely wouldProbably wouldMaybeProbably would NOTDefinitely would NOT
23. Based on what you know now, how well do you think your undergraduate experience prepared you to:

Write effectively
Communicate well orally
Think analytically and logically
Formulate creative/original ideas and solutions
Acquire new skills and knowledge on your own
Use quantitative tools
Read or speak a foreign language
Gain in-depth knowledge of a field Understand social problems

Be an effective leader
Work effectively as a member of a team
Be self-confident
Be an active member of your community
Maintain a healthy lifestyle
Relate well to people of different races,
nations, and religions
Understand the role of science and
technology
$\begin{aligned} & \text { Understand the significance of art, music, } \\ & \text { literature, and drama }\end{aligned}$
24. Did you receive financial aid as an undergraduate? If so, please use this list to describe the types of financial support you received. Mark all that apply.
I did not receive financial aid
Need-based grants
Subsidized loans
Other loansWork-study employmentOther forms of aid (e.g., merit scholarships and prizes)
25. At the time you graduated, approximately what was the total amount you borrowed to finance your undergraduate education?
O No loans
\$1-\$4,999
\$5,000-\$9,999
© \$10,000-\$14,999
© \$15,000-\$19,999
( \$20,000-\$24,999
( \$25,000-\$29,999

- \$30,000-\$49,999
$\$ 50,000$ or more
More than $\$ 0$, but unable to estimate amount

26. Did the benefits you received from attending your undergraduate institution outweigh the financial costs to you and your family? Mark the best answer.
Yes, definitely
Maybe
No, definitely not
27. How would you change the emphasis your undergraduate institution places on these aspects of undergraduate education?

Overall emphasis on teaching A broad liberal arts education Fostering public service
Teaching leadership skills
Developing skills valuable in the workplace
Teaching global awareness
Promoting moral and ethical development
Faculty-student contact outside class
Fostering teamwork and cooperation
28. Today, how connected do you feel to your undergraduate institution?
Very connectedModerately connectedSomewhat connectedNot very connected
29. When you think about your connection to your undergraduate institution today, how important is each of the following to you?

Your class (year of graduation)
Your academic department or major
Your school or college (within a university)
Your undergraduate institution as a whole
Your fraternity/sorority
Your clubs/organizations
Athletics
Your residence hall
Local alumni/ae club
Friendships from college

30. In the past five years have you participated in any of the following activities? Mark all that apply.Visited campusAttended a reunionWorked as an admission volunteerWorked as a career advisor/mentor (to students or alumni/ae)Mentored or advised a student organizationWorked as a fundraising volunteerWorked as a class or reunion volunteerWorked as another sort of college/university volunteer (regional alumni/ae group, affinity group, etc.)
31. Which of the following statements best describes your financial contributions to your undergraduate institution?
I have not contributed financially and do not plan to in the future.I have not contributed financially but plan to in the future.I have contributed financially but plan to give less or not at all in the future.
I have contributed financially and plan to continue giving at the same level in the future.
I have contributed financially and plan to increase my giving in the future.
32. In the past year, how often have you received news or information about your undergraduate institution from each of these sources?

## Publications

Alumni Magazine(s)
Class notes and newsletters
Campus newspaper(s) or other publications
National newspapers and magazines

## Web-Based Resources

The college/university website
Class or alumni organization website(s)

## Blogs

Social networking sites
Fundraising communications
E-mails from your college or department
E-mails from alumni organizations
Other Channels
Class reunions and alumni events
Events on-campus
Events off-campus
Talking (etc.) with other alumni/ae
Talking (etc.) with current students

33. How would you change the emphasis your undergraduate institution places on the following aspects of college/university life?

Supporting faculty research
Commitment to intellectual freedom
Developing a diverse faculty
Developing a diverse student body
Emphasis on inter-collegiate athletics
Level of need-based (merit) aid
Level of non-need-based financial aid
Containing the cost of education
Responsiveness to alumni/ae concerns

Please continue on the next page.
34. In general, how satisfied would you say you are with your life right now?Very satisfiedGenerally satisfiedAmbivalentGenerally dissatisfiedVery dissatisfied

