

## 2019-2020 RECENT GRADUATES SURVEY AY 2019-2020 undergraduate alumni

### Key Findings:

- 85.7% of AY 2019-2020 undergraduate alumni surveyed were employed six months after graduation.
- The full-time employment rate for AY 2019-2020 undergraduate alumni surveyed six months after graduation was 61.7%.\*
- 29.0% of AY 2019-2020 undergraduate alumni surveyed were pursuing further education six months after graduation. Another 48.3% planned to pursue additional education at some point.

### THE SURVEY

Approximately six months following the completion of their studies, 1,374 undergraduate alumni who had earned their degrees during the 2019-2020 academic year (AY 2020) were asked to participate in an online survey about their employment and educational activities since graduation. Undergraduate alumni were asked to participate in the survey through a series of five email communications (an invitation, and four reminders). Overall, 292 undergraduate alumni responded to the survey (a response rate of 21.3%). This brief details the principal findings from the survey (note: responses are based on the number of alumni responding to the relevant survey items).

### EMPLOYMENT OUTCOMES: UNDERGRADUATE ALUMNI

- 85.7% of AY 2020 undergraduate alumni were employed six months after graduation.
  - The majority of those employed (71.5%) were working full-time.
  - More than two thirds (67.7%) were employed in a field/profession in which they desire.
  - The majority were employed in a position that they did *not* work at while at UMass Dartmouth (63.3%).
- 13.5% of AY 2020 undergraduate alumni were not employed six months after graduation and were seeking employment. Another 0.8% were unemployed and were *not* seeking employment.
- 36.8% of AY 2020 undergraduate alumni indicated their professional field required them to pass a licensure or examination to work in the field. Of those whose field required a licensure or examination, 54.9% had taken the exam and passed.
- The full-time employment rate for AY 2020 undergraduate alumni six months after graduation was 61.7%.\*
- 85.0% of AY 2020 undergraduate alumni who were employed indicated that their job was “somewhat” or “highly related” to their major/program.
  - More than half of those with a job (51.8%) indicated that their job was “highly related” to their major/program.
  - The majority of those with a job (59.4%) specified that an undergraduate degree was required as a condition of their employment.
- Among AY 2020 undergraduate degree alumni who were employed, 75.5% were working in Massachusetts.
- The average annual reported gross salary for AY 2020 undergraduate alumni working full-time was \$54,860 (median: \$51,750).



#### **The most frequently cited occupational groups by AY 2020 undergraduate alumni who were employed:\*\***

1. Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations (16.9%)
2. Business and Financial Operations Occupations (14.9%)
3. Computer and Mathematical Occupations ; Sales and Related Occupations; Other Occupations (7.2%)
4. Education, Training, and Library Occupations (6.7%)
5. Architecture and Engineering Occupations (6.2%)

#### **Employers of AY 2020 undergraduate alumni included:**

Naval Undersea Warfare Center  
 St. Anne's Hospital  
 Raytheon Technologies  
 Southcoast Health  
 Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center/  
 Hospital

\*Alumni not actively seeking employment were excluded in the rate calculation.

\*\*Occupational groups updated in 2019 based upon U.S. Labor and Statistics groups.

## EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES: UNDERGRADUATE ALUMNI

- 29.0% of AY 2020 undergraduate alumni were pursuing an advanced certificate or degree at a graduate/professional school six months after graduation. Another 48.3% were not currently pursuing further education, but planned to do so at some point.
- The majority (81.4%) of those engaged in further education were pursuing some type of Master's degree (i.e., MBA, MFA, MS, MA, or other Master's degree). Another 15.7% were pursuing some other type of advanced degree (e.g., Ph.D. or Ed.D., M.D. or D.O., J.D.) or certificate. An additional 2.9% were pursuing an additional associate's degree (AA or AS) or baccalaureate degree (BA or BS).
- 41.4% of those engaged in further education indicated that their main reason for pursuing an advanced certificate or degree was because it will allow them to advance in their chosen career path.

80.4% of AY 2020 undergraduate alumni rated their entire educational experience at UMassD as "good" or "excellent."

78.0% also indicated that they would "probably" or "definitely" go to UMassD again for undergraduate studies if they could start over.



### *Degree fields of AY 2020 undergraduate alumni who were pursuing further education included:*

- Engineering Technologies and Engineering Related Fields (14.3%)
- Business, Management, Marketing; Other Degree Field (18.6%)
- Computer and Information Sciences (7.1%)
- Communication, Journalism, and Related Programs (5.7%)
- Education; Legal Professions and Studies; Mathematics and Statistics; Psychology; Social Sciences; Health Professions and Related Clinical Sciences (2.9%)

### *Educational institutions of AY 2020 undergraduate alumni included:*

UMass Dartmouth  
 Northeastern University  
 Boston University  
 Fitchburg State University  
 Harvard

## SUMMARY STATISTICS BY COLLEGE FOR UNDERGRADUATE ALUMNI

College	% Had Job 6 Months After Graduation	% Still Seeking Job 6 Months After Graduation	Full-time Employment Rate*	Average Annual Full-time Gross Salary Mean/Median	% Attending Graduate or Professional School
Arts and Sciences (n=107)	84.0%	13.8%	54.9%	\$42,555/\$35,000	42.5%
Business (n=78)	88.0%	10.7%	63.5%	\$66,468/\$49,000	23.1%
Engineering (n=43)	73.5%	26.5%	58.8%	\$66,360/\$67,173	37.2%
Visual and Performing Arts (n=22)	86.4%	13.6%	50.0%	\$39,143/\$42,000	13.6%
Nursing and Health Sciences (n=42)	92.9%	7.1%	83.3%	\$58,618/\$55,000	4.9%

\*Degree earners not actively seeking employment were excluded in the rate calculation.

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