

FUTURE ASPIRATIONS

Please select the <u>one answer</u> that best fits you: I want to earn a college degree because . . .	
I want to make a good salary after I graduate.	24.87%
I want to move ahead in life.	28.13%
I need it for my career plans.	25.12%
I like to learn for learning's sake.	5.68%
It was an expectation that I earn one.	3.99%
I want to make the world a better place.	10.06%
I do not plan to earn a degree.	0.13%
I do not know.	0.69%
Other	1.34%
Total Respondents	12,541

Which is the highest degree you plan to earn?	
Associate	1.06%
Bachelor's	27.53%
Master's	45.60%
Doctorate or professional degree (law, medical, etc.)	25.58%
I do not plan to earn a degree.	0.23%
Total Respondents	12,523

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What do you plan to do immediately after graduation?	
Attend graduate/professional school	33.37%
Get a job	43.28%
Continue in my current job	4.76%
Start my own business	1.86%
Work for the military	1.14%
Volunteer (e.g., Peace Corps, Americorps, Teach for America)	2.50%
Travel (one month or more)	4.52%
Take some time off in order to decide what to do	2.20%
I do not know.	5.17%
Other	1.20%
Total Respondents	12,535

How do you perceive the current job market?	
I will find a job before I graduate.	39.06%
I will find a job soon after I graduate.	36.19%
It will take me a few months to find a job.	21.12%
It will take me more than a few months to find a job.	3.63%
Total Respondents	5,264

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Which factor(s) will be most important to you when selecting your first full-time job? Please select up to three options.	
Salary	58.12%
Status of company/organization	7.67%
Benefits	34.95%
Job responsibilities	8.11%
Work hours	13.17%
Opportunity to learn new things	12.70%
Room for advancement	22.70%
Love for what you will be doing	49.30%
Ability to contribute to society	8.60%
Working with people	8.05%
Job being in your field (related to your major)	27.90%
Geographic location	19.21%
Family considerations	9.43%
Other	0.63%
Total Respondents	5,268

How much do you expect to earn during your first year of employment?	
Less than \$20,000 per year	2.92%
\$20,000-\$39,999 per year	34.42%
\$40,000-\$59,999 per year	35.44%
\$60,000-\$79,999 per year	12.40%
\$80,000-\$99,999 per year	1.96%
\$100,000+ per year	1.01%
I do not have any expectations.	4.63%
I do not know.	7.23%
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