## 35. Please indicate how important each of the following is to you at this point in your life and career.


36. How often in your personal or professional life do you interact with these different kinds of people?

People from other cultures or countries
People of a different race/ethnicity than you
People with a different religion than you
People from a different economic background than you
People with different political beliefs/values than yours
37. In the past twelve months, have you done any of these activities? Mark all that apply.
Served as an officer or on a committee for a professional, academic, or business association
Donated money to charity
Volunteered for a non-profit organization, community group, or worked on a community project
Worked on a political campaign (candidate or cause)
Served as an officer on a committee for a local club, organization, or place of worship
Served on a local government board or commission
$\bigcirc$ Been a board member for a non-profit organization (local or national)
$\bigcirc$ Voted
Attended a charitable (fundraising) function
Attended a political meeting or rally
O Donated blood
38. During the past twelve months, have you been involved, beyond making a donation, with any of the following types of groups? Mark all that apply.*
Professional, academic, or business association
A labor union
A parents' association or school group (e.g., PTA)
Other education-related group (including an alumni/ae association)
Your undergraduate fraternity or sorority
An adult sports club or league, or an outdoor activity club
A youth organization (youth sports, scouts, 4-H, etc.)
A religious organization (other than attending services)
A neighborhood association, homeowner, or tenant association, or a crime watch group
O A service organization other than your college fraternity/ sorority (e.g., Lions, Kiwanis)
O A charity or social welfare organization that provides services in such fields as health or service to the needy
A social action or civil rights organization
A literary, art, discussion, or study group, or a music, theater, dancing, or singing group
Any other hobby, investment, or garden club or society
Any other kind of club or organization

* Involvement might include attending meetings or events, volunteering time, or participating in other sorts of activities face-to-face, on-line, or in other ways.

39. In the past twelve months, how often have you done volunteer work? Mark the best answer.
Not at all
Once or twice in the past year
Every few months
About once a month
About once a week
More than once a week
40. What is your current personal status? Mark the one best answer.

Married or living with a partner
Widowed
Separated
Divorced
Single/none of the above
41. How many children do you have?
None
Three
One
Four or more
42. Please indicate if you have any children in each of these age ranges. Mark all that apply.
0-2 years old
13-17
3-5
18-23
6-12
24 or older
43. Earlier, we asked about the time you have spent in school. Now, we'd like to hear about other periods when you have not been working for pay (at least half-time). Since graduating from college, have you not worked for an extended period for any of the following reasons? Mark all that apply.
Maternity/paternity leave
Caring for children
Caring for other family members
For your own health
Unemployed/looking for work
Planning/starting a business
Working on a personal project (e.g., book, artistic endeavor)
Volunteering or engaging in other unpaid work
Traveling or just taking time off
Other reasons
Besides time spent in school, I have always been working at least half-time
44. For all the reasons listed in Question 43, about how many years altogether were you not working for pay at least half-time? Remember, these reasons do not include the time you spent in school. Mark the best answer.

None
Less than one year
One to two years
Three to five years
More than five years
45. From this list, mark the highest level of education completed by your parents (or guardians).
Mark one in each column.
Other
Mother Father Guardian

46. What is your citizenship? Mark all that apply.

United States citizen
U.S. permanent resident

Non-United States citizen
47. If you are a U.S. citizen, were you born a citizen of the United States or naturalized?
Born a U.S. citizen
Naturalized citizen
Not applicable
48. What is your gender?
$\bigcirc$ Female
Male
Transgender or other
49. What is your race or ethnic group?

Mark all that apply.
American Indian or Alaskan Native
Asian
Black or African American
Hispanic or Latino
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
$\bigcirc$ White
50. Thinking back to when you started college, how would you say your family's standard of living compared to all American families? How would you place yourself today? Just give your best estimate. Mark the best answer in each column.

|  | My family, when <br> Istarted college | Me, today |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |
| Far below average | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ |
| Below average | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ |
| Average | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ |
| Above average | $\bigcirc$ |  |
| Far above average |  |  |

51. How worried are you about not being able to maintain the standard of living you now enjoy?
Not worried at all
Moderately worried
Not too worried
Very worried
52. Please mark the ranges below that most closely approximate your individual earnings and household income before taxes in 2008.
$\left.\begin{array}{lcc}\text { Your Individual } \\ \text { Earnings }\end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c}\text { Total } \\ \text { Household } \\ \text { Income }\end{array}\right]$
53. If your college or university included some additional questions on a separate sheet, use the slots below to respond to them.
A. (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6)
J. (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6)
R. (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6)
B. (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6)
K. (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6)
S. (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6)
C. (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6)
L. (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6)
T. (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6)
D. (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6)
M. (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6)
U. (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6)
E. (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6)
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V. (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6)
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G. (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6)
P. (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6)
X. (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6)
H. (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6)
Q. (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6)
Y. (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6)
I. (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6)

Thank you for your assistance. Please use the space below to elaborate further on any of the questions above (it is helpful if you refer to the questions by number) or to comment on any aspect of the college or university. Your comments are of great interest to administrators at your school. They will be reported to officials confidentially.